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RACING PROGRAMMES



RANGITIKEI HUNT STEEPLECHASES.

TO BE HELD ON THE JOCKEY CLUB COURSE, MARTON, ON THURSDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER.

President: Mr. J. G. Wilson, M.H.R. Vice-Presidents: Mr. R. Aldworth and Mr. W. Hammond. Master: Mr. D. G. Riddford. Deputy-Masters: Mr. J. P. Lethbridge and Mr. J. Stevens. Judge: Mr. R. Aldworth. Starter: Mr. S. Powell. Clerk of Scales: Mr. T. T. Watt. Clerk of Course: Mr. S. K. Richards. Handicapper: Mr. J. E. Henry. Time-keeper: Mr. W. L. Little. Stewards: Dr. Skerman, Dr. Bennett, Messrs. Spencer H. Gollan, J. T. Dalrymple, J. Barker, R. H. Aldworth, W. A. Keiller, J. Green, A. H. Bill, L. M. Tavernet, J. N. Wellford, T. McKenzie, R. E. Beckett, and P. Wotton.

PROGRAMME.

1. OPEN HURDLES of 30 sovs.; distance, about 1½ mile. Nomination, 10s.; Acceptance, 21. To start at 11 a.m.
2. HANDICAP HACK HURDLES of 20 sovs.; distance, about 1½ mile. Nomination, 10s.; Acceptance, 10s. To start at noon.
3. RANGITIKEI HUNT CUP, a handicap Steeplechase, value 10 sovs.; distance, about 3 miles. Nomination, 5s.; Acceptance, 5s. For qualified hunters only. (See Rules.) Other than gentlemen riders carry 7lb. extra. Minimum weight, 11st. 7lb. To start at 1 p.m.
4. FLYING HANDICAP FLAT RACE of 20 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stake. Distance, about 1/4 of a mile. Nomination, 10s.; Acceptance, 10s. To start at 1.45 p.m.
5. OPEN HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 60 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Distance, about 3 miles. Nomination, 1 sov.; Acceptance, 2 sovs. To start at 2.30 p.m.
6. LADIES' BRACELET, value 10 sovs.; handicap Steeplechase for qualified hunters nominated by ladies. Distance, about 2 miles. Handicaps to be declared after Cup race; acceptance before Open Steeplechase. Nomination, 5s.; Acceptance, 5s. Same conditions as Cup. To start at 3.15 p.m.
7. HACK HANDICAP FLAT RACE of 20 sovs. Distance, about 1½ mile. Nomination, 10s.; Acceptance, 10s. To start at 4 p.m.
8. MEMBERS' STEEPLECHASE, a Cup presented by Mr. S. Gibbons, value 10 sovs. For qualified hunters, property of members of the Rangitikei Hunt Club, that have never won a race of any kind (other than point to point steeplechase). Distance about 2 miles. Minimum weight, 13st. To be ridden by amateur riders who have regularly hunted this season with the Rangitikei hounds.

RULES.

1. All races to be run under the Rules of Racing as adopted by the Metropolitan Clubs in New Zealand.
2. All races, with the exception of Nos. 1 and 5, are open to hacks only. Definition of Hacks as adopted by W.J.C. strictly adhered to.
3. A Hunter is a horse that has hunted with the Rangitikei Hounds, or any other recognised pack of hounds, to the satisfaction of the Master for season 1892, and must be the bona fide property of a member of a Club.
4. In races 3, 6, and 8, Master's Certificate must be produced to the Clerk of the Scales, or the horses will not be allowed to start.
5. All Nominations, Entries, Acceptances, &c., accompanied by the necessary amounts payable, must be in the hands of the Secretary not later than 9 p.m. on the dates named.
6. All Nominations must contain description, pedigree, performances, and necessary fees. Colours with acceptances and general entries.

NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, ACCEPTANCES, AND ENTRIES.

Nominations for all Handicap Races close on MONDAY, 8th August, at the White Hart Hotel, Marton, at 9 p.m. Weights to be declared on or about the 16th August. Acceptances due on the 23rd, at 9 p.m., at the White Hart Hotel, Marton.

J. M. JOHNSTON,
Hon. Sec.



AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

SPRING MEETING,

TO BE HELD AT POTTER'S Paddock, EPSOM, ON SATURDAY, 24th SEPT., 1892.

PROGRAMME.

MAIDEN TROT HANDICAP of 50 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised trotting race exceeding 30 sovs. in value. Nomination, 1 sov.; Acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, 1½ miles.

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FLYING STAKES HANDICAP of 40 sovs.; second pony to receive 5 sovs. from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Nomination, 10s.; Acceptance, 20s. Distance, 5 furlongs.

SPRING HANDICAP TROT of 130 sovs.; second horse to receive 20 sovs. and third horse 10 sovs. out of the stake. The winner of any trotting race after the handicap is published to receive a penalty of 12 seconds behind its original start. Nomination, 1 sov.; Acceptance, 2 sovs.; and a final payment of 2 sovs. at the post. Distance, 2½ miles.

TRAMWAY HANDICAP of 60 sovs.; second pony to receive 5 sovs. from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. The winner of any handicap after the declaration of the weights to carry a penalty of 7lbs. extra; two or more, 12lbs. extra. Nomination, 20s.; Acceptance, 20s. Distance, 7 furlongs.

HARNESS HANDICAP TROT of 70 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. from the stake. The winner of any trotting race after the handicap is declared to receive a penalty of 10 seconds behind its original start; the winner of two or more, 20 secs. Nomination, 1 sov.; Acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, 2½ miles.

HANDICAP HURDLES of 50 sovs.; second pony to receive 5 sovs. from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Nomination, 20s.; Acceptance, 20s. Distance, 1½ mile, over five flights of hurdles.

ELECTRIC HANDICAP TROT of 50 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stake. No horse to receive more than 20 seconds handicap. The winner of any trotting race after the declaration of the handicaps to receive a penalty of 5 seconds behind its original start. Nomination, 1 sov.; Acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, 1 mile.

Nominations for all events close with the Secretary, Durham-street East, on FRIDAY, 2nd September, 1892, at 10 p.m.

Handicaps to appear about 9th September. Acceptances for all events close with the Secretary on FRIDAY, 16th September, at 10 p.m.

Previous performances must be sent in with the nominations in all cases where they have not already been notified to the Club and the horses or ponies perform at a meeting of the Auckland Trotting Club.

The Committee or Stewards may call upon any owner to prove to their satisfaction the bona fides of his horse at any time or in any manner they may desire. In the event of their not being satisfied with the identity of any horse they may refuse to allow him to start or take any part in the meeting.

All communications to be addressed to the Secretary, Durham-street East, Auckland. All stakes paid less 5 per cent.

C. F. MARK,
Secretary.

Music, Drama.

[By "ORPHEUS."]

Spectatum admissi risum teneatis amici?

WIRTH'S NEW PROGRAMME.

Quite equal in every respect to the last is the *menu* of Wirth's popular Circus, and enthusiastic crowds nightly testify to the successful catering of the management. The brothers Valaize perform a double flying trapeze act with precision and grace. All danger to the performer of this difficult aerial flight is averted by a large net stretched beneath, but the safe-guard is merely a concession to the feelings of nervous spectators, as Mr. C. Valaize never makes a mistake. Another trick pony, "Sultan," replaces the accomplished "General." Sultan, a handsome black with flowing mane and tail, walks and dances on his hind legs, and skips with the agility of a Wellesley-street school-girl, besides displaying wonderful docility and training in many other feats. Miss Edith Wirth, with a pretty floral wreath, executes a graceful skipping act on horseback. The young brothers Carl and Alf. Wirth in their Voltigeur and Crupper act, show surprising agility and balance in mounting and dismounting at full speed, and flying hurdles placed so near to each other as to render the performance still more marvellous. The Bedouin Arabs electrify spectators with their difficult and apparently dangerous manipulation of the national weapons. But one of the most charming and graceful acts is Miss M. Wirth's backward riding through balloons and over ribbons. Merry little Benham, the inimitable clown, gave an original *pot-pourri*, into which he introduced the name of almost every public-house in Auckland, and, moreover, proved himself a Daniel in subduing the ferocity of a quaint den of

lions. His courage even reached the point of placing his head in the mouth of one of the lions, but unfortunately either Benham's head was too large or the lion's mouth too small to render the feat practicable. Still he undoubtedly would have done it if possible, and should therefore bear off the *premium virtutis*. His educated pig is a real wonder. He performs balancing feats, jumps hurdles, and fires off a pistol, and displays a conscious pride and self-satisfaction which betokens self-respect rather than vainglory. The Godayou troupe of Japanese introduce new marvels of dexterity. The stick and ball balancing, including the feat of catching the ball on the point of a stick and nursing it until it rests in perfect poise, must be seen to be believed. The spectacle of a revolving disc careering round the top of an open umbrella; the top-spinning feats, among which perhaps the most strikingly effective is that in which the top climbs up a vertical line into a little pagoda and releases a shower of many-coloured ribbons; the extraordinary ladder balancing, and the daring feats of the boy who climbs one vertical ladder and then out to the extremity of a second attached at right angles to the first, the whole structure being poised on the feet of a recumbent strong man;—all these acts are singularly original and clever, and in addition we have Miss Minnie's delightful butterfly and juggling marvels. Miss Madeline Wirth's wire-walking without the aid of a balance-pole is extremely graceful and charming. The effect is greatly enhanced by two pet pigeons, which perch on the fair performer's head and shoulders and occasionally circle around her, but always return at the call of their mistress. Space will only permit a word about the clever acts by C. Moreni, H. Benham, P. Wirth (the bounding jockey, whose leaps and balancing are simply immense), C. Wirth's pedal contortions, and Eugene Kneebone's muscular revelations. For artistic merit and genuine fun the company deserves the highest praise I can give it. But a few nights remain of the present season, and I strongly advise everybody to go, and take his sisters, his cousins and his aunts, to see a really good entertainment.

AMY VAUGHAN'S AMAZONS.

On Saturday evening the City Hall was well filled and a very successful entertainment gratified Miss Vaughan's many friends. For the first part, "Our Floral Home," the stage had been tastefully decorated, and the winsome lasses, in their pure white frocks with pink and blue trimmings, looked their very best. The corner men—Messrs. Makinini, Diamond, Cowan and Creamer—were tip-top, and each sang excellent comic songs. Messrs. Hyland and Elton contributed ballads of the more sentimental class and sang with taste and expression. Misses Amy Vaughan, May Travers and Annie Wyniard also sang with great success. The latter gave an especially good rendering of "Alice, where art thou?" A comic finale closed the first part. In the second an overture for piano and violin, in which Mr. Burke again displayed his mastery of the latter instrument, was an excellent feature. Harry Cowan, after humorously soliloquising on football and other games, gave "Get thee gone, girl," to the tune of "Villikins and his Dinah," which seems to be a favourite, as Tom Makinini also sang funny verses to the same air. Tom also sang "Parliament," and introduced the names of various well-known members. In response to an encore he began a speech supposed to be prompted by some one behind the scenes, but at last losing patience, bade the prompter to "Come and say it himself." Cowan and Creamer's burlesque rehearsal sketch was

funny as ever. Amy Vaughan, in sumptuous array, sang a couple of taking songs. Miss Daisy Thornton danced a new "Aesthetic Dance," into which she imported fresh steps and poses. Master Crosswell and Little May sang the pretty sailor song "Comrades," in blue and white naval dresses. Misses May Travers and Annie Wyniard gave the graceful double dance and song, "Pretty Primroses," and a capital performance was capped by Tom Makinini's comic and laughable poke at "Women's Franchise."

AMATEUR OPERATIC COMPANY.

"H.M.S. PINAFORE."

To professionals and amateurs alike everyone knows that a "first night" is a trying ordeal, and the success of a venture can only be judged relatively, not absolutely, by its first performance. On Monday evening a very full house gave evidence of great satisfaction with the staging, acting, and singing of "Pinafore" by our Opera Club, and the performance was undeniably a good one which will become better every night. A competent and efficient orchestra of two first, two second violins, viola, 'cello, double-bass, flute, clarinet, cornets, trumpet, and drums, under the leadership of Mr. Eady, played the jovial and tuneful overture in excellent style. The curtain rose upon an admirably mounted deck scene with all the details perfectly represented, and a specially effective back-cloth showing Portsmouth Harbour with forts, etc., and an ironclad. A splendid lot of tars arrayed in neat white sailor costumes with blue collars sang the opening chorus "We sail the ocean blue" with good volume and tune, and the male members of the chorus distinguished themselves throughout the opera in those respects. "Little Buttercup" (Miss Mary Horner) dressed and acted her part in capital style. She has a good mezzo-contralto and sang her music very effectively. Her lines were delivered with clear enunciation and every point made with intelligence and dramatic truth. Josephine (Miss Lizzie Warren) made the hit I expected from her. She is admirably fitted with the part, and looks simply ravishing in her two elegant costumes. Although I have heard her in better voice, she sang her music capably, and triumphed over the difficulties of the most ambitious solo in the opera, "A simple sailor," which occurs in the scene beginning with "The hours creep on apace." Rewarded with a shower of bouquets Miss Warren sang her encore even better. Every one should hear her and see that exquisite pale blue and pink confection, which, however, I fear must suffer great damage from the state of H.M.S. Pinafore's deck. The tars should really turn to and swab decks, as they are in a state by no means creditable to a smart crew. "Cousin Hebe" is perfectly safe in the experienced hands of Miss Carrie Knight, who looks very attractive and makes the most of her minor rôle. Mr. Percy Dufaur's "Sir Joseph" is a really great performance from every point of view. His get-up is immense, and his singing, dignity, gravity, gait, and "official" importance are all first-rate. Captain Corcoran (Mr. G. M. Reid) is another success, and the only fault I can pick in a very excellent impersonation is perhaps the absence of that bluff, off-hand and hearty manner which is the popular characteristic of the sailor-man. Mr. J. McGregor, who takes Ralph Rackstraw, was unfortunately handicapped with a relaxed throat, and his singing was not up to his usual form. He possesses a sweet, true, and sympathetic voice, and before the season closes will yet astonish those who have not heard him at his best. In acting he has decidedly trained on, and shows

wonderful improvement on his rehearsal form. Dick Deadeye finds a humorous exponent in Mr. F. W. Cotterill, who must be bracketed with Bill Bobstay (Mr. R. Pullan) as the low-comedy men of the piece. The pair throughout make excellent fun, and keep the house in roars with their antics. The other parts, Bob Becket and the Sergeant of Marines are capably taken by Messrs. A. C. McLean and J. Taylor. The cast is an excellent one, and is greatly enhanced by the Midshipmite (Master N. Warren) and the "Little Cousin" (Miss Clara Hargreaves), who are immensely popular with the audience. The sisters, cousins, and aunts are an attractive bevy, most tastefully dressed, but they do not produce a sufficient volume of tone, and must copy the example of the crew and sing out. The grouping, tableaux, and business are all tip-top; especially good is the moonlight scene at the opening of the second act. The sailors now wear handsome navy blue costumes, and the deck scene, with Jack enjoying himself, is truly realistic. Mr. O'Meara and Mr. Pullen dance hornpipes to the fiddle in splendid style, but I think the effect would be enlivened by introducing ship-lanterns and turning up the gas slightly. The dancing, too, would be rendered more effective by the use of shoes, whose clatter could be heard. Herr Carl Schmitt directs the performance with his customary tact and skill, but one or two tempos appeared to be taken a trifle too slow, Little Buttercup's first song for example. Altogether "Pinafore" is a success, and will draw good houses and afford great pleasure.

