

THE OFFICIAL CALENDAR

OF THE AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

The Sporting Review has been appointed the Official Calendar for the publication of all programmes in the Provincial District of Auckland, in terms of Rule 17 of the Rules of Racing.

Rule 17 reads:—"The programme of each meeting in which the added money is £100 or upwards must be advertised in full once at least in the Official Calendar. The advertisement shall show that the programme has been approved by the Jockey Club, shall state the days on which the meeting is to begin and end, and the names of the stewards, judge, starter, clerk of the scales, and handicapper."

All notifications for the future published in this column are so published under the authority of the Auckland Racing Club, and are binding on country clubs and others, who must therefore duly note the same.

ASSUMED NAMES.

The following assumed names are registered with the Auckland Racing Club:—Mr. L. Ward, Mr. J. Hawatson, Mr. J. Malcolm, Mr. Marangai, Mr. J. Forth, Mr. W. Turner, Mr. B. Thompson, Mr. J. Dennis, Mr. J. Lowther, Mr. J. Sutton, Mr. C. Archibald, Arthur Morgan.

COLOURS.

(Registered with the Auckland Racing Club.)

- Mr. Marangai ... First colours—The Huia: Black jacket, old gold collar, white armlets, black cap, white peak. Second colours—Pink jacket, black cap.
Mr. J. Forth ... Blue body, white sleeves and sash, blue and white cap.
Mr. J. Malcolm ... Black body, pink sleeves and cap.
Mr. A. J. Wilson ... White jacket, yellow sash, and white cap, yellow tassel.
Mr. B. Thompson ... All red.
Mr. John Dennis ... Chocolate jacket, gold cap.
Mr. J. Lowther ... Blue jacket, white sleeves and cap.
Mr. J. Marshall ... All black.
Mr. T. Morrin ... Black and amber stripes, black cap.
Mr. W. Bobbett ... Black jacket, amber sash, white cap.
Mr. R. Burke ... Black body, gold sleeves and cap.
Mr. A. Buckland ... Black and white stripes.
Major F. N. George ... Black and white hoops.
Mr. N. Dickey ... Blue and white hoops, blue cap.
Mr. L. D. Nathan ... Pale blue jacket and cap, black sash.
Mr. W. Turner ... Sky blue and white stripes, white cap.
Mr. W. Robertson ... Chocolate body, gold sleeves and Mr. T. B. Bell ... Terra cotta and blue [cap].
Mr. D. McKinnon ... Maroon body, gold sleeves.
Mr. H. H. Hayr ... Salmon and blue hoops.
Mr. W. Walters ... Rose and white stripes.
Mr. S. Cotton ... Primrose jacket, blue sash and cap.

PROGRAMMES PASSED.

- Waikato Hunt Club Spring, October 8.
Pakuranga Hunt Club Spring, October 22.
Poverty Bay Turf Club Spring, October 18 and 19.
Gisborne Racing Club's Spring, November 9.
South Auckland Racing Club Summer, Dec. 16 and 17.
Matamata Races, December 26.
Waerenga-a-Hika Summer, December 26.
Thames Jockey Club's Summer, December 27 and 28.
Ormond Races, January 2.
Poverty Bay Turf Club Summer, January 10 and 11.
Papakura Races, March 17.
Waerenga-a-Hika Winter, May 24.

DISQUALIFICATIONS.

The following disqualifications by the Te Aroha Jockey Club have been endorsed by the A.R.C.:—That the horse Arawa, or Emmett, be disqualified for life, and that Mr. Grant be disqualified during the pleasure of the Club.

REMOVAL OF DISQUALIFICATION.

The disqualification of Mr. R. May for betting totalisator odds was removed by the Auckland Racing Club on September 16.

UNPAID FORFEIT LIST.

G. Hope, £12, due to Auckland Racing Club.

The Committee of the Auckland Racing Club meet on the first Friday in each month to pass programmes and transact general business.

WM. PERCIVAL, SECRETARY.

LIST OF RACING CLUBS UNDER A.R.C.'S JURISDICTION.

Table with 2 columns: Club and Secretary. Lists various racing clubs and their respective secretaries.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

In every case correspondents must enclose their correct names and addresses but not for publication, as no notice whatever can be taken of anonymous communications. The Secretaries of Racing, Rowing, Cricket, Football, Tennis, Polo, Yachting, Bicycle, Dramatic—in short of any and every kind of Athletic, Sporting, and Dramatic Clubs are cordially invited to send us any information that may be of interest to the public and of use in furthering their interests. The Editor will at all times be willing to do his best to answer any questions or decide any disputes on matters of sporting or general interest. All communications respecting subscriptions or advertisements should be addressed to the Manager.