I notice that a critic in one of our journals blames Miss Horner for a mistake in the duet with Captain Corcoran, "Things are seldom what they seem," and praises the gallant Captain for coming to the rescue. Exactly the reverse occurred, and I should not have mentioned the slip, which was a trifling one, save that "Little Buttercup" is letter perfect in her part, and it is only fair to Miss Horner to put the error straight.

On Tuesday evening "Pinafore," under the patronage of Lord Charles Scott and suite, drew an immense house, and the performance was a great improvement. Ralph Rackstraw's throat is slightly better, but he was still physically unfit, and has yet to show his true form.

The Dobson-Kennedy Company, as will be seen by advertisement in another column, open a twelve-night season at the Opera House on Monday next with Boucicault's "Arrah na Pogue." The company, which was well received during last Auckland season and has been most successfully touring the Colony, now comes with additions to its ranks which must materially strengthen the casts.

All-round Sport

FOOTBALL.

[BY POSTER.]

THAMES V. AUCKLAND.

We have in the past been accustomed to expect a Thames representative team to contain six or seven brilliant players and a pronounced tail. In the present team there are the brilliant seven and more, but the tail is conspicuous by its absence. In a word Thames have sent us far and away the best 15 hitherto placed in the field by the Quartzopolitans. During the first spell and a great part of the second they more than held their own with our reps., who appeared to be having an "off day," but towards the end the Aucklanders had more left in them and won by a handsome margin. Two reasons probably caused the result. Firstly, matches at the Thames are usually played in 35 minute spells, and secondly Thames seemed to exert themselves to the utmost ounce, while the Aucklanders were apparently waiting upon providence during the greater part of the match. However it must be admitted that our reps. received a shock, and their barrackers were kept in a state of nervous excitement until the last quarter of an hour. Lovely weather with a gentle S.E. breeze favoured the game, which was witnessed by nearly 3,500 spectators, the grandstand being packed. Mr. J. Lecky held the whistle, and gave one the impression of desiring a good hard practice for his team, as a free kick occasionally went against Auckland when Thames seemed to be the sinners. Moreover, in the scrums the Thames forwards generally had the ball rolled amongst their feet.

Messrs. Chapman and O'Brien were the line umpires. Mr. Hunter's Artillery Band enlivened the gathering with some excellent music. The Taranaki team were present, and watched the game with interest. While these lines are being printed they will be trying conclusions with the Thames team, and the result—which I trust we shall be able to give—will show a line in regard to the great match, Auckland v. Taranaki. That Taranaki will beat Thames is almost a foregone conclusion. The question is by how much? I will not venture to prophecy, but think that the Thames will score less and Taranaki more than in the match I am now describing. O'Connor, being unable to play, was replaced by Williams, but in other respects the teams were identically the same as given in our last issue. At one minute past 3 p.m. the Aucklanders took the field, and were immediately followed by the Thames champions. Pennalligan kicked off at 3.5 against a bright sun and with a slight angular breeze.

FIRST SPELL.—Paul returned into touch, and Thames forwards rushed the ball into Auckland 25. Auckland backs with some good passing in which Braund and Jervis took part regained the lost ground, but Thames with another rush again approached Auckland 25. Braund passed to Jervis, who ran and passed to Masefield, but the latter missing Jervis again got possession and passed to Roberts, who punted into touch at Thames 25. Loose work took the ball right across the ground still in Thames 25, where Masefield marked and Pennalligan essayed a place. Sullivan spoiled the kick, but Auckland forwards still pressed, Macgregor stopping two rushes and kicking well. A Thames rush took the ball to centre, but Auckland again attacked until Roberts with a kick from Montgomerie's pass forced Thames. Stewart kicked out, and after some exchanges and a Thames rush headed by Cullen, the ball was out at centre. Braund passed to Masefield, who got well away and reached Thames 25 when Paul downed him. With some clever open work in which Paul, Cullen, and Twohill shone, Thames worked back to centre and thence to Auckland 25, where a scrum was formed. Elliott with a run and exchanges left the ball at centre, where Thames received a free kick. Stewart punted high, and Thames got on a dangerous rush, but Peace averted a score with a clever kick. Auckland forwards with a good dribble took the ball to centre, but Laing getting possession made a good run, and passed to Stewart who got in embraced by Peace, and after a stubborn and protracted maul secured the try. Paul took the place at a difficult angle, and made a good shot but did not convert, Thames 2, Auckland 0, at 3.19 p.m. Pennalligan kicked out, but Auckland were off-side and a scrum was formed. Auckland got on a rush, but Koeford marked, and Masefield returned into touch near centre. Scrums and line work in which Stewart and Brownlee were conspicuous followed, until Rhodes and Maynard and Elliott got on a dribble and Braund got a mark. Exchanges followed, leaving the ball out at centre. Rhodes and Elliott did some good passing, and the former was nearly in but lost the ball. Thames had a free kick, the ball rebounding from Maynard and Thames forced. After the kick-out Rhodes with a hard kick again forced Thames. Stewart kicked out and Masefield returning with a good kick, Auckland with Murray, McMillan and Montgomerie rushed the ball up to Thames goal line, where Elliott nearly got in. Two scrums followed. Roberts made a strong dash but was downed. Braund passed to Jervis, who transferred to Masefield, and the latter potted and went very near, but a force resulted. A fine passing rush by the Thames backs followed the kick-out, but Peace kicked well and stopped it. A scrum was formed on Thames side of centre. A good kick by Masefield was well returned by Macgregor into touch, still at Thames side of centre. After the line out Roberts gained ground by a long kick into touch. Jervis made a clever run and passed to Roberts, but the latter failed to take the ball, and although Elliott made a good dash, Thames forwards got on a rush stopped by Braund, who passed to Masefield, the latter kicking into touch. From the line out Braund passed to Rhodes, and Jervis getting possession potted and forced Thames. From the kick out Jervis again had a pot and all but scored with a splendid long shot. Thames again forced. Murray marked Stewart's kick-out and Pennalligan tried a place kick from near centre. The kick was a good one, but failed. Gibbons returned into touch Thames side of centre. Loose work followed, in which

Elliott and Rhodes, Paul, Brownlee and Stewart shone. Thames getting near Auckland 25, Braund ran and passed to Jervis, who ran well and passed to Masefield, but the latter was well grassed. Hard work in midfield followed. Roberts ran well and kicked into touch. Masefield ran well but passed wildly. Thames forwards with Brownlee and Twohill regained ground. Montgomerie headed an Auckland dribble. Braund passed well to Elliott, who passed well to Masefield, the latter running well until brought down within Thames 25. After more give and take work Paul and Twohill with a good dribble threatened a score, but Peace saved well and the first spell ended with the score—Thames 2, Auckland 0.

SECOND SPELL.—Stewart kicked off for Thames at 4 p.m., and Jervis returned with a good kick into touch at centre. Play continued about midfield, and was marked by a good run by Masefield, a nice dribble by Roto, a free kick to Thames, and a lot of scrums which Thames got the best of. Thames got into Auckland's 25 with a rush, but the ball was soon back at centre, and a lot of line work followed, in which Stewart for Thames and Montgomerie for Auckland were conspicuous. Jervis, by some neat play, started an Auckland rush, which got near Thames' goal, but a throw on caused a scrum. By vigorous efforts Thames worked back to their 25, and thence to centre, but Auckland came again with a rush, and Jervis had a fine long pot, the ball striking the centre of the bar and rebounding. McGregor kicked well, and Thames got on a rush, well stopped by Peace with a long kick. A fine run by Laing gained ground, and but for Jervis' speed he must have scored. A lot of exchanges and lively work followed, mainly in Thames' 25, and Auckland had several chances but no score came. Thames worked back to midfield, but a good Auckland dribble again reached Thames' 25. Paul, with a magnificent dribble, took the ball right into Auckland's 25, where Sullivan got possession, and passing well to Stewart, the latter got in near the corner flag. Paul placed a beautiful goal from a difficult angle. Score: Thames 7, Auckland 0, at 4.28. Auckland now woke up, and it was really time. Pennalligan, with a fine run, got across, but lost the ball. Marshall, however, was handy, and scored in an easy position. Pennalligan's kick was unfortunately spoiled, as Elliott, thinking the Thames men were rushing, held the ball as Pennalligan kicked—Thames 7, Auckland 2, at 4.32. A lot of very fast play followed, Thames tiring, and Auckland having plenty left in them. Rhodes, with a determined run, fell and struggled in, though the try was somewhat doubtful, as he seemed to fall first in play and wriggle over with the ball. Pennalligan raised the score to 7 all at 4.33. The next incident was a long run by Cullen, who got in, but the try was disallowed owing to a breach of the rules by Roto. Thames rallied a bit, and Paul, Laing, Gibbons, and Bestic all made good efforts. Jervis missed a pass from Braund, but an Auckland rush and a fine dribble by Murray and Marshall ended in Elliott scoring. Pennalligan missed the shot, but not by much—Auckland 9, Thames 7, at 4.42. After a Thames rush to Auckland's side of centre, some good passing between Elliott, Jervis, and Masefield enabled the latter, with a strong run, to reach Thames' 25. More good passing between Elliott, Marshall, and Rhodes ended in the latter scoring by a strong dash. Pennalligan again went near, but did not convert—Auckland 11, Thames 7, at 4.44. A delay occurred here to clear off encroaching spectators. On resuming, Auckland rushed the ball into Thames' 25, where Elliott and Marshall again assisted Rhodes in securing another try, which Pennalligan converted, making the score—Auckland 16, Thames 7, at 4.50. No further scoring occurred, and when time was called, a really good and exciting match ended as above.

A smoke concert was held at the British Hotel in the evening, when Mr. Devore presided. The usual complimentary toasts were proposed and a most enjoyable social evening spent.

The Selection Committee have chosen the following team to play against Taranaki on Saturday next:—Back, F. Taylor; three-quarters, R. Masefield, F. Peace, F. M. Jervis; halves, W. Elliott, A. Braund, W. Rhodes; forwards, Murray, Marshall, Bruce, O'Connor, Montgomerie, McMillan, Pennalligan, and D. Stewart. The changes undoubtedly strengthen the team. Of course, one is sorry to see Roberts out, but he is in poor health just now, and cannot play his true game. Placing Bruce and Stewart among

the forwards and Peace at centre three-quarters is, I think, good judgment. Taylor at full will not disgrace himself. I should have liked to see Herrold among the halves, but Rhodes has really earned his place.

On the 13th instant an Auckland B Team tries conclusions with Waikato at Hamilton. The selection will be made out of the following, from which an excellent team may be picked—Stichbury, Walton, Roberts, Riley, Branson, Gaudin, Kissling, Brady, Edmonds, Ronayne, Whiteside, Tanfield, Twiname, Donald, Cole, Dacre, Inglis, Williams, Maynard, Stone, R. Green, Speight, Wright, Caulton, Mills, Rogers, and J. Walker.

Our Napier correspondent writes that owing to the bad state of the Recreation Ground and the football ground at Farn-don, no matches were played last Saturday.

Professionalism in football matters seems to be rather in evidence in football circles in Melbourne just now, judging from the following remarks made by the Melbourne correspondent of the *Otago Witness*:—"Things are getting very mixed at our great winter pastime, and it has become a case of 'Now you see it, and now you don't' with the pensive punters who put their dubs on it. Another thing, a horde of jockeys have taken to patronising the big matches and wagering thereon. In the Victorian Football Association, also, there are wars and rumours of wars, the second-rate clubs stirring heaven and earth to compel the leading clubs to meet them oftener, so that they may participate to a greater extent in the spoil than they do at present. Then, again, it has become open and palpable that professionalism is rampant; a direct charge being made against Doran that the other week he refused to play for his club (South Melbourne) unless he got the sum of £2 beforehand. This charge could not be sustained, however, but nevertheless his club held a meeting and ordered the Selection Committee not to select him in the First Twenty any more, at the same time advising the V.F.A. of this fact. And now that body are anxious to probe the matter to the bottom, the secretary, Mr. T. T. Marshall, having darkly hinted that something may leak out that will cause people to open their eyes. I fancy he alludes to the 'little arrangement' between South Melbourne and Carlton a couple of years ago, whereby one of our leading bookmakers was got at for over a 'thou.'"

In connection with another aspect of the game as played in Victoria at present, the *Australasian* remarks:—"At the beginning of the winter there was an impression that football had about reached the climax of its popularity. Fewer people than formerly have money to spend on racing, however, more especially working men, and football offers the alternative of inexpensive and continuous excitement, so that it would not be surprising to find at the end of the season instead of a decadence the combined gatherings larger than ever." The popularity of football in Victoria is really marvellous, I have often been told by those who have witnessed the game played there.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

NEW PLYMOUTH, July 29th.

The Taranaki rep. team left to-night for Auckland. In the match against Manawatu Taranaki had bad luck in not getting a score. They had the best of the game, but through the greasy state of the ball (caused by the excessive rain soddening the ground) and a high wind that prevailed, combined with downright hard luck, they were unable to put a solitary point to their credit. When the news reached here that the game had ended in a draw the boys would hardly believe it, so certain had they been that Taranaki would win. I had a chat today with a disinterested gentleman who witnessed the match, and he informed me that the Taranaki team were fully ten points a better team than Manawatu, but he observed that the Taranaki three-quarters appeared to be a lump off in their play, and did not display the dash that should characterise the play of those placed in such a position. The forwards, the gentleman considers, are a splendid lot, about the best he has seen this season, and they graft like Trojans. When our boys meet Auckland, next Saturday, they will be about as fit as you can get them, and I feel rather confident now that they will just about beat Auckland.

In the Manawatu match A. Kivell took A. Good's place at three-quarter.

Bill Webster is doing the trip with the team, having constituted himself barracker-in-chief. The *Wairarapa Star* gave Bill a paragraph all to himself relative to his barracking powers.

A football match between the second fifteens of the Star and Clifton was played on the racecourse here yesterday afternoon, the Star winning by 3 points (penalty goal kicked by D. Humphries) to 2 points (try obtained by H. Elliot).

"Pop" Francis played for the Star II., which rather surprised many, as he always gave out he "could not stand the Stars at any price," and apparently for this reason he joined the New Plymouth Club. I thought the Star II. would be rather beneath "Pop."

August 2.

The Auckland-Taranaki match is creating a good deal of interest here. Two steamers will leave the breakwater on Friday night on an excursion trip in connection with the game, and I think a fair number will avail themselves of the opportunity of witnessing the match. The supporters of the amber and black expect the team to give a good account of themselves against Auckland.

HUNTING.

The Pakuranga Hunt Club were again favoured with magnificent weather for their usual Saturday meet, which took place at Green Mount. The hounds threw off at 12.30 p.m., when we were pleased to notice, in addition to several customary followers, Messrs. Harris and Laxon (residents of the district and strong supporters of the club) present, evidently intending to enjoy themselves.

After a preliminary try round the mountain a hare was promptly found in Mr. Lushington's ground, which afforded a very short run indeed. Evidently this was a very faint-hearted hare, as it almost refused to run, and the death penalty was the consequence. The hounds killed in Mr. Lushington's orchard. After a short try round through Mr. A. Harris' property, another hare was put up—quite a different customer to the last one, as this went right away, affording a first-class run. It was pleasant to see both the old and young enthusiasts riding behind the pack. The country was open and level, and the pace fairly fast. This run also resulted in a kill, which speaks well for the manner in which the hounds are working.