SPORTING FIXTURES, ETC.

COMING EVENTS.

- Oct. 3, 4 ... Hawke's Bay J.C. Spring.
Oct. 5 ... Hawke's Bay Trotting Club.
Oct. 8 ... Waikato Hunt Club Spring.
Oct. 11, 12 ... Napier Park R.C. Spring.
Oct. 15 ... Onslow Trotting Club.
Oct. 18, 19 ... Poverty Bay Turf Club Spring.
Oct. 20, 21 ... Wanganui Jockey Club Spring.
Oct. 22 ... Pakuranga Hunt Club Spring.
Nov. 8, 9, 12 ... Canterbury Jockey Club's Spring.
Nov. 9 ... Gisborne Racing Club's Spring.
Nov. 9, 10 ... Auckland Racing Club's Second Spring.
Nov. 18, 19 ... Wellington Racing Club's Spring.
Nov. 26 ... Takapuna Jockey Club Summer.
Dec. 8 ... Avondale Jockey Club Summer.
Dec. 16, 17 ... South Auckland R.C. Summer.
Dec. 26 ... Hawke's Bay J.C. Summer.
Dec. 26, Jan. 2, 3 ... Auckland Racing Club's Summer.
Dec. 26 ... Matamata Races.
Dec. 26 ... Waerenga-a-Hika Summer.
Dec. 26, 27 ... Manawatu R.C.'s Summer.
Dec. 28 ... Drury Races.
Jan. 2 ... Ormond Races.
Jan. 10, 11 ... Poverty Bay Turf Club Summer.
Jan. 17, 18 ... Gisborne Racing Club's Summer.
Jan. 23, 24 ... Wellington Racing Club's Summer.
Jan. 28, 30 ... Takapuna Jockey Club Summer.
Mar. 16, 17 ... Hawke's Bay J.C. Autumn.
March 17 ... Papakura Races.
March 17 ... Ohinemuri Races.
April 3, 4 ... Auckland Racing Club Autumn.
April 8 ... South Auckland Racing Club Autumn.
May 24 ... Takapuna Jockey Club Winter.
June 23 ... Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter.

AUSTRALIAN EVENTS.

- 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.

- Oct. 1 ... Poverty Bay Turf Club.
Oct. 4 ... Wanganui J.C. Spring.
Oct. 7 ... Pakuranga Hunt Club.
Oct. 28 ... Auckland R.C. Summer.
Nov. 11 ... Auckland Guineas, 1894.
Nov. 25 ... South Auckland Racing Club Spring.
Dec. 2 ... Waikato Produce Stakes 1894-5.
Dec. 2 ... Novel Race, South Auckland Spring.
Dec. 14 ... Ormond Jockey Club.
Dec. 16 ... Auckland R.C. Summer.
1893.
Jan. 13 ... G.N. Derby and Foal Stakes, 1894-5.

WEIGHTS APPEAR.

- Sept. 30 ... Onslow Trotting Club.
Oct. 6 ... Poverty Bay Turf Club.
Oct. 7 ... Auckland R.C. Second Spring.
Oct. 11 ... Pakuranga Hunt Club.
Oct. 13 ... Wanganui J.C. Spring.
Oct. 31 ... Auckland R.C. Second Spring.
Dec. 1 ... Auckland Cup and Steeple.
Dec. 2 ... South Auckland Racing Club Spring.
Dec. 19 ... Auckland R.C. Summer.
Dec. 27 ... Ormond Jockey Club.

ACCEPTANCES DUE.

- Oct. 1 ... Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's Spring.
Oct. 7 ... Onslow Trotting Club.
Oct. 10 ... Poverty Bay Turf Club.
Oct. 14 ... Pakuranga Hunt Club.
Oct. 17 ... Wanganui J.C. Spring.
Oct. 28 ... Auckland R.C. Second Spring.
Nov. 4 ... Auckland R.C. Second Spring.
Nov. 8 ... Auckland Guineas.
Nov. 9 ... South Auckland Racing Club Spring.
Dec. 9 ... Auckland Cup and Steeple.
Dec. 16 ... Waikato Produce Stakes.
Dec. 16 ... Auckland R.C. Summer.
Dec. 24 ... Auckland Foal Stakes.
Dec. 28 ... Ormond Jockey Club.

HUNTING.

PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB FIXTURE. Every Wednesday at Otahuhu, at 11 a.m. Oct. 1 ... Mrs. A. K. Taylor's, Mount Albert. W. PERCIVAL, Master. HARRY H. HAYR, Hon. Sec.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

Table with 2 columns: Duration and Rate. 3 Months ... 3/-, 6 Months ... 6/-, 12 Months ... 10/- Payable in Advance.