An adjournment was then made back to Mr. Laxon's house, where the large hounds which had been kennelled up there were set free, and preparations made to have a drag. There was a first-class drag laid across a carefully selected line of country which an enthusiastic Irishman resident in the district had laid off. All the obstacles, which were carefully flagged, consisted of a water jump, flight of hurdles, stake and bound fence, plain walls, walls with ditches both in front and on the landing side—in fact fences that would almost invite a regular tyro to ride at them. The drag was laid by Goodman, the whipper-in, and after 20 minutes' law the hounds were laid on. There was the most enthusiastic well-mounted following that it has ever been our pleasure to see start after a drag. The pace was fairly fast, but we must compliment the hard-riding division on the improvement in the way in which they behaved during this run as compared with their conduct of the previous Saturday. There were sundry casualties, principally among our naval visitors, but no one was hurt, and all seemed to thoroughly enjoy the run. The ladies, also, had a splendid opportunity of distinguishing themselves, which they were by no means slow in taking advantage of, there being ample room for all participating in the sport.

Another agreeable feature noticeable in connection with these Saturday's hunts is the large turn out of spectators on wheels. The Governor's drag, tooled by Mr. Stewart behind a four-in-hand, was present during the day bringing a large concourse of visitors, who were thus enabled to view the surrounding country and see their friends enjoying the chase. Prominent among the followers of the run we noticed Mr. W. Laxon on that hero of many battles, old Lone Hand; the brothers Tonks, Messrs. W. Bloomfield, J. W. Wallace, T. McLaughlin, R. Garrett, W. McLaughlin, Mrs. Bloomfield, Miss Percival, Miss Taylor, and Miss Champion. The Master, Mr. W. Percival, was unavoidably absent owing to his being busy preparing for the Auckland Racing Club's meeting on Monday.

COURSING.

The North Otago Champion Stake for all-aged dogs, at £3 10s. (winner £20; runner up £10; third dog £5), was decided near Oamaru, on the 21st ult., and resulted in a division between Mr. S. S. Myers' brd d Razzle Dazzle, by Morning-side—Hazel, and his blk w b Stormy Night, by White Squall—Irish Girl.

The National Coursing Club of England have appointed Mr. W. F. Lamonby ("Skiddaw," of the London *Field*, and formerly of the *Argus* and *Australasian*), to be keeper of the *Greyhound Stud Book*, in succession to Mr. David Brown, who has retired on the ground of ill-health, after holding the position for 11 years.

Appended are the results of the final courses in the Victorian Waterloo Cup, Purse and Plate, which were decided on July 13th, 14th, and 15th:—Waterloo Cup for 64 dogs, all ages, at £12 10s. each. Winner, £400; runner up, £120; two dogs, £35 each; four dogs, £10 each.—Mr. A. Knox ns (Mr. S. Bladon's) f b Belgravia, by Livingstone—Leoline, beat Dr. W. H. Lang's bd w d Christopher North, by True Briton—Tibbie Shields, and won the Cup. Waterloo Purse for 32 dogs beaten in the first round for the Cup. Winner, £50; runner up, £20; two dogs, £7 10s. each.—Mr. M. Quinlan's f w b Catherine Hayes, by Hedley—Rental, beat Messrs. King and Meredith's f w d Harkaway, by Bazouk—Yellow Girl, and won the Purse. Waterloo Plate, for 16 dogs beaten in the first ties for the Cup. Winner, £50; runner up, £20; two dogs, £7 10s. each.—Mr. A. J. Day's f w d Trafalgar, by Livingstone—Bega, beat Mr. E. Power's w bk d Teuton, by Rent Charge—Castanet, and won the Plate.

CYCLING.

Edward Elliott, a well-known Victorian racing cyclist, died at North Carlton, Melbourne, on Saturday, July 16th, after a short but very severe attack of typhoid fever. He was a member of the *Herald* staff, and for many years contributed the cycling notes to the *Melbourne Sportsman*. His racing career commenced in 1885, and since then he has been continually on the track. He was only 28 years of age, and his funeral was attended by nearly 200 cyclists.

The first ladies' bicycle club in Sweden has just been formed at Upsala. Sixteen young ladies joined immediately, and there is every reason to believe that cycling will ere long be as popular in Sweden as in Denmark.

In the Anfield 100 miles on June 6th J. A. Bennett, riding a new Howe safety, accomplished the distance in 5hr 46min 50sec—a world's record for 100 miles on the road on an out-and-home course.

ATHLETICS.

OUR BOYS IN ENGLAND.

According to "One of the Team" who is contributing to the *Weekly Press*:—"At Brighton G. B. Shaw ran a splendid quarter over 3ft 6in hurdles, at Preston Park on Whit Monday. The race was a handicap prepared specially to enable him to beat Batger's record of 61 2-5th sec, over 10 hurdles 3ft 6in high. The course, however, was not in my opinion a fair one, being more down hill than up. Unfortunately for Shaw, one of the limit men knocked down a hurdle, so that he actually jumped nine hurdles in time returned as 60 2-5th sec. The performance was a great one, and he would just have beaten Batger's time if he had not missed one jump. The following day Batger ran a trial over the same course, over the correct number of hurdles, in 60 3-5th sec, a better performance than Shaw's."

The same writer thus comments on Derry Wood breaking down (news of which, received by cable, has already been recorded in these columns):—"On June 14, while doing a sprint, Derry Wood, I regret to say, broke down. The injury is in the muscle at the back of the thigh. We had to carry him down to the hotel, and he was in bed all that day, and on the sofa all yesterday. To-day (June 16) he is much better, and he is confident that he will be able to run in the championships. Personally I am very much afraid that he will not. Although nothing seems broken, he has strained the sinew very severely. He, of course, cannot go to Huddersfield. We shall be quite a small party. Derry's accident is all the more provoking as he was just getting well, and we all expected him to run at least 2min. 1sec. at Huddersfield, and to break 2min. on Championship day. It is very bad luck that we should lose one

of our men so soon, just after the first meeting, and hope it does not portend any further disaster." But it did, for Hempton has since gone wrong, too.

The second of a series of three matches between F. Bowen and Joe Scott—the result of the first of which we chronicled last week—came off in Dunedin on Monday. It was a 12 hours' walk. Bowen forced the pace at the start and soon had nine laps to the good, but he had to retire twice through indisposition, and Scott thus got a lead of two laps by half-past two. Bowen, as soon as he returned to the track, went on at a good pace and was soon three laps to the good. Scott then "stuck to the collar," and for about four hours they travelled on at a good bat, and wearing Bowen down, the latter retired when he had covered 51 miles 9 laps. Scott kept on, and at 11 p.m. had completed 67 miles.

Owners, Note!

RANGITIKEI HUNT CLUB.

On Monday next, August 8th, by 9 p.m., nominations for the following events will close with the secretary, Mr. J. M. Johnston, at the White Hart Hotel, Marton:—

Open Hurdles of 30sovs, 1½ miles, ¼sov.
Hack Hurdles of 20sovs, 1½ miles, ¼sov.
Hunt Club Cup of 10sovs, 3 miles, 5s.
Flying Handicap of 20sovs, ¾ mile, ¼sov.
Open Steeplechase of 60sovs, 3 miles, 1sov.
Ladies' Bracelet of 10sovs, 2 miles, 5s.
Hack Flat Race of 20sovs, 1¼ miles, ¼sov.

SIRES OF THE SEASON.

(BY SIR LAUNCELOT.)

No. 1.—MESSRS. R. & R. DUDER'S BRIGADIER.

THE commencement of a new racing season, as well as the fact that on Monday last, August 1st, every Colonial-bred racehorse was a year older, brings upon the scene owners of stallions who have announcements to make as to the location of the stallions they own.

First to come under review from my pen in this connection is Brigadier, the property of the popular North Shore sportsmen, Messrs. Duder Bros. The sons of Musket located in New Zealand are none too numerous, but Brigadier is one of them, and undoubtedly as a racehorse he was in the first flight with the best of them up to the time he went wrong. His two-year-old career was something particularly brilliant. He did not, however, score at the first time of asking, for he was unplaced in the Great Northern Foal Stakes, won by Mitrailleuse's sister Ricochet. At the Auckland Racing Club's Autumn Meeting he came out in very strong form, for he put down Howitzer, Reproach, Ricochet, Tamora and Lady Norah in the Mares' Produce Stakes; followed that up by beating the speedy Mitrailleuse, Derringer, Tetford and Reproach in the Flying Stakes w.f.a., and, to cap all, carried 5lb penalty, bringing his weight up to 9.1, home triumphantly in the Ellerslie Plate, beating Tamora, Antelope, and three others. He was well backed by his owners the following season for the Hawke's Bay Guineas, Canterbury Derby, and New Zealand Cup, and would undoubtedly have run a great horse in all three events, but when taken down to Napier to contest the Guineas (which Forester won) he went wrong after one of his finishing gallops and was never again seen on a racecourse.

Brigadier has not so far at the stud had anything like the chances with well-bred mares that his brilliancy as a racehorse merited, but, nevertheless, all his stock can gallop, and, what is more, they seem to come to hand early like he did himself. During the past season four of his stock won £902 10s. between them, which is not a bad record for a young stallion who, as I have said, has only been afforded limited opportunities among thoroughbred mares. But Brigand (winner of the Auckland Guineas), Brigade, Lady Belle and His Worship, are good enough credentials for any young stallion, and if all the sons of Musket do as well in their early stud career as Brigadier has done their owners will be very fortunate.

And now a word or two as to Brigadier's breeding. He is by Musket (imp.) out of Pungawerewere by Golden Grape (imp.), out of Atalanta by Towton (imp.), out of Crescent by Sir Hercules. Musket naturally needs no eulogy from any sporting writer—his deeds both on the turf and at the stud are indelibly written in all turf annals—but Pungawerewere, it must be mentioned, won the Dunedin

Cup of 1876, and scored on several other occasions in the blue and white hoops of Mr. F. W. Delamain. "Punga," as she is generally called for brevity's sake, has foaled some good ones in her time in addition to Brigadier. Tetford, a son of her's, won the Wanganui Cup of 1886, and he is full brother to Brigadier. Tranter, another brother, did not disgrace himself when sent over to Australia, for he won a Maiden Plate at Flemington, and finished close up with the placed horses in the V.R.C. Derby that fell to the lot of that great horse The Australian Peer, with two other great horses close behind him—Abercorn and Niagara. Punga's son, St. James, won the Dunedin Cup of 1890, and after him saw the light a colt by Nordenfeldt out of Pungawerewere that was destined to "cut" the two-mile record for New Zealand and otherwise shed lustre on his sire and dam. This was Crackshot, who is practically three-parts brother to Brigadier, for he is by a son of that horse's sire out of Brigadier's dam. Crackshot stamped himself as one of the greatest racehorses we have seen for many a year by his wins in the Canterbury Cup and Auckland Cup, not to mention other races he was successful in.

Brigadier will travel the surrounding districts of Auckland as under:—Devonport on Mondays; Onehunga and Mangere on Tuesday; Otahuhu and Papatoitui on Wednesday; East and West Tamaki on Thursday; Harp of Erin, Ellerslie, on Friday; and Epsom and Mount Albert on Saturday. His terms are 8 guineas for thoroughbred mares and 5 guineas for half-breds, and application by owners of mares is to be made either to his owners, Messrs. R. & R. Duder, Devonport, or Mr. J. Thorpe, Harp of Erin Hotel, Ellerslie.

CONTEMPORARY CRITICISM.

"SIR ROLAND," the sporting writer of the *Manukau Gazette*, in that paper's issue of Saturday last, pays the following tribute of praise to this journal:—"The SPORTING REVIEW, printed and published in Auckland by Mr. H. H. Hay, the proprietor, comes to hand this week in an enlarged form. The present issue, its readers are told, inaugurates the REVIEW's third year of publication, and the support received from the public has warranted a further permanent enlargement of the paper. As I stated a few weeks back, the REVIEW has undoubtedly grown much in public favour since 'Sir Launcelot' assumed editorial control, and there can now be no doubt whatever that it is fairly on the track of progress and prosperity. I wish its spirited proprietor every success for his enterprise."

Sir John Willoughby was not as fortunate as usual with his yearling book on the Derby. He laid the regular £10,000 to £100 against Orme, La Fleche, Sir Hugo, and St. Angelo when they were youngsters; in fact the only runners in this year's race that would have "skinned the lamb" for him were Bucentaure and Thessalian. Unfortunately, too, though Sir John (or rather his agent, for Sir John is in South Africa) bought back much of the money laid against La Fleche at a heavy sacrifice, he stood out his full £10,000 laid against Sir Hugo.

The death is recorded on May 17 in America of Rarus, who held the proud title of "king of the trotting turf" from August 3, 1878, till October 25, 1879. He was a bay gelding over 16 hands high. He was bred by the late R. B. Conklin, of Greenport, L. I., and was foaled in 1867. His sire was a horse called Conklin's Abdallah, that was used as a truck horse in New York City by a cartman named Mead, from whom Mr. Conklin bought him. The latter was a natural horseman, and recognised the intrinsic good qualities of the stallion, but his breeding has never been established. Rarus's dam was Nancy Awful, by Telegraph, son of Smith Burr's Napoleon. Rarus first started as a four-year-old in a scrub race on Long Island, but did not come into prominence until 1874, when he scored his first victory at Hornesville, N.Y., and won four races that year, getting a record of 2.28½. In 1875 he went in for Grand Circuit honours, and won at Cleveland, Rochester, Utica, and two races at Hartford, and altogether was first seven times that year, lowering his record to 2.20½. The following year he won all down the line from Buffalo, and was first nine times, reducing his record to 2.20. That winter he went to California, and May 26, 1877, beat Goldsmith Maid in a match, trotting one heat in 2.19½. This gave him great fame, and he was the bright, particular star of the year, proving invincible in the free-for-all Grand Circuit events, lowering his record to 2.16, and winning, in 1877, 19 races. He was forced into the position of an exhibition horse in 1878, and trotted many fast heats the best of which was 2.13½ at Buffalo, N.Y., August 3. This was the first time that 2.14 was beaten, and left Rarus king of the turf until St. Julien trotted in 2.12½ 14 months later. In 1879 his best mile was 2.13½ at Rochester, N.Y., and at Hartford, Conn.; that year he was purchased by Mr. Robert Bonner, for 36,000 dol. the highest price ever paid for a gelding. John Murphy drove him in 2.11½ over the three-quarter mile track at Mr. Bonner's farm. The horse died of old age, but his death was hastened by a cold. John Splan was the driver of Rarus at the zenith of his fame, and still considers him as fast a horse as was ever foaled.

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SPORTING FIXTURES, ETC.

COMING EVENTS.

Aug. 11, 13.....	N.Z. Grand National, Christchurch
Sept. 1.....	Rangitikei Hunt Club
Sept. 24.....	Auckland Trotting Club
Oct. 3, 4.....	Hawke's Bay J.C. Spring
Oct. 26.....	Hawke's Bay J.C. Summer
Mar. 16, 17.....	Hawke's Bay J.C. Autumn
June 23.....	Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter

AUSTRALIAN EVENTS.