Sporting Review.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1892.

A QUESTION bids fair to be threshed out in the South Island which it is quite time was definitely settled. We refer to the liability of investors on the totalisator on horses which win races and are then disqualified on technical grounds. At the Ashburton Hunt Club's meeting about a month back there was the inevitable hack race on the programme, open to horses that had never competed in a hack race previously. Emperor won, and a protest was entered against him on the ground that he was not eligible to compete, as he had previously been entered for hack races. The stewards upheld the protest—they had no alternative, records of Emperor having started in hack races being produced—disqualified Emperor, and gave the stakes to the second horse. Thereupon several of the investors on Emperor in the totalisator clamoured for a return of the money invested by them, but the stewards could not listen to them, as the rules of the totalisator (which by the way are incorporated with the Rules of Racing) distinctly state that dividends follow stakes. One of the investors on Emperor subsequently wrote to the committee of the Canterbury Jockey Club, under whose jurisdiction the Ashburton Hunt Club's meeting was held, asking them to order the A.H.C. to refund the money invested on Emperor. The C.J.C.'s committee have referred the matter back to the Hunt Club for explanation, they apparently not being able to find any precedent for over-riding the totalisator rules. But it does really seem rather hard that those people who invested on Emperor should lose their money. One of the most fundamental of the laws of betting is that "in all bets there must be a possibility to win when the bet is made; you cannot lose when you cannot win." This was entirely the predicament of Emperor's backers—they could

not win because the horse was ineligible to compete in the race. While we do not see how in the face of the Rules of the Totalisator the Ashburton Hunt Club could have taken the money invested on Emperor out of the pool and returned it to the backers of that horse, the question of principle is a wide one, and we think it is time that the rights of backers who lose their money over a horse on whom they could not have won—as in the case of Emperor's supporters—should be legislated upon. Backers cannot be expected to carry the performances of every horse—and especially a so-called "hack"—in their heads. The clubs by using the totalisator openly invite the public to bet, and the public are entitled to have a chance of winning, the same as they would in an ordinary bet with a bookmaker. The Totalisator Rules in this respect stand sadly in want of amendment, and we hope the Emperor case will be the means of the law being altered so that backers will not lose their money in the way they did at Ashburton.

A PECULIAR case of disqualification occurred at the Otago Hunt Club races, held under the auspices of the Dunedin Jockey Club the other day. In the Trotting Handicap Dexterina, ridden by her owner, a Mr. McMullen, came in first, but was protested against on rather uncommon grounds. It appeared that on his way back to scale, after he had won the race, a trotting boot which Dexterina had been wearing during the contest and which she had got rid of while trotting, was handed to by Mr. McMullen by an employe of the Club named Conn, and received by him. A protest was lodged against Mr. McMullen on the ground that he had committed a breach of the rule which states that "if a jockey touch (except accidentally) any other person or thing other than his own equipments before weighing-in, his horse may be disqualified." When the stewards met to consider the protest, Conn acknowledged that he had handed the boot to Mr. McMullen, but he said that he was not aware he had done anything wrong. Mr. McMullen's explanation was that he did not know the boot had been dropped, and that when a man approached to hand him something he received it without knowing what it was till he had it in his hand. The stewards, however, decided to disqualify Dexterina for the race and give the stakes to Lizzie, who had finished second. Hard lines this for Mr. McMullen, we think. Certainly he committed a technical breach of the rule, but it was done with no fraudulent intent so far as we know, and it will be observed that the rule only says that the offending party "may be" disqualified. The power given to the stewards is a discretionary and not a mandatory one, and for this reason we are strongly of opinion that in the face of all the circumstances, the stewards should have exercised their discretionary power, have let Mr. McMullen off with a caution for his ignorance, and have given Dexterina the stakes.

Amid the Thoroughbreds

A LOOK THROUGH WELLINGTON PARK.

[By "SIR LAUNCELOT."]

My first visit to Wellington Park was as my readers will remember, reported in the SPORTING REVIEW of August 25, but it was only done in brief form, for my visit at the time in conjunction with Mr. J. McNicol of Waikato and several other lovers of the thoroughbred was but a hurried one. When on that occasion in my innocence I produced my note book and started to jot down my impressions of the yearlings, Mr. Morrin exclaimed, "Put up your book, 'Sir Launcelot'; you and I must have a quiet day together and go over the whole establishment." And so I looked forward to a great treat, and, as the sequel will show, I was not disappointed. Mr. Morrin and I did have a quiet day together at Wellington Park on Thursday last—a day that might have been a little nicer from a meteorological aspect, but which was otherwise the most pleasant, for I was on a congenial theme to me—the home of the infant thoroughbred, and with no one to worry us by questions not pertinent to the subject I enjoyed the way in which Mr. Morrin performed the duties of guide, philosopher and friend, and his talk on strains of blood and the "nicks" thereof—arguments on which he takes a lot of beating. And, in short, I spent one of the most pleasant days I have ever enjoyed in the course of my numerous strolls in Australia and New Zealand—a day spent among congenial surroundings,

in the presence of some of the most celebrated brood mares to be found south of the Line—a day that will ever remain a green spot in my memory as the first occasion on which I had a look through the Wellington Park Stud.