Sept. 1.....	Hawkesbury Rowley Mile
Sept. 3.....	Hawkesbury Grand Handicap
Sept. 10.....	A.J.C. Derby
Sept. 13.....	A.J.C. Metropolitan Stakes
Oct. 8.....	Caulfield Guineas
Oct. 15.....	Caulfield Cup
Oct. 29.....	V.R.C. Derby
Nov. 1.....	Melbourne Cup
Nov. 3.....	V.R.C. Oaks
Nov. 5.....	V.R.C. Steeplechase

NOMINATIONS.

Aug. 6.....	Rangitikei Hunt Club
Sept. 2.....	Auckland Trotting Club

WEIGHTS APPEAR.

Aug. 11.....	N.Z. Grand National, Christchurch
Aug. 16.....	Rangitikei Hunt Club
Sept. 9.....	Auckland Trotting Club

ACCEPTANCES DUE.

Aug. 5, 12.....	N.Z. Grand National, Christchurch
Aug. 23.....	Rangitikei Hunt Club
Sept. 16.....	Auckland Trotting Club

HUNTING.

PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB FIXTURES.	
To start each day at 12 noon.	
Aug. 6—	Waters' Corner, Papatoetoi
Aug. 13—	Howick Village
Aug. 20—	Mangere Bridge
Every Wednesday at Otahuhu, at 11 a.m.	
W. PERCIVAL, Master.	
HARRY H. HAYR, Hon. Sec.	
RANGITIKEI HUNT CLUB FIXTURES, 1892.	
Aug. 6—	Overton
Sept 1—	Hunt Steeplechases.
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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

NATIVE.—Your letter unfortunately reached us too late for insertion this week. It will appear in our next issue.

ENQUIRER.—Iroquois is a son of Norseman.

"T. B."—We shall consider the matter and let you know later. Seabreeze is by The Barb out of Mermaid, by Fishman—Sweetheart (imp), by Red Heart.

"VERACITY."—Your communication will be published in our next issue. It reached us too late for insertion this week.

Sporting Review.

THURSDAY AUGUST 4, 1892.

THE annual meeting of the members of the Auckland Racing Club, held on Monday afternoon (and the proceedings at which are reported at length in another column) attracted a "best on record" in the matter of attendance. Well might the President of the Club, Mr. L. D. Nathan, before proceeding to read an address to the members such as has become a recognised function on the part of all chairmen of Metropolitan Clubs now-a-days, congratulate them on their rolling up in such large numbers. Such an attendance as assembled in the club's room on Monday must have been extremely gratifying to the worthy President and the members of the committee who have in the past engineered the club through many difficulties, financial and otherwise. It is always encouraging to committeemen of a racing club to see other members taking an interest in the club's doings, and we hope that now that a new season is commencing members of all the Metropolitan Clubs of the colony will continue to aid their committeemen to the best of their ability by helping them with friendly suggestions, and by doing all that lies in their power to further the interests of the club to which they belong and the welfare of legitimate racing in whatever part of the colony they are located.

BUT to hark back to the Auckland Racing Club's meeting on Monday. In some quarters we have heard Mr. Nathan's speech characterised as "rosy," but when a club comes out with a balance on the right side over the season's operations of £1026 14s 6d, we think they are entitled to feel a bit proud at such a result. Like some other Metropolitan Clubs in the Colony, the Auckland Racing Club have had, in order to thoroughly cater for the convenience of the public, to go into "the borrowing market," but when we find, according to their balance-sheet, that the surplus of assets over liabilities is £15,790 3s 4d, we think the club can look the future in the face with confidence. Mr. Nathan, to use a common expression "hit the right nail on the head" when, after pointing to the satisfactory state of the accounts, he went on to say: "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 anxieties, and your committee have experienced no inconsiderable anxiety. I am afraid 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 in keenly 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." And then he went on to deal with what he fittingly termed "a subject that is now agitating the racing world in this colony—the totalisator." Rightly enough, as President of the Auckland Racing Club, Mr. Nathan did not disguise the fact that the totalisator was being abused. But at the same time he took occasion to point out that for some of the abuses of the machine in the Auckland Provincial

District the Auckland Racing Club had not been to blame. We trust the present Colonial Secretary (in whose hands lies the licensing of the totalisator) and his colleagues on the Government benches will carefully digest Mr. Nathan's remarks about pony racing and trotting and their attributes in Auckland, and the steps they took to curtail such "sport." "But they were overruled by a higher authority," says Mr. Nathan. That higher authority was, of course, the Colonial Secretary, whose particular province is supposed to be to deal with questions regarding the licensing of the totalisator. Some people in the neighbourhood of Auckland may think their lucky stars that the A.R.C. were "overruled by a higher authority," or, to put it in other words, that Sir Patrick Buckley is now acting as Colonial Secretary instead of the Hon. Captain Russell, who knows more about the intricacies of racing, trotting, etc., than the recently knighted M.L.C. ever made acquaintance with.

AT the above meeting Mr. E. W. Alison wished to propose a resolution to which we should like to have seen effect given. However, he had unfortunately not complied with the rules by giving the requisite seven days' notice, and therefore the Chairman held that the resolution could not be put. Mr. Alison's motion was one affirming that the members of the club were of opinion that no higher sum than 10 per cent. commission should be charged at the totalisator, and that that should be a recommendation to the incoming committee. We should like to have heard the question thoroughly debated, and we fancy that had it gone to the vote Mr. Alison's motion would have been almost unanimously acquiesced in. Now that most of the Racing Clubs are holding their annual meetings it is time that they gave some sort of expression to their views as to what should be charged the public on machine investments—whether the clubs themselves or the public should be made to pay the Government tax. As things stand at present there is a delightful state of uncertainty pervading the whole subject. There is not the slightest unanimity on the matter. In one portion of the colony we will find a Metropolitan Club charging 11½ per cent., thus making its patrons pay through the nose for the privilege of investing in the totalisator. Mayhap some of the country clubs racing under that Metropolitan Club's jurisdiction only charge the public 10 per cent. Then, another Metropolitan Club declines to charge the public more than 10 per cent., but some of the country clubs within the boundaries of its jurisdiction take the opportunity of squeezing the extra 1½ per cent. out of the public. This is a matter on which some expression of opinion on the part of the recent Conference of Metropolitan Clubs' delegates might have been looked for, but they were quite inert. We have already had a decided expression of opinion from the Premier as to what was intended by him when he introduced the 1½ per cent. tax. He has distinctly stated that he never intended that it should be charged as an extra burden on the public in addition to the 10 per cent. sanctioned by law. All credit, we say, to those country clubs who have paid the 1½ per cent. out of the ten per cent. allowed them, and have thus acted liberally towards them. We hope that the incoming committee of the Auckland Racing Club will at their first meeting take this subject into consideration, and lay down a rule that they will only charge the public 10 per cent. on their totalisator investments, and will not permit any club under their jurisdiction to charge more. Other Metropolitan Clubs, too, we hope to see following a similar line of action, instead of, as is the case now, being divided among themselves. Let us have some unanimity among our turf Solons.

THERE were, as seems to be customary at annual meetings of the Auckland Racing Club, disturbing factions in the camp, and two or three members took occasion on Monday to indulge in their perennial growl at anything and everything that did not suit their own particular whims and fancies. But though some actions of the committee were taken exception to, they came out triumphant at the finish, for by a large majority—when the ballot came to be taken—the retiring committeemen were re-elected to their old posts, and the new candidate was thus badly beaten. This was an emphatic expression, therefore, from the large number of members present, of satisfaction at the manner in which the committee had performed their onerous duties during the past year.

SOME important resolutions were passed at the meeting on the motion of Mr. Devore, and with the spirit of them we entirely concur, but we are afraid that to give due effect to them will be found unpracticable. We were surprised to see that there was so little discussion upon them, and this was a matter in which we think some of the members present might have given expression to their opinions with more benefit to the sport they profess to love than haggling over petty details. Mr. Devore's resolutions read thus:—

That in the opinion of this meeting (1) Racing in the provincial district of Auckland is excessive; (2) That the use of the totalisator is excessive; (3) That it be an instruction to the incoming committee to reduce the number of race meetings within this provincial district during the ensuing season, and thereby decrease the use of the totalisator; (4) That racing be centralised at selected centres as much as practicable.

With resolutions 1, 2 and 3 we have little fault to find, but Mr. Devore's argument as to resolution 4 (which is reported in another column) seemed to us a bit laboured, and we see no reason why "centres of racing" should be established in the places mentioned by Mr. Devore to the exclusion of one day's racing in small townships, where the local country folk can enjoy the sport in quite as legitimate manner as their more wealthy town brethren do. Mr. Devore said that "several meetings were held at small outside places just because the totalisator was used, the object being to put sufficient money through the totalisator to pay the stakes." But Mr. Devore seems to forget that according to the Rules of Racing the money put through the machine has to come back next year to owners in the way of stakes, and it would be an act of gross injustice on the part of the Metropolitan Club, if so long as a club complied with the Rules of Racing in this respect, they blotted it out of existence for the sake of centralising racing. There is one branch of Mr. Devore's argument on which we are thoroughly in accord with him, and if the next Conference of Metropolitan Clubs delegates is not to be futile it should take up the matter in real earnest. We allude to Mr. Devore's contention that each club should send in to the Metropolitan Club, not later than the end of September, its full programme for the ensuing season. This plan, as Mr. Devore pointed out, is adopted in Victoria and New South Wales, and we see no reason why it cannot be brought into force here. This is a question the incoming committees of the various Metropolitan Clubs might take some concerted action upon, without leaving it to the Conference next November. Country Clubs would benefit by the adoption of such a course, for then the Metropolitan Club could allot certain dates to each, and there would be no unseemly clashing.

Coming Events.

[BY "SIR LAUNCELOT."]

CHRISTCHURCH GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

Mr. Henry's handicaps for two of the minor events of the Grand National Meeting, which is fixed for Thursday and Saturday next, the 11th and 13th insts., appear under our usual "Turf Record" heading in another column. Acceptances are not due till to-morrow (Friday), so that I cannot give my final selections either for the handicaps just declared or for the Grand National Hurdles and Steeplechase till the next issue of the SPORTING REVIEW, but I must say a few words about the handicaps just issued by Mr. Henry—the Winter Handicap of a mile and a quarter and the Maiden Hurdles of one mile and three-quarters. The latter race is run on the first day, just before the Grand National Steeplechase. Kulnine, after his great performance last year in running second to Couranto in the G.N. Hurdles, had, of course, to have top weight, but Mr. Henry has not been at all hard on him in giving him 12.3, and he will in all probability go to the post a raging hot favourite. However, Lunn has also Cajolery in his hands, and at 10.12 this son of Apremont and Flattery looks to me likely to score, and that is to say, provided he has thrown off the wayward temper which characterised him as a youngster. He is reported to have been fencing in great form at Riccarton of late, and it is certain that for pace he could run rings round anything that will be opposed to him on the present occasion, not even excepting Kulnine. If anything beats Cajolery, I think it will be Mrs. Mullaney, who is not such a novice at the game as he is. I have seen this

mare win some decent up-country hurdle races, and I like her chance at 10.0. In short, I expect MRS. MULLANEY to win, with Cajolery close handy.

Merrie England has the post of honour in the Welter Handicap, and Mr. Henry, consistent to his New Zealand Cup production, again asks him to concede Crackshot 11b. I doubt if either is likely to start, and I don't care for Crown Jewel's chance at 11.13. Bay King seems to run better with a welter weight in the saddle and a strong boy up, and I like his chance at 11.9. I pass by Liberator, Retina, and Waterbury, but Young Cheviot at 10.13 must be respected, and so must Galtee at the same weight. Further on, I like The Idler at 10.7, but it must be remembered that he is in the same stable as Bay King. Drift, 10.0, is the only one of the light weights I care for, but the distance is a bit more than she is partial to. Presuming that the top weights do not start fit and well, I take Bay King, Young Cheviot, The Idler, and Drift to be the best in on paper, and to try and pick it in one before the acceptances appear, I shall declare for YOUNG CHEVIOT.

My confrere "Pegasus" has, in another column of this issue, indulged in such a lengthy review of the prospects of the various candidates for the Grand National Steeplechase and Hurdles, that I will, pending the declaration of acceptances, simply say that if at the point of the bayonet I were now compelled to tip the winner of the Steeplechase I should say COURANTO, and I will express my idea that the other places will be fought out between MOROK, KAIMANAWA, and BOOTLES. The result of the Steeplechase may materially alter the prospects of some of the Hurdle nags, but if COURANTO misses the first he will just about win the Hurdles, and I think he has most danger to apprehend from CAJOLERY, NORTON, and KAIMANAWA. I shall, of course, commit myself to definite tips next week after I see the final acceptances.

Inter-Provincial

[FROM OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

WANGANUI.

July 30.

MESSRS. NOLAN, TONKS & Co., of Hawera, will have a big field-day on Saturday, 20th August, when Mr. M. F. Baird's thoroughbred stock will be put up by public auction, and as the majority of them are well bred ones a bumper attendance is sure to be present. The well-known thoroughbred sire Puriri (sire of Jenny, Rufus, and other well known performers) is amongst the list, and a keen competition for this handsome son of Towton is sure to result. Amongst the mares are Clymena (dam of Rimu and The Peer), Dead Shot mare (dam of Jenny), and Dawn (by Day Dawn, dam by Peter Flat). The young stock comprise Hopeful, 3yrs, by Puriri—Frowning Beauty; Aristotle, 4yrs, by Armament—Maid of Athens; chestnut gelding, 3yrs, by Puriri out of a full sister to Ival; black gelding, 2yrs, by Gipsy King; bay gelding, 2yrs, Puriri—Hagar (by The Painter—Escape, dam of Escapade); Pauline, 1yr, full sister to Jenny (entered for Egmont Sires Hack Produce Stakes); bay filly, 1yr, by Puriri—Dawn and trotting pony Chips (winner of Pony Trot, Auckland, 1891). At the same sale there will be put up three three-year-old unbroken geldings by Volunteer; chestnut mare, 4yrs, by Ascot—Cheshire Lass; two-year-old filly by Volunteer—Phantom mare (full sister to Whalebone). There will also be sold the well-known racing hack Nganeko (by Patriarch—Lucy by Master Lowe) winner of the Hack Race at Egmont.

Raven, in Barnes' stable, who won the Trial Steeple at Wellington, is showing a great improvement, and as he is a game 'un over big country I predict that he will yet make a name for himself at the illegitimate game. By-the-bye Entry and Natatorial, our two crack hacks, are both out of Raven's dam.

McCormick has got Prestige, our local candidate for the New Zealand Cup, doing slow work. Although not a very promising horse, I think he will be found as speedy as any of his opponents, if he will stand the necessary winding up. McCormick has turned out two of his charges—Hibernian and Cheque—for the winter.

H. Pell, who was badly hurt whilst playing football, is still in his bed, whilst I hear he will not be able to leave for some time yet. Pell had just taken in hand his recent purchase, Lady Leger,

for whom he gave the sum of £50, and was putting her into work with a view of sending her over the small sticks at the forthcoming Hunt Club Meeting at Rangitikei.

Boulanger is fancied here a good deal for the New Zealand Cup, and has been backed for a few small amounts. I fancy though that he will have to lower his colours to the Momohaki representative Fraternite, who I hear is doing splendid.

I have received word from Frank Palmer, who will be remembered in connection with the jumpers Skylark, Gazelle, and Butcher Boy some years back. He is now at Mordialloc, Melbourne, where he is foreman for Andy Fergusson, who has in hand Mr. W. T. Jones' ("Bravo" Jones) horses, the team consisting of Dreadnought, Litigant, Gresford, Abadaron, Buttons, Westminster, Tyro, and also Mr W. R. Wilson's Sultan. Since Palmer left Wanganui he did a lot of leather flapping in New South Wales, and was successful in winning a number of races with Black Jack, Eileen and others, after which he went with Mr. Frank Bell (also late of Wanganui) for twenty months, with Waiter, Escutcheon, Fair Ellen and Sovereign. Palmer also informs me that Harry Underwood and J. Cameron, both Wanganui boys, are doing well over Melbourne way, and their riding over country is highly thought of.

NAPIER.

July 30.

THE weather which has prevailed here lately has been what may be described as beastly, and the horses have been able to do very little work at Hastings.

The Hawkes' Bay Trotting Club have obtained a new ground, located on the main road, a little way out of the town. Mr. W. Stock, of Stratford Lodge, bought the property and leased it to the club. The ground is one that will stand any amount of rain, and is surrounded by trees—a pretty place withal, more like a picnic ground than anything else. The club will lay down a good track, and as they will have permanent use of the enclosure, will be able to cater for the public convenience by erecting buildings, etc., on it. A meeting of the committee of the club was held the other night, when a programme for the next meeting was drafted, £175 being given in prizes. The principal event is the Hastings Trotting Handicap of 50sovs, three miles in saddle. The meeting will be held on a day between the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's Spring Meeting and the A. and P. Society's annual show.

The Waipawa County Racing Club, which always has such successful gatherings at Kaikoura, shows a good balance sheet this year. The annual meeting is yet to be held, but the secretary (Mr. E. Gray) has favoured me with an advance copy. The receipts are as follows:—To balance 1st August, £351 6s. 9d; members' subscriptions, £43 1s.; nominations and acceptances, £252 os. 6d.; sale of privileges, £85 13s. 9d.; ground receipts on race days, £222 3s.; proceeds from totalisator, £847 19s. 6d.; receipts training track, £21; contractors' deposits, £8; surplus selling race, £2 12s.; total, £1,833 16s. 6d. Expenditure—By stakes paid to owners, £650 15s.; salaries, expenses, etc., £190 12s. 1d.; printing and advertising, £46 18s.; expenditure on property, £94 5s. 7d.; expenditure training track, £23 15s.; Government tax on totalisator proceeds, £137 2s. 6d.; contractors' deposits returned, £6; fixed deposit in Bank of Australasia, £400; balance current account, 31st July, 1891, £284 8s. 4d. With these two last-named items in the expenditure the total is £1,833 16s. 6d. Assets—Buildings, etc., £648 8s. 11d; unpaid fees, £5 2s.; amount on fixed deposit, £400; bank balance, £284 8s. 4d. Liabilities—Rent and salary, £40; sundries, £7 6s.

Stowe, who has leased Maher's stables at Waipukurau, will locate his string of horses there in a few days.

Rowley, who trains for Mr. Gaisford, is taking up two or three horses who have been having a holiday in the paddock.

[BY WIRE.]

August 2nd.

I am privately advised that the Australian horse Dreadnought, by Chester—Trafalgar, has been bought, and will stand in Hawke's Bay next season. I do not know whether Mr. Ormond has purchased him, or has formed one of a syndicate.

Wednesday.

The purchaser of Dreadnought is Mr. Ormond. The negotiations closed this morning, and I believe he was obtained very cheap, the price being £1500. Mr. W. T. Jones gave £2600 for the son of

Chester, who unfortunately never ran in his colours. Dreadnought will be a valuable acquisition to the district, and as there are some well-bred brood mares here, his progeny should be valuable, and a good strain of blood introduced into the Colony. Mr. Ormond is to be commended on his enterprise.

A section of local sports have great faith in Kaimanawa for the Grand National Steeplechase. He is in very fair condition, has never fallen in his life, and shaped fairly well when he ran third to Ingarangi in Wellington. He is getting the finishing touches put on him in Patsy Butler's stable.

I believe that after the Christchurch meeting Captain Webb and Commotion go to Australia.

Gondolier is now being treated to a well-deserved spell.

WELLINGTON.

August 1.

THE two Hunt Club Steeplechase Meetings which have taken place in this district lately, have both proved financial successes. I hear that the United Hunt Club made £190 clear, and the Wairarapa Hunt Club nearly £100, in addition to paying all expenses in connection with the laying out of the steeplechase course. The two clubs are not at all on the same footing. The United Hunt pay the Wellington Racing Club £50 for the use of the Hutt course, and utilise the profits for their own benefit; the Wairarapa Hunt Club race in connection with the Wairarapa Jockey Club, and after paying all expenses, will hand over the balance to the treasurer of that club to be expended on improvements on the course, etc.

The running of Ingarangi at both the Hunt meetings is being very freely commented on in Wellington sporting circles. His form certainly showed a great contrast with that he displayed in the Wellington Steeplechase, and there are several who will have it that he was not "wanted" except in the race he won. Of course it has to be remembered that Mr. Williamson's horse had a lot of luck in winning at the Racing Club meeting, for everyone admits that Whalebone, Caloola, Morok, and Kaimanawa, and perhaps Gladius would all have beaten him had they not made mistakes.

A. Peters is very sorry that he did not have Bide-a-wee nominated for the Grand National Hurdle Race and Steeplechase. The old horse is so well just at present and won the Wairarapa Steeplechase so easily, that, with 9.7, which is all the weight he could have got, he must have been dangerous. This is the horse about which I told you a story some months ago—how he belonged to the Maoris, and his owner having occasion to go away for a time left him with a friend who sold him, and then told the owner the horse was dead. The latter, who implicitly believed the story, was considerably astonished at seeing his horse running at a meeting at the Hutt some months afterwards. He identified him and succeeded in getting possession, and as may be supposed there were some words between the friends. The sequel of the story is rather peculiar. When the rightful owner got the horse he took him to a Mr. Coulter at the Taita, (near Lower Hutt) and arranged for the animal to be turned out in a paddock. Weeks went by and Mr. Coulter got no money. At last an arrangement was made that the latter should take over the horse and do the best he could with him. Coulter at once gave him to Peters to train, on terms mutually satisfactory. The horse has now turned out a good one, but the unfortunate Maori owner has derived no benefit from his curiously recovered property.

Glenig was taken back home after the United Hunt meeting, and no one who saw him at the Hutt was surprised when his name did not appear among the acceptances for the Grand National meeting. Those who saw him before his fall at Wanganui and saw him here say his muscle has fallen away badly, and that he did not shape in his proper form at all. I hear that Mr. Scott simply brought him to Wellington to get a line for the Grand National, but the way he collapsed both in the Hurdle Race and Steeplechase convinced his owner that the horse has not recovered from the effects of the Wanganui mishap. It is a pity to see such a good nag so completely knocked out at the very opening of his career. That he is a rattling good one when well I have every reason to believe, and some day he may yet prove it in public.

All the North Island contingent for the Grand National Meeting have passed through Wellington for the scene of

action during the last few days. These include Caloola, Kaimanawa, Chance, Commotion, Captain Webb, Waterbury, Couranto, Whalebone, Bootles, and Sir Garnet. The last-named left by the Southern boat this afternoon, P. Murtagh in charge, and the old horse looks very lusty and well, although I fancy he must be a bit above himself. Captain Webb excited great admiration when being shipped, and there is a strong opinion that if Mr. Gollan elects to strip him for the Grand National Hurdles he will be bad to beat. Those who have seen him at work at Hawke's Bay say he jumps like a deer and is a "daisy" on the flat. My own opinion is that the race rests between him, Waterbury, and Norton. Retina will go for the two flat handicaps. I should have mentioned that the Napier horse Samoa, who is a candidate for the Winter Handicap and the August Handicap, went down to-day in the same boat as Sir Garnet. I did not see him, but hear he will be dangerous for anything he goes for. The well-known Hawke's Bay metallician, W. Proffitt, also went through to-day. He has an interest in Caloola, and will manage that horse during his Canterbury trip. This is an outsider which may effect a surprise.

Messrs. Yuile and Nathan, the well-known bookmakers, have succeeded in getting the Wanganui Jockey Club to remove their disqualification. The club sent a letter to Yuile some fortnight ago stating that his white-washing would take effect from the 1st inst., and another to Nathan informing him that he might expect to get the ban removed about the end of the year. Nathan did not see the force of this difference of treatment, and at once went off to Wanganui and brought the matter before the stewards, with the result that I hear they have decided to treat the two alike, giving both of them absolution at once. It is stated that the Hawke's Bay Club are following the lead of the Wanganui Club, and besides endorsing the latter club's acquittal, are extending to Nathan a pardon for his long-standing sin against them.

The office formerly occupied by Yuile and Nathan, in Willis-street, has now been taken by Nathan Brothers, who intend to start business on the principle of executing commissions at the full starting price, and deducting 5 per cent. on winnings only.

LATE FOOTBALL.

(BY WIRE—FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

GRAHAMSTOWN, Wednesday.

THE football match between Taranaki and the Thames resulted in a victory for Taranaki by 9 points to 4.

Turf Topics.

[BY "SIR LAUNCELOT."]

I am pleased to hear from a private message received here from Christchurch that E. Cutts' wife is recovering from the dangerous illness from which she was recently suffering.

Mr. Marshall's filly Puwerewere, the sister to Crackshot, is reported to be progressing most favourably under the tuition of E. Cutts at Riccarton.

It would appear that the veteran Tommy Tittlemouse, who was Archer's last mount, is not dead after all as was reported. He won another race at Manchester in June, and was bought in at 310 gns.

In Calcutta the bookmaker has to pay a £25 license fee for each meeting, and put up a guarantee deposit of £2000.

An English jockey named Hall while riding in a race at Buda-Pesth, Hungary, on May 19, was thrown from his horse and trampled to death by the seven following horses.

Nothing is reported to be doing better in Sydney among the "classic" candidates than Allsopp's pair, Attalus and Mascara. The latter is said to be growing into a splendid mare.

The Great American Stakes, a five-furlong spin for two-year-olds, 20,000 dols. (£4000) being guaranteed, was run on May 26, and was won by Sir Walter (by Midlothian). Garrison received 2,500 dols. (£500) for his ride.

It will give some idea of the scale on which racing is conducted in Yankeeland to mention that during the 12 days of the Brooklyn meeting in May there were 72 races in which 257 different horses appeared. Fifty-two stables won money, and the total divided up was close on £45,000.

An American paper says:—"Artificial impregnation has been practiced successfully at Saginaw Stock Farm. Out of five applications three were successful, one mare by Coaster, 2min 20sec, producing a filly sired by Sphinx, and two others are heavy with foal. This is the first foal produced by the novel process east of the Rocky Mountains. The mare that produced was repeatedly bred since 1888, and was supposed to be barren. The filly is a strong one and resembles her sire." Of course this could have happened nowhere but in America!

Some serviceable work eventuated at Ellerslie on Monday. The best gallop of the morning was one of six furlongs on the tan at three-quarter pace, in which The Dancer, St. Hippo, and Fabulous took part, all moving well. Fishmonger did three rounds of the tan slow. The five-year-old son of King Cole—Queen Mab and Louie, by Leolinus—Venus Transit, also in Wright's string, were schooled over the hurdles. Fiesole and Calvi did a couple of rounds slowly, and Nile was indulged in similar exercise. Coal-scuttle put in a couple of rounds at half pace. King Cannibal, who is lucky to be almost *redivivus* after his accident, did a good swinging canter once round. Jessica and St. Ella cantered, and Jessica subsequently strode over a mile at half pace.

At Ellerslie, on Tuesday, Coal-scuttle and Fiesole went two miles on the grass gallop, Fiesole pulling up a bit lame. Nile came home with them for six furlongs. King Cannibal and Calvi did a strong working gallop of two miles. St. Hippo and Fabulous compassed two circuits of the tan at half-pace. The Dancer and the King Cole—Queen Mab gelding, did a similar distance on the tan at half-pace. Fishmonger strode over two rounds at a good working pace. Jessica and St. Ella went one round slow, and Louie did two rounds and a half at the same rate.

Some New Zealand equine friends figured at the Victoria Amateur Turf Club's races on the 23rd ult. Culloden, the half-brother to Lochiel, owned by Mr. Gollan, ran unplaced with 8.0 in the Two Year Old Handicap. He was ridden by White. Another of Mr. Gollan's string, Kimberley, failed to carry 12.6 into a place in the Hurdles, in which also Titokowaru, 9.9, was unplaced. The winner was My Jack, with 9.12 up. Messrs. M. and C. Hobbs had Lady Zetland out at the same meeting, but with 7.12 she was beaten out of a shop in the Kambrook Handicap of six furlongs, which went to Mr. Morris Jacobs by the aid of Sheet Anchor's brother Little Bob.

The *Sporting Standard* reports that when the settling over the V.R.C. Grand National was disposed of inquiries were soon circulated about Autonomy for the V.R.C. Derby. All the available money was cleared out at 4 to 1, the son of Chester—Aveline being backed to win about £2000. The backer was willing to go on at the price; but 3 to 1 was the best offer, and business came to a standstill. Inquiries about The Captain elicited the fact that Mr. Cook's colt was second favourite at 6 to 1, and 10 to 1 was on offer about anything else. There was very little speculation on the Melbourne Cup, Malvolio being favourite at 100 to 7, while Strathmore and Zalinski stood on the 100 to 5 mark. Bar these three the quotations ranged from 100 to 4 to 100 to 1 on the field. For the Caulfield Cup 20 to 1 was offered on the field, and the only candidate inquired for was Malolo. In the doubles Autonomy was backed with Malvolio, Zalinski, and other prominent Cup horses.

Cocksfoot, ridden by F. Kingan, again failed to score at Aspendale Park, (Melbourne) on July 19th, running unplaced in the Second Class Handicap, which was confined to horses that had never received more than 50 sovs. in one race. Messrs. M. and C. Hobbs had bad luck with Captain Abram in the Selling Hurdles, for he finished second to Stewpan. F. Cochrane rode him. Alcinous, steered by Cusdin at 7.11, was unplaced in the one mile Aspendale Park Handicap.

The case of Blaikie v. the Auckland Trotting Club was to have come before Mr. Justice Conolly yesterday afternoon, but at the request of plaintiff's counsel it stood over for a fortnight.

Tom Field, who was recently taken over to Australia by C. Stratford, was third in the Second Class Handicap at Mordialloc (Melb.) on July 21, and at the same meeting the old Auckland pony, Secret, annexed the 14hds. Handicap. Alcinous (9.7) did not get a place in the Richfield Welter Handicap.

The two-year-old daughter of Nelson and Sweet Alice was sent over from Takapuna to Ppsom on Monday, to be placed in H. Harrison's hands.

Auckland Tattersall's Club is to be further popularised by the institution of a billiard tournament on the table recently erected by the club. It will take the form of a sweepstake of 15s. each, 200 up; nomination, 5s.; acceptance, 10s. The nomination date is to-morrow week, the 12th inst.; the handicap will be issued on the 17th; and the draw and acceptance are timed for the 19th. The handicapper will be appointed by the club's committee. Play will start on the 22nd inst. I may mention that the club's rooms have during the week been connected with the telephone exchange.

What a solid bit of cast-iron is old Rewi. Once again he has flopped up as a winner, for at Cranbourne (Melbourne), on the 20th ultimo, he beat a field of seven in the Selling Race, 4 furlongs. Leeson, the New Zealand jockey, rode him, and after the race the very aged son of The Mute was bought in at £42.