The location of Wellington Park about 12 miles from Auckland, the drive thereto and the pretty surroundings of this home of the thoroughbred are themes that have been "done" so often by the journalist—sporting and otherwise—that I will not enlarge upon them, but proceed at once to a narration of what I saw when I got to the Park. Mr. Morrin greeted me heartily, and we commenced with an inspection of the yearlings. The first I saw was a daughter of Castor—a filly out of Necklace, one of the best mares that ever sported silk in New Zealand. This a very evenly-shaped filly, not perhaps likely to furnish into a particularly big one, but she will show all the quality of her dam with plenty of power. She is a chestnut in colour, with white hind feet. The next box was occupied by a grey filly by Nordenfeldt out of Maid of Athol (dam of Krupp, Soudan, Kotuku, Scots Grey and Queen of Trumps). This filly is a dark grey in colour, and, I am told, closely resembles her now two-year-old sister Norsemaid, for whom the Hon. J. D. Ormond gave 280 gns. She will be a good-sized raking filly, and possesses plenty of length, but might be a bit better turned in the barrel. A great slashing young lady is the filly by Hotchkiss out of Radiant (dam of Lustre), and Radiant is a full sister to Quadrant, being by Robinson Crusoe out of Radiance. With plenty of size and power and big bone and a nice level back, I liked this filly very much. Her half-sister Lustre has already shown the possession of a good turn of foot. The next lot should realise a good price in any case, more especially if Crackshot win the New Zealand Cup—which is well within the bounds of probability—for she is a full sister to Crackshot. She resembles him in colour, but will never, I should say, be quite as tall as he. She is nicely coupled, girths well, and has fine driving power to send her along, and as there has never been a living brother to Crackshot, and it is not likely there will be another sister now that Nordenfeldt is in Australia, this filly should set many a bidder's head nodding to a good tune when she enters the sale ring. Formo, the daughter of Sterlingworth and Pulchra (dam of Lady Evelyn and St. Clair) is represented by a daughter of Nordenfeldt—her first foal. Like her dam and all the Pulchra stock this yearling filly is on the small side, but in another respect she also resembles them—she is brimful of quality from her head to her tail. Be it remembered she is bred very like St. Clair, who was a good honest racehorse, and she has got the valuable addition of the Sterlingworth (sire of Scot Free) strain thrown in, and what could be better than his blood?—by Sterling (sire of Isonomy) out of Cailliantwallah, by Newminster—Lady Gough, by Launcelot (brother to Touchstone). Then again, Pulchra is by Rosicrucian (a great English racer) out of Formosa (who performed the unprecedented feat of dividing the Two Thousand Guineas, and winning the One Thousand, Oaks and Leger) by Buccaneer—Eller, by Chanticleer out of Ellerdale's dam. Even if this filly never raced a yard—and she has every indication of being able to race to a good tune, and coming early as a two-year-old—she should be invaluable as a brood mare with such strains of blood in her possession. Nordenfeldt is also responsible for the paternity of the next filly I saw—a daughter of Bianca, an Australian-bred mare by Black Eagle (son of Yattendon) out of Bessie, by Angler (sire of Onyx) out of Scraps, by Lord of the Hills (imp.)—Ragpicker (sister to Sylvia). This is a strongly-built filly, not remarkable perhaps for quality, but all there for power and strength, and a real well-bred one to boot. This is Bianca's third foal to Nordenfeldt, and her now two-year-old was bought by Mr. Gollan for 560 gns. I have heard good accounts of him from Napier. The filly by Castor out of the Anteros—Albatross mare Gannet (dam of Brigand) has thrown back to her grandsire Anteros in colour, being a chestnut. She has immense substance, and is a great commanding filly that may want time, but looks all over like racing, and I liked her very much. And now came up for inspection what should, as there is no son nor daughter of Frailty to be offered, prove to be the highest priced yearling at the forthcoming sale—the sister to Strathmore by Nordenfeldt—Ouida. This filly is like her brother, a whole brown with a white star in her forehead. She is perhaps a bit over-