A few days after Captain Abram had run as mentioned above, he was bought by Mr. T. T. Carslake, the Melbourne trainer.

The Victoria Racing Club's Committee have passed a resolution not to increase the list of registered racecourses within a radius of twenty miles from the Melbourne Post-office.

In another portion of this issue will be found reports of the annual meetings of several leading New Zealand Racing Clubs.

The Rangitikei Hunt Club have issued a programme for their annual Steeplechase Meeting on Thursday, September 1st, and by the bill of fare as advertised in another column it will be seen that they will give 150 sovs. in added money, in addition to a Hunt Cup of 10 sovs. and a Ladies' Bracelet of the same value, while Mr. S. Gibbons gives a cup of the value of 10 sovs. for a Members' Steeplechase. The principal event is the Open Steeplechase of 60 sovs., about three miles, and there is also an Open Hurdle Race of half that value, distance about a mile and a half. The R.H.C., it will thus be seen, cater well for outsiders as well as for the residents in their more immediate neighbourhood. Owners are reminded that nominations for all the principal handicaps close with the secretary, Mr. J. M. Johnston, at the White Hart Hotel, at 9 p.m. on Monday next, and nominators at a distance are further reminded that the telegraph office at Marton closes at 5 p.m.

From a private source I learn that Mr. Kimell, a Wellington amateur rider, will steer Ahua in the Grand National.

Messrs. D. Tonks & Co. announce by advertisement in another column an important sale of buggies to-morrow.

The Auckland Trotting Club are out with the bill of fare for their Spring Meeting, and it is given publicly in another column. The date selected is Saturday, September 24th, and the stake money totals up to £450, divided among seven events, the best of which is the Spring Handicap of 130 sovs, two miles and a half. Nominations close on September 2nd. I notice a very sensible regulation attached to the programme, and it is one which might well be adopted by every club in New Zealand that encourages trotting. It reads thus:—"The committee or stewards may call the owner of a horse at any time or in any manner they may direct to prove the *bona fides* of his horse, and in the event of their not being satisfied, may decline to allow the horse to start or take part in the meeting."

It was mentioned in the SPORTING REVIEW last month that the Hon. J. D. Ormond, the straight-going Hawke's Bay horseowner, was in treaty for the purchase of Chester's son Dreadnought, who won the V.R.C. Derby and Australian Cup in the late Hon. J. White's colours. It will be seen from our Napier correspondent's customary budget in another column that the purchase has now been concluded. The acquisition of such a well-performed and well-bred horse as Dreadnought to a leading stud of this colony is something we can indeed congratulate ourselves upon.

The totalisator and its use and abuse continue to be burning questions in the sporting communities of the colony. In another portion of this issue is published a full report of a debate in the House of Representatives thereon on Tuesday night, and other items of interest bearing on the same subject, collated by the SPORTING REVIEW'S Wellington correspondent.

Just before these pages went to press last week there came to hand a telegram from our Taranaki correspondent, notifying the death of the brood mare Lady Mersey, and it was duly given publicity in these columns. The decease of Lady Mersey (who was dam of Thame, the runner-up for the last New Zealand Cup) leaves Lady Walmsley as the only sister to Carbine in the colonies. This mare is now located here, and visits Tasman as soon as she has foaled to Remus.

I was somewhat surprised to run against Percy Martin in the streets of Auckland on Tuesday. He had just come over from Sydney on the s.s. "Waihora," which takes him South to-day, and he will be present at the C.J.C. Grand National Meeting. Percy looks all the better for his trip of eleven months to Australian climes. He has not had as much luck in Victoria as he would have liked, but he has had a bit of bad fortune to contend against in that most of his team went wrong on his hands, notably Tiraille, Medjidie, Stern-chaser and Mousquetaire. This last named brother to Zalinski went wrong in some inexplicable manner in one of his forelegs and he will require a lengthy spell. While I was chatting with Martin Mr. Morrin came along, and one of that gentleman's first questions was about three colts of his own breeding, Mousquetaire, Zalinski, and Strathmore. Martin told him just what I have said about Mousquetaire, and he stated that Zalinski was none too well at present, and that he had heard a strong rumour that Strathmore was by no means in as good fettle as could be wished. Martin had naturally a good deal to say about his old friend Wally Clifford's lamented death, which of course has occurred since Martin's absence from Hastings. Martin will return to Australia at an early opportunity from Napier, taking over with him some more of Mr. Gollan's horses, and it is very probable that he will take up his permanent abode in Melbourne. On Tuesday afternoon Martin looked up several of his old friends at Ellerslie, and on the following day inspected the Wellington Park stud.

An acceptance of 111 for the Melbourne Cup is something for Mr. Dakin, the V.R.C. handicapper, to be proud of. Nothing of much importance has dropped out, and the race will take a real lot of picking. The correct list of acceptors will be found under our usual heading this week. Scot Free's name was cabled over as an acceptor, but this was a mistake, for, as I mentioned, he was scratched with the secretary of the A.R.C. last week. However, as the scratching was not cabled to Australia but only sent over by letter, this retention of his name in the V.R.C.'s list is easily accounted for.

The first meeting of the Auckland Racing Club's committee for the season will be held to-morrow afternoon.

I would again remind my readers of Messrs. Nolan, Tonks & Co.'s Horse Fair at Hawera on Saturday fortnight, the 20th inst. In addition to the lots I mentioned last week, they will submit the imported stallion Leolinus (sire of Tres Sec, Leos, British Lion, Leopold and other good winners).

Messrs. Hunter & Nolan will sell by auction on the 27th inst. the whole of the live and dead stock belonging to Mr. W. D. Laxon, of Green Mount, who is selling out owing to his lease expiring. There are some young stock to be offered, but apart from that the sale possesses peculiar attractions for all racing men, for among the lots that will come under the hammer is the veteran old 'chaser, Lone Hand. Full particulars appear in another column.

Messrs. A. Buckland and Sons will offer by auction to-morrow, at the Haymarket, at noon, the jumper, Tim—*vide* advertisement in another column.

"Mazeppa" reports that the Dunedin Jockey Club's endeavour to get nominators of horses for the 1893 Champagne to consent to the rehabilitation of certain entries, which owing to the break in the cable came to hand too late, is meeting with success. While in Christchurch recently Mr. Sydney James personally saw the owners there; at any rate all the Canterbury men concerned have subscribed to the validating deed, and several others have also assented to the arrangement proposed. Only four signatures were wanted on July 25th to make the thing complete—those, viz., of Messrs. Brabazon, Knight, McKinnon and White, and it is not thought that these gentlemen will in any way oppose the proposition.

Kimberley's victory in the Hurdle Handicap on the second day of the V.R.C. Winter Meeting was not achieved without some difficulty. There were 21 starters, including Kimberley 11.11, Donald 10.11, Titokowaru 9.10, and Tayforth 9.8. Kimberley's starting price was 10 to 1. Donald, Bando, Star of Erin, and Havilah alternately led till five furlongs from home, where Kimberley drew out from the ruck, and obtaining the lead at the turn for home was winning easily, when at the distance post Brewer brought up The Pioneer with a great run, and the pair rose at the last obstacle simultaneously. Kimberley jumped much the better, and won by a clear length from Buttons, who came very fast in the straight and beat The Pioneer for second money by a neck. Berrigan 7.8 at 5 to 1 and Gresford 8.3 at 6 to 1 were most in demand for the Lawn Handicap, six furlongs. The field included Wild Rose 9.6 and Gladstone 8.12. Gresford was in a good position throughout, and coming away a furlong from home cantered in from The Harbour Light, Berrigan, and the others, running the race in the Newmarket Handicap time of 1min 15³/₄sec. Then came the Grand National Steeplechase, for which the starters were Redcap 13.3, Freeman 12.5, Shanks 11.10, Beggar Boy 11.9, Schoolboy 11.7, Jack's the Lad 11.5, Wellington 11.5, Boulevard 11.3, The Duke 11.1, Confidence 10.10, Esmond 10.10, Rob Roy 10.9, Blister 10.8, Egyptian 10.7, Torrent 10.6, Harrie Auhl 10.1, Macduff 9.11, Rufus 9.10, and Coconut 9.7. According to the *Sporting Standard* the betting did not undergo much alteration from that at the Club the previous evening, as Redcap remained for a long time at 4 to 1, but a strong order coming in for Boulevard saw the top weight retire to 9 to 2, and, bar these two, 10 to 1 could have been obtained. The history of the race may easily be summarised into a very few lines, for Redcap was never further away than fourth, and directly Mr. Cox let go his head he sailed away so far in advance that more than one jockey said to himself "What's the use of chasing that flying stag?" And it was no use, for he won just as easily with his 13.3 as if he had only a feather on his back, and Confidence's jockey, Alf. Reed, must have found the pursuit of the Victorian horse a heart-breaking game. Wellington ran well, but Boulevard destroyed his chance by hurrying his stiles against one of the obstacles. Redcap's victory must be classed amongst the greatest performances of modern times, and stamps the son of Dante and Pandora as the Carbine amongst the jumping division. There can be no doubt (says the same paper) that Redcap had been tried very highly, as Sir Wilfred, Knight, Nooroo, and Duburg were all scratched in his favour.

Sir Hugo was carrying 2st dead weight when he won the Derby.

Colonel North has had the doubtful honour of running last in two successive Derbies with Simonian and El Dorado.

La Fleche's winnings in stakes up to the present amount to £12,385, which leaves a remunerative profit upon the price of 5500 gns. paid for her as a yearling.

E. Power, the well-known Victorian jockey, had the bad luck to be runner-up with his dog Teuton for the Waterloo Purse decided at Digger's Rest, near Melbourne, on the 15th ult.

It is reported that hopes are entertained of the hurdle racer Satyr being able to race again, he is doing so well at Flemington under the care of Mr. Allan, the "vet."

The winter in Christchurch has so far been the worst in respect of weather conditions experienced for some years, so that the trainers at Riccarton have been a good deal impeded in their training operations.

I hear on reliable authority that Mr. D. O'Brien will not return to this colony till after the decision of the Caulfield Cup, in which his mare Florrie is engaged.

According to the financial statement to be presented to the members of the Victoria Racing Club at their annual meeting (which was fixed for last Monday) that body have felt the general depression. The Spring Meeting of 1891 showed a profit of £8770 19s 1d, after paying £28,037 in stakes and £2806 6s 10d in working expenses. Members' subscription fees and entrance fees of new members represent £6162 10s. A sum of £2243 18s 11d has been expended in race-course improvements, and the racecourse maintenance account, including four miles and a half of training tracks, amounts to £5993 3s 6d. The Grand National meeting of 1891 resulted in a loss of £1529 14s 10d.; New Year's Day meeting, 1892, of £218 5s 2d.; Autumn meeting, 1892, £3315 4s 11d, and Queen's Birthday meeting, £423 0s 9d. The statement of liabilities and assets shows a balance of liabilities in excess of assets amounting to £2040 10s 5d. A year ago the balance was £3258 4s 9d assets in excess of liabilities. The total expenses of conducting the year's race meetings amounted to £6750 10s 9d.

The death is announced in Sydney of Mr. W. J. Frank, the well-known sporting adviser "Yorkshireman."

The Queen's stud at Hampton Court comprises 5 stallions, 41 brood mares, and 21 yearlings.

Autonomy heads the list of winning two-year-olds for the past season in Australia. During his career he has scored seven firsts, one second, and one third, his total winnings being £2995. Camoola has won two races, been second once, and third once, and has won £1775, the most of which he got credit for by his Autumn win at Flemington, viz., £1065. Trieste's winning account amounts to £1925, made up of four wins and two seconds. The Captain has scored four wins, two seconds, and three thirds, and won for Mr. S. Cook £1403 in prize-money. Meli, by Newminster—Melodious, has won three races, been second once, and third twice. His performances realised £1197 for his owner. Azim, the well-performed two-year-old colt by Newminster—Zuleika, has only won two races, although he has been placed second five times, and run third on two occasions. His winnings amount to £686.

The New Zealand bred three-year-old Union Flag, by St. George—Red Rose, dropped dead after a gallop at Ballarat the other day. As a two-year-old he won a couple of races in New Zealand, and was then purchased by Mr. C. C. Murray and sent to Melbourne. J. Scobie trained him but he never performed more than moderately. Union Flag was a full brother to that game race-horse The Shah.

Mr. W. R. Wilson, who was present with Mr. "Bravo" Jones and Mr. T. F. Wigley at a Steeplechase Meeting in Paris in June, has forwarded the Adelaide scribe "Trumpator" a programme. It differs from most race cards, inasmuch as a diagram of the course the horses have to go is given after the names, the weights, &c., for each event. The track takes the form of a figure 8, and is very pretty, Mr. Wilson says. The Australians agreed that in the 'chases the pace was undeniable and the jumping perfect, but they were not favourably impressed with the performances of the jockeys. Mr. Wilson was going to the Marden Deer Park sale on June 18th, and doubtless it was there he bought the two mares which are now on their way to Australia. He intends getting back to Melbourne in time for the Caulfield Cup.

A recent decision of the Wellington Resident Magistrate in connection with the betting house raid in that city is thus commented on in the *Queenlander* of July 9th:—"The principles of Justice as understood in New Zealand are of rather a peculiar character. If you may judge from the action of the Wellington Bench in a case of illegal betting that recently came before it, it is there assumed that if an offender has for co-operators in his offence 'persons engaged in the administration of the law,' he is only two-fifths as guilty as he would have been if he had acted without such co-operation. That appears to be the lesson taught by the result of the suit of Regina v. Martin, of Wellington, for illegally laying totalisator odds. Martin's solicitor pointed out that in the defendant's books would be found the names of police officers, justices of the peace, and 'other persons engaged in the administration of the law,' and he considered that Martin was justified in assuming that anything they did was not illegal. The presiding Magistrate thought so too, and announced that whereas he had intended to fine the defendant £50 he would, in consideration of this mitigating circumstance, impose a fine of only £20. Here's comfortable doctrine! I sincerely trust it will be made as widely known as possible—always supposing that the principle holds good in New Zealand only. If it once gets hold of the criminal mind that there is a blessed country where the penalty for illegal acts is reduced by three-fifths, if it can be shown that beaks or bobbies have done the like, we may look for a convergence of crime towards that happy spot that will mean a grateful riddance to us. 'If it can be shown!' I should like to know what offence against the New Zealand Statutes has not been condoned by the example of justices of the peace, policemen and other persons engaged in the administration of the law!"

I mentioned in a previous issue that it was intended to hold a race meeting at Caulfield, Melbourne, in aid of the Melbourne unemployed. An influential subscription list was got up, and the meeting came off on July 12th in beautifully fine weather. The attendance, however, was not quite up to expectations, and according to a leading Melbourne journal "the committee decided that all should pay for the privilege of entering the gates, and there was a good deal of grumbling in certain quarters. With the object of swelling the receipts several trainers included in their entries horses that they had no intention of running, and when they were asked to pay for admission for themselves and their boys, they considered that they were being subjected to an injustice, and more than one trainer scratched his horse and contented himself with a view of the proceedings from the flag." Cocksfoot, who was recently expatriated from New Zealand, ran in T. Cotton's nomination in the Trial Stakes, five furlongs. He was ridden by young Kingan, and carried 7.0, but he was unplaced behind Roseleaf, 7.3. Roseleaf is a three-year-old daughter of Sextant's brother Sunrise, who with only limited opportunities in New South Wales has got some good winners. Paddy, 8.4, ran unplaced in the Bookmakers' Gift, five furlongs and a half, won by Berrigan, 7.7. In this race Titan ran second with 9.0 up, and Hales in the saddle, and but for swerving in the straight, might have reversed the length and a-half verdict recorded against him. Orangeman, 11.3, was unplaced in the Steeplechase, about two miles, won by Liberty, 10.2. The ex-New Zealander Investigator started in the Selling Flat Race, five furlongs, carrying 7.7. He was beaten out of a situation, and his rider (A. Griffiths) was reported by the starter (Mr. G. Watson) for disobedience at the post, and was suspended by the stewards for a couple of months.

The amount of stakes paid away by the Victoria Racing Club over their Grand National Steeplechase Meeting was £7,761. Mr. Bellamy as nominator of Redcap, received the largest share, £3,279. The other principal winners were:—Mr. Chirnside, £539; Mr. W. T. Jones, £478; Mr. I. T. Carslake, £427; and Mr. S. H. Gollan, £338.

Mr. W. S. Cox, jun, who has accomplished the unprecedented feat of riding the same horse, Redcap, twice to victory in the V.R.C. Grand National Hurdle Race and once in the Grand National Steeplechase, is the eldest son of Mr. W. S. Cox, proprietor of the Moonee Valley (Melbourne) racecourse. For some months past he has been taking a rest from active operations in the saddle, but at the beginning of July he steered Mr. Bellamy's Galway to victory in the Amateur Hurdle Race at the Oaklands Hunt Club Meeting.

At the Manchester Whiteside Meeting a promising two-year-old colt made his first appearance in the shape of General Owen Williams' Hautbrion, by St. Simon—Bonnie Lassie. He won the Breeders' Foal Plate of 1,800 guineas with the greatest ease from eight opponents.

The veteran Christchurch trainer, W. C. Webb, (owner of Ruby, Daydream, &c.) met with rather a severe accident the other night, I am sorry to hear. When driving home to Riccarton from Christchurch he ran into a trap standing on the road without lights, when his trap was turned over and himself thrown out, landing on his head. He received a very bad scalp wound and several other cuts and bruises, and was still confined to his bed at latest advices from Christchurch. I hope soon to hear of his complete recovery.

Manoeuvre, the dam of Sir Hugo, the Derby winner, is now in her eighteenth year. She is also the mother of the steeplechaser Flying Column, who was recently sold to go to Germany.

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, Cattanaeh, 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 for Dr. and Cr. and amounts in £ s. d. for items like Creditors Secured, Distressed Jockey Fund, Capital, Profit and Loss, Debtors, Unpaid Subscriptions, Racecourse, New Grand Stand, Derby Stand, Furniture, Working Plant, Savings Bank, Balance in Cash and in Bank, Suspense Account.

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

Table with columns for Dr. and Cr. and amounts in £ s. d. for items like Wages, Salaries, etc., Office Rent, Interest, Onslow Meeting, Tan Gallop, Charges, Property Tax Rates, Insurance, Telephone, Conference, Turf Register, Caretaker's Cottage, Sundry Charges, Balance, Members' Subscriptions, etc., Assumed Names, Registration Colours, Rent of Course and Training Fees.

Table of meeting receipts: First Spring Meeting, Second Spring Meeting, Summer Meeting, Autumn Meeting, Winter Meeting, Spring Meeting, 1893, Summer Meeting, 1893-94, Autumn Meeting, 1893.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

Table showing capital account with columns for Dr. and Cr. and amounts in £ s. d. for items like To amount written off for depreciation, Balance, By Balance 30th June, 1891, Profit for year ending 30th June, 1892.

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

Table of receipts for the first spring meeting: To Nominations, Gates, Grand Stands, Totalisator, Booths.

Table of expenditure for the first spring meeting: By Added Money, Less 5 per cent., Sundry Charges, Balance to Profit and Loss.

SPRING MEETING.

Table of receipts for the spring meeting: To Nominations and Sweeps, Gates, Grand Stands, Booths, Totalisator, Less Tax, Sale of Horse.

Table of expenditure for the spring meeting: By Added Money, Sweepstakes, Less 5 per cent., Sundry Charges, Balance to Profit and Loss.

SUMMER MEETING.

Table of receipts for the summer meeting: To Nominations, Sweepstakes, Gates, Grand Stands, Booths, Totalisator, Less Tax, Sale of Horses.

Table of expenditure for the summer meeting: By Added Money, Sweepstakes, Less 5 per cent., Sundry Charges, Balance to Profit and Loss.

ONSHOW MEETING.

Table of receipts for the onshow meeting: To Nominations, Gates, Grand Stands, Booths, Totalisator, Less Tax, Sale of Horse, Balance to Profit and Loss.

Table of expenditure for the onshow meeting: By Added Money, Sweepstakes, Less 5 per cent., Sundry Charges, Balance to Profit and Loss.

AUTUMN MEETING.

Table of receipts for the autumn meeting: To Nominations, Sweepstakes, Gates, Grand Stands, Booths, Totalisator, Less Tax, Sale of Horse, Balance to Profit and Loss.

EXPENDITURE.

Table of expenditure for the year: By Added Money, Sweepstakes, Less 5 per cent., Sundry Charges, Balance to Profit and Loss.

WINTER MEETING.

Table of receipts for the winter meeting: To Nominations, Gates, Grand Stands, Booths, Totalisator, Less Tax, Sale of Horse.

EXPENDITURE.

Table of expenditure for the winter meeting: By Added Money, Less 5 per cent., Sundry Charges, Balance to Profit and Loss.

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,

there will, I fear, always be a rather too accommodating reply to requests from clubs, who have been either refused by, or who are not within reach of the Metropolitan. The number of pony and trotting races in and around Auckland during the past year has been excessive. And I need hardly say that your club is free from all responsibility in this matter. They used their best efforts to prevent it, but were thwarted by a higher authority. It may not be out of place for me to here mention that in Sydney the pony racing business has increased to such an extent that owners not satisfied with the daylight actually raced their animals at Lillie Bridge by the electric light. And at last the Metropolitan Club in order to endeavour to curtail this excessive pony racing, had to pass drastic and stringent laws in the hope of reducing these meetings. One of the chief arguments against the encouragement to ponies racing is that it is only a "small horse," and that the breeding of a diminutive and stunted class of thoroughbreds should be discouraged. I can well understand the license being granted to use the totalisator for trotting races pure and simple, because trotters are undoubtedly a useful stamp of horse, but trotting races alone do not seem to give the necessary excitement in this city, and hence, in order to minister to the gambling instinct, pony races are mixed with trotting. It is this disturbing element which makes the general public conclude that racing is overdone, and the totalisator has been brought into disrepute, through a too-ready yielding to solicitations, and an inadequate conception of responsibility. My idea is that it is the function of a Metropolitan Club to provide horseracing for the public who have a fondness for this most living of all old English out-door sports, and for those who are prepared to support it when under proper management. It is not the function of any club to do more than give that healthy safety valve to the proclivities of colonists, which, if kept under too much goody-goody subjection, would, inevitably, break out in, perhaps, a much less excusable form. Auckland has gained such a high reputation from horses produced here, largely under the encouragement of high-class racing, that there is no necessity for me to defend the club from the attack that we are developing a spirit of gambling under the pretence that we are improving the breed of horses. It is very questionable if backing horses to win races, under the belief that the chance is worth the risk, is any more a gamble than the hundred and one operations of every-day life in which parties with strong opinions, and under information, stake their money to win or lose by the result. Now-a-days the totalisator makes it less necessary for horseowners to back their horses, as the stakes are, as a rule, so encouraging; and we all know that anyone visiting the racecourse, and who cares to invest on the machine, stands an equal chance—the rich man with the poor one, and *vice versa*. It is in my opinion a far less reprehensible form of gambling to do this in open day, and under cash investments, than to do it under all the inducements of speculating weeks and even months ahead under a credit system with the bookmakers, and when probably the investor had but an outside show of ever having a run for his money. No doubt you have all read with pleasure the excellent speech of Hon. Captain Russell on Mr. Smith's motion, 'That the machine should be abolished.' There was one point, however, that I think was missed, viz., that the public have all the sport, even if they do pay 10 per cent. on their machine investments, without it costing them a shilling to bring the colours to the convincing ground, and if the value of the stakes are to be reduced, which must take place if totalisator investments are to be abolished, and which are not at present complained of by those making them, there will necessarily be less encouragement to breed, and to race, and consequently fewer gatherings on the green sward, where all classes meet and take their pleasant outing. We are not all built to enjoy tea and buns. It is not the use but the abuse of the machine that is wrong, and although we have had something like a Parliamentary picture of Satan reproving sin, I believe that the common sense of the House of Representatives will save it from abolishing the fairest system of betting yet introduced. Of course, whilst the existing uncertainty lasts, the financial future of the club must be doubtful, because the instrument is now our chief source of revenue. We have, however, the solid facts of being in a good monetary position, with practically only one debt, and that made fairly easy to deal with. We have a splendid

property in Ellerslie, admirable in every way as a racecourse, beautiful as a picture and comparable in every respect with the finest courses in England or Australia. I can only hope that my successor will be able to furnish as good a record when we hold our next annual meeting, and I have much pleasure in moving the adoption of the report and balance sheet."

When the Chairman was about to put the motion for adoption of the report and balance sheet, Major George rose and said that it was the first time for several years he had been to a meeting of the club. The Chairman had referred to the good management of the committee during the past year; but some people were thinking of never racing again during the present management, for honest men could hardly take any part in the meetings now. Very grave cases had been passed over, amongst others the Friendship case, which was one of the grossest cases he had ever heard of. There was another case in which one of the officers of the club had distinctly stated that the horse had gone out with proper weights and yet when a change had taken place when it came in nothing was done. The Major then went on to refer at length to the Stranger case, and said that such offences were unfair to those men who ran their horses for pure sport. If they did not protect the straightforward men by punishing those who ran crooked, racing would soon become a sport only suited to low blackguards.

The Chairman pointed out that Major George's trainer and man had turned round completely, and exonerated the accused party.

Mr. Devore commented on several items of the balance sheet, and Mr. Marshall followed in a similar strain. A lengthy discussion of a somewhat recriminatory nature was put a stop to by Mr. Devore moving, "That in the opinion of this meeting full details as to the sundry charges should be printed with regard to this and future balance sheets," which was carried *mem. con.*

Mr. Alison asked if it was the intention of the club to disregard the Rules of Racing, and hold six race meetings in the year, in contravention of the rule limiting the number to five?

The Chairman said no one knew better than Mr. Alison that the extra meeting was a complimentary one to Lord Onslow.

Mr. Alison contended that that was no answer to a direct infringement of the rules.

A difficulty was then raised with reference to Mr. Devore's resolution, some members contending that it was equivalent to stating that the balance-sheet was incorrect, and therefore an adjournment would be necessary to give time to make the necessary alterations.

Mr. Russell said the difficulty might be got over by moving, "That in the present instance Mr. Devore's resolution be given effect to by a more detailed statement of sundry charges being printed and sent out to each member of the club, and that in future the required details be supplied in the balance-sheet." He moved accordingly, and Mr. Devore accepting this, it was carried unanimously.

Mr. Marshall then proceeded to further criticise the balance-sheet, despite several interjections from members, who protested against the time of the meeting being wasted, and after he had finished, the Chairman's motion for the adoption of the report and balance-sheet was carried, subject to the conditions of Mr. Devore's resolution.

The Chairman then proposed the following resolutions, which were carried without any discussion:—1. "That the trustees of the Ellerslie Racecourse be empowered to borrow from the Australian Mutual Provident Society the sum of £10,000 for the term of ten years, at the rate of interest of 9 per centum per annum, reducible to £7 per centum per annum by punctual payment of the interest at the said rate of £7 per centum per annum on the security of the Ellerslie Racecourse, the property of the Auckland Racing Club." 2. "That the mortgage deed, securing the said sum of £10,000 and interest, shall contain all such covenants and conditions as the committee of the said club may authorise, and a power of sale by the mortgagees of the mortgaged property in case of the non-payment of the principal and interest at the times appointed, or on breach or non-observance of any of the covenants or conditions of the mortgage." 3. "That the said trustees are authorised to execute a deed of mortgage containing the above terms." 4. "That the trustees of the said club are authorised to take all necessary steps

to have the land, the property of the said club, brought under the provision of the Land Transfer Act."

Mr. Devore then moved, "That in the opinion of this meeting (1) racing in the provincial district of Auckland is excessive; (2) that the use of the totalisator is excessive; (3) that it be an instruction to the incoming committee to reduce the number of race meetings within this provincial district during the ensuing season, and thereby decrease the use of the totalisator; (4) that racing be centralised at selected centres as much as practicable." Mr. Devore said that there was no doubt that as the Chairman had said, there was too much racing in the Auckland provincial district. He observed that there had been an increase of £17,000 in the amount put through the totalisator, which, he thought, was far too much. The great thing in the way of improvement was to have the racing centralised at selected centres, and at stated times. He then proceeded to show in detail how racing might be centred in certain places in the Auckland district. He said he did not see any reason why the committee of the A.R.C. should not make it known that all clubs should send in their programmes for the season for approval before the end of September. The alterations he suggested would, he was sure, be of distinct advantage to horse owners and to horse breeders.

Mr. Hawkins seconded the motions, which were carried without any further discussion.

Mr. Alison rose to propose the following resolution: "That in the opinion of this club no larger sum than 10 per cent. should be charged on totalisator investments, and that this be a recommendation to the club's incoming committee."

The Chairman ruled that the motion could not be put, as the necessary seven days' notice provided for by the rules had not been given.

A ballot was then taken for the election of four committeemen, with the following result:—Morrin, 46; Dickey, 46; J. Russell, 46; Garrett, 45; Philson, 44; Thompson, 44; and Alison, 14. The retiring members of committee were therefore re-elected.

The customary vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

THE annual meeting of the members of the Wanganui Jockey Club was held at the Rutland Hotel, Wanganui, on Wednesday, July 27th. There was a large attendance, and Dr. Earle presided.

The annual report (a copy of which appeared in last week's issue of the SPORTING REVIEW) was taken as read, and both it and the balance sheet were adopted after the secretary had given an explanation of some of the items appearing therein.

It was decided that an enlarged photograph of the late Mr. H. S. Harrison, the Club's President (whose death was alluded to in the report submitted to the meeting), should be obtained and hung up in the Committee room. Several members referred in feeling terms to the loss the Club had sustained by the death of Mr. Harrison.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of office-bearers for the ensuing year, with the following results:—President, Mr. John Cameron; Vice-President, Dr. Earle; Judge, Dr. Earle; Clerk of the Scales, Mr. Ewen Campbell; Time-keeper, Mr. William Wilson; Clerk of the Course, Mr. C. H. Chavannes; Hon. Surgeon, Dr. Tripe; Stewards, Messrs. A. J. Parsons, A. Higgin, H. N. Harrison, W. Wilson, H. B. Williamson, and Mrs. Conolly and Saunders; Committee (to replace four retiring members), Messrs. William Wilson, Nixon, P. Hogg, and A. Hatrik.

It should be mentioned that Mr. W. T. Owen was proposed for the Vice-Presidency, but stated that while thanking the members for the honour, he was inexorable in his determination to give up the office. He said he was perhaps the oldest member present, and the position was not one for an old man to hold, therefore, for that and other reasons he had decided not to accept office.

The following gentlemen were proposed for membership:—Messrs. H. Y. Lethbridge, A. McDonald, John Anderson, Alfred Smith, and John Mahoney.

It was resolved, "That it be a recommendation to the incoming committee that in framing the programme for the ensuing season not less than £3,200 be given away in added money."

A resolution by Mr. Nixon, "That it

be a recommendation to the incoming committee to eliminate the Hunters' Race from the programme and replace it by some other event that would be likely to be more popular," was lost.

Dr. Saunders suggested that it be a recommendation to the committee that should funds permit, a small portion of the saddling paddock be set apart for the exclusive use of members.

The balance-sheet submitted read as under:—

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Privileges—							
Gates & Grand Stands..	1222	4	6				
Totalisator	£2320	12	0				
Less G. tax	£332	0	2				
				1988	11	10	
Sale of Booths, Cards, etc.		249	11	0			
Entries Account.....					3460	7	4
Grazing Account					1242	0	0
Assumed Names.....					8	2	0
Interest Account					33	15	0
Less Exchange, etc ..					7	12	6
					26	2	6
Registered Colours.....					3	3	0
Members' Subscription					127	19	0
Training Ground Fees					98	5	0
					£4969	1	10

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Stakes Account.....					3168	5	0
Advertising and Printing					164	14	5
Charges Account—							
Rent, Rates and Insurance.....					71	6	0
Less Rent received ..					6	10	0
					64	16	0
Band					25	0	0
Luncheon—3 meetings ..	£28/8/0						
Less Luncheon							
Booth Privileges	£12/0/0						
					16	8	0
Labour and Wages ..					112	19	0
Voted to Conference Delegates.....					12	12	0
Voted to Expenses re Conference					3	15	0
Ambulance Waggon..					6	0	0
General Expenses....					141	5	8
					382	15	8
Improvements Account					845	2	3
Salaries Account—							
Secretary					100	0	0
Custodian					100	0	0
Handicappers					115	0	0
Starter					40	0	0
					355	0	0
Balance to Profit and Loss Acct....					50	4	6
					£4969	1	10

BALANCE-SHEET, JUNE 30, 1892.

Dr.		£	s.	d.
Invested Funds		750	0	0
Accounts due to Club		121	14	0
Balance at Colonial Bank	129	16	6	
Less cheques outstanding	16	13	4	
		113	3	2
Balance of Cash in hand		3	19	3
		£988	16	5
Cr.		£	s.	d.
Derby, 1892.....		47	0	0
Derby, 1893.....		43	0	0
Two-year-old Stakes, 1893		40	0	0
Distressed Jockey Fund		62	0	0
Fines Account.....		35	0	0
Accounts owing by Club		43	0	0
Balance		718	16	5
		£988	16	5

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT, JUNE 30, 1892.

Dr.		£	s.	d.
Amount written off.....		3	0	0
Balance to Profit and Loss, 1892 ..		718	16	5
		£721	16	5
Cr.		£	s.	d.
Balance, as per Statement, 1891		671	11	11
Balance, as per above Account, 1892 ..		50	4	6
		£721	16	5

EGMONT RACING CLUB.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

THE annual general meeting of the members of the Egmont Racing Club was held at the Borough Council Chambers, Hawera, on the 23rd ultimo. There were 24 members present, the chair being occupied by Mr. R. H. Nolan, the vice-president of the Club.

The following report was read: "Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—In moving the adoption of the balance-sheet and statement of accounts, I beg to report as follows upon the progress of the club for the past year. A glance at the balance-sheet will show members that the prosperity of the club has been well maintained. Taking the principal items on the credit side of the balance-sheet, it will be found that they compare with those of last year as follows:

	1891.	1892.	Increase.
Privileges ..	1329	1543	214
Nominations and acceptances ..	559	660	101
Subscriptions ..	125	128	3
Training fees ..	26	37	11

Coming to the debit side of the balance-sheet, the only items calling for special comment are charges £306 and privileges

£213. Under the former heading the principal items are labor, cost of conducting the meetings, and the salaries of the handicapper and starter; also the special item of law costs, £36. Privileges are made up by the two items, totalisator tax and lessors' proportion of gate money. Our stakes for the past season were increased by £80. Profit and Loss Account will show that the club start the coming season with a credit cash balance of £861 18s 7d, as against £405 15s 4d for last year; but against this it must be borne in mind that the club have an outstanding liability of £205 in connection with the Sires' Hack Produce Stakes, referred to hereafter. Since the last balance-sheet was presented, the club have written down the Improvements Account from £1528 to £915, which represents all improvements on the course and property of the club generally. As members are all well aware, your committee recently initiated a race styled the Sires' Hack Produce Stakes, to be run at our Summer Meeting of 1895; and it is hardly necessary for me to refer to the unqualified success which crowned their efforts, horse-owners having responded to the club's liberality with 137 nominations, which, to my knowledge, has never been exceeded for any race in New Zealand. In conclusion, I think the members have every reason to be proud of the financial position and general standing of the club; and I would urge on the in-coming committee the necessity of maintaining that financial position, for as most of you are aware the fate of the totalisator (which is almost our principal source of revenue) is very uncertain at present. I beg to move the adoption of the balance sheet.—W. A. NAIRN, Treasurer.

The balance-sheet for the year ending 30th June, 1892, showed receipts to have been £3099 (including balance in bank last year of £105); the expenditure showed a balance in bank of £80. Profit and Loss—Total, £2843; balance to credit, £861. Assets—£925; liabilities, £224. The property account showed a total asset of £1562.

After a short discussion the report and balance-sheet were adopted.

The chairman expressed his opinion that credit was due to Mr. George Slater for his assistance in formulating the conditions of the Sires' Hack Produce Stakes, and he proposed a vote of thanks to him accordingly, which was seconded by Mr. Heslop and carried. Votes of thanks were also passed to the committee and the auditors.

The chairman said he was sure they would all join in expressing regret at the death of their president, Sir Harry Atkinson. The sad event had caused a vacancy which members were now called upon to fill.

Mr. R. H. Nolan was chosen to the vacant position on the motion of Mr. Davidson seconded by Mr. Heslop. The other officers were elected as follows:—Nice-president, Mr. A. W. Budge; committee, Messrs. J. Goodson, Tonks, Davidson, R. Hicks, Baird, Woodward, Sutton, W. Adamson, Knight, A. Goodson, Fairs; stewards, Robt. Hicks, J. Heslop, J. Wilson, Coutts, Tonks, A. W. Budge, T. Mason, Davidson, H. E. Good, and Dr. Westera; treasurer, Mr. Nairn (re-elected); time-keeper, Mr. Baird; hon. surgeon, Dr. Westera.

The following new members were elected:—Messrs. A. W. Blennerhasset, R. Hirschberg, T. J. Howard, H. N. Liardet, F. Lysaght, A. Bayly, A. C. Atkinson, R. Kilgour, W. C. Symes, F. McGovern, C. E. Brewer, G. E. Wilson, and C. J. Broderwick.

Mr. Budge proposed that a bonus of 15 guineas be voted the secretary, and Mr. Nairn in seconding the proposition spoke of the large amount of work done by the secretary. The motion was carried unanimously, and Mr. Brett, in returning thanks, said it was a labour of love to him, and his work with the club had been characterised by perfect unanimity.

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB.

(BY WIRE—FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

NAPIER, August 1.

At the annual meeting of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club to-day the Committee reported that last year the Bank overdraft was £923, but this year they had a credit balance of £223, and with amounts owing to the Club and another good asset they were £306 to the good. The successful meetings held had enabled them to pay off the Bank. The Club's revenue from all sources showed a substantial increase, and members would see that the institution was advancing in popularity. Owing to the increased attendances at all meet-

ings additional accommodation for the public was now being provided in the grandstand and paddock. The Committee trusted that the proposed rules to govern the N.Z. Jockey Club would be passed at the next Conference of delegates to be held in November.

The balance-sheet showed that the receipts for the Spring Meeting were £1,860 and expenditure £1,445; for the Summer Meeting, receipts £943, expenditure £550; for the Autumn Meeting, receipts £2,419, expenditure £1,532; for the Winter Meeting, receipts £1,057, expenditure £714. Members' subscriptions collected were £452 and the total receipts £7,663 11s. 10d. The Government tax on the totalisator amounted to £502. The Club's liabilities (mortgage to A. M. P. Society not yet due) were set down at £6,050, while the assets total £11,106 14s. 6d.

Capt. Russell alluded to the highly satisfactory position of the Club, which was, he said, in a better financial condition than it had been for years past. The report and balance-sheet were unanimously adopted.

The following officers were elected:—President, Capt. Russell; Treasurer, Mr. James Lyon; Committee, Messrs. W. Douglas, G. P. Donnelly, T. H. Lowry, H. Mason, H. Gaistford, G. Hunter, F. Logan, W. Shrimpton, and the Hon. J. D. Ormond.

Votes of thanks to Mr. Fitzroy and Dr. Russell, retiring committeemen, were passed and eighteen new members were elected.

At a Committee meeting afterwards Messrs. R. Harley and S. H. Gollan were elected gentlemen riders. Mr. W. Beilby was appointed Clerk of the Scales vice Mr. R. L. Williams resigned. A bonus was asked by the proprietors of the *Turf Register* towards publication of that production, and the Committee, while agreeing to support the *Register*, decided to defer the question of the bonus until after the book is published.

It was decided, on the motion of the Hon. J. D. Ormond, to give notice of motion for the next Conference as follows:—"That rules for the registration and employment of trainers and jockeys be submitted for adoption at the next Conference."

The minutes of the Wellington Conference of Metropolitan Clubs were read, when it was resolved, "That the Committee approve of the notice of motion given by Dr. Earle for the next Conference, viz.: 'The totalisator shall not be used by any club that has a race of less value than 25 sovs. on its programme, and that the added money to be given shall not be less than £150; two meetings £300; three meetings £500; more than three meetings £600 per diem,' and will instruct their delegates to support it."

It was resolved that Mr. Eivott's salary as handicapper be increased to £150 per annum.

The Committee then considered the programme for the ensuing season, when it was decided that the sum of £4,000 be given in added money. This is an increase of £200 on last year. The Spring Meeting was fixed for Monday and Tuesday, 3rd and 4th October, and last season's programme was adopted, with the addition of 25 sovs to the Flying Handicap. The Hawke's Bay Guineas for 1894 was fixed at 300 sovs., nominations for present yearlings being due on October 11th. The Summer Meeting was fixed for December 26th, and last season's programme adopted, with an increase to the Christmas Handicap of 25 sovs. March 16th and 17th were appointed for the Autumn Meeting, and last year's programme was approved, with 25 sovs. each additional to the Autumn, Railway and March Handicaps, and the Place Handicap gives place to the Farewell Handicap of 70 sovs., seven furlongs—winner of March Handicap to carry 5lb extra and winner of the Burke Memorial Stakes 7lb extra. The Winter Meeting will be held on June 23rd, when 10 sovs. each additional will be given to the Amateur Steeple, Welter Handicap and Maiden Steeple. The 10 sovs. in the Amateur Race is to go to the second horse. The events in the Winter programme are also differently placed this year, coming off as follows: Hurdles, Bracelet, Steeplechase, Amateur Steeple, Welter, and Maiden.

For the French Derby, run on May 28, there were 11 starters. Of Baron A. de Schickler's two colts, Chene Royal and Fra Angelico, the first named had the market call at 2 to 1, and with the issue fought out by the pair, the verdict was a length in favour of the son of Narcisse, who covered the course (one mile and a half) in 2min 34sec. The value of the stakes was £5027.

THE TOTALISATOR.

DEBATE IN THE HOUSE.

(BY WIRE—FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

WELLINGTON, Tuesday night.

THERE was quite an interesting debate on the vexed question of the totalisator shortly before the House rose for dinner this evening.

The Hon. Mr. Mitchelson opened the ball by asking the Government if they would introduce a bill to regulate the use of the totalisator, and prevent the abuses to which it is now being subjected.

In reply the Premier stated that the Government had no information before them to enable them to deal with this question. The Metropolitan Clubs had the power to regulate the use of the totalisator, and if not they should come to this House and ask for legislation on the subject. The real question was not whether the totalisator should be regulated but whether it should be abolished, and the Metropolitan Clubs must see that if it was not regulated it must be abolished. The House, he thought, should not be called upon to legislate until the clubs had come to a sense of their position in regard to this matter.

Mr. Mitchelson then asked whether in the event of the Metropolitan Clubs promoting certain regulations, would the Government, through its Colonial Secretary, give effect to those recommendations?

The reply was that the Government were prepared to give such recommendations every consideration. They could say no more at present.

Mr. Jackson Palmer hoped the House would not be guided by the action of the clubs, which he thought ought not to govern the whole of the racing in New Zealand. No doubt there was a good deal of abuse of the totalisator, but the better plan would be for the Colonial Secretary to revise the regulations so that no totalisator should be allowed to any club that did not give £400 in prizes on every racing day.

Mr. R. Thompson declaimed against the increase in gambling in New Zealand. The people in Auckland lived by gambling and horseracing, and the only way to stop the abuses would be to stop the totalisator.

Dr. Newman agreed that there was a good deal of necessity for reform in this direction. Race meetings were too frequent in New Zealand. In Auckland they could have a race meeting every Saturday if they liked, and the only people who wanted such a state of things were those who made a living by it—the "hawks," and if something were not done it would be found necessary to abolish the totalisator.

The discussion then concluded.

Colonel Fraser's Gaming and Lotteries Act Amendment Bill, which was introduced into the House of Representatives last week, had for its object the legalisation of sweeps and consultations under certain restrictions. After its introduction it was found that the mover was out of order as a private member in bringing in a Bill which was intended to raise revenue, and it has consequently been withdrawn.

Mr. W. L. Rees' Bill for the abolition of the totalisator was read a first time last week, and is set down for the second reading on Thursday next. I notice, however, by the Order Paper that the Bill is not "numbered," which implies that it is not yet printed, so that it is hardly likely it will come on for discussion for some time yet. Mr. Rees is very sanguine about the success of his bantling, but the general opinion is that he has not the ghost of a chance of getting it through this session.

A manifesto in the opposite direction from Mr. C. Hood Williams of Canterbury, setting forth the benefits conferred by the "machine" on the community in general and the racing clubs in particular, is being published in the *N.Z. Times*. It is supposed to emanate from the Canterbury J.C., which of course would be largely affected by the loss of revenue involved in the abolition. Mr. Williams gives some interesting particulars of the working of the pari-mutuel in France, and lays great stress upon the amount which is set apart out of the commission for charitable aid.

In London on June 13, £1000 even was betted on Ormo, La Flèche and Sir Hugo mixed for the St. Leger, and Orme was backed straight-out at 4 to 1, while 1000 to 60 against The Smew, 2000 to 100 against Mr. Cooper's colt The Lover, and 2000 to 30 against Hatfield was also noted down.

THE BETTING MARKET.

In local betting circles there are only a few transactions to record on the Grand National Meeting, and those are confined to double betting, backers evidently waiting for the declaration of final acceptances. For the Steeples Norton, Couranto and Whalebone are in most favour, and for the Hurdles Norton, Couranto and Waterbury. Whisper has been nibbled at for the N.Z. Cup, but the Melbourne and Caulfield Cup betting is practically a dead letter.

Our Wellington correspondent writes that there is nothing fresh in the betting world to report from there, except that Don Pedro has been backed quietly for the N.Z. Cup for all the money in the market, at 100 to 6 and 100 to 7.

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