

A CASE that seems likely to stand as a precedent for all time in racing matters—to become almost as famous as the *Wood v. Leadbitter* case—has just been decided by an American Court of law. This was what is known as 'the Huron case.' The colt Huron, when sold as a yearling, was engaged in the Futurity Stakes. The vendor afterwards struck him out, but the buyer claimed to have bought the colt with this engagement, and applied to the Coney Island Jockey Club to let Huron run. This permission was refused by them, they holding that Huron had not been sold with his engagements. Mr E. Corrigan, the colt's owner, then obtained a mandatory injunction from the court compelling the club to allow his colt to start. Huron did start and finished second, but the officials refused to consider him as a participant in the race, and paid the second money to the owner of the horse which finished third. Mr Corrigan then sued the Club for second money and, pending the decision of this suit, the Coney Island Club appealed from the order which granted the injunction. The Full Court decided that Huron was not entitled to start in the Futurity Stakes, and consequently the action against the Club for second money fell to the ground. This decision thus once more reaffirms the declarations which have been made over and over again by our judges that the decisions of racing tribunals will not be overridden by them unless under compulsion of very strong reasons.

Inter-Provincial

[FROM OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

WANGANUI

January 13.

DURING Christmas and New Year holidays the racing on this coast was very plentiful, there being no less than six days racing out of nine, all of which were held within seventy miles of Wanganui. All of these meetings were largely patronised by the public, the trains being crowded by visitors from all parts of the coast, which tends to show what a hold racing has taken on most of the people in New Zealand. The racing throughout was of a high order, the finishes in most of the events being very close and interesting. No accidents occurred during the whole of the week's racing, and the only inconvenience the visiting public had to put up with was the want of accommodation, all the hotels and boarding houses being crowded out.

The first club to commence proceedings was the Manawatu Racing Club, whose gathering took place on Boxing Day and the day after. The weather was fine, but a strong wind was blowing which made things a little uncomfortable, but, nevertheless, the attendance numbered far more than has ever been on the Manawatu course before, while the speculation in the machines was very brisk indeed, the total investments for the first day amounting to £5030, and I feel sure that it would have been a great deal more had the proprietors of the machine (Messrs Stock and Cohen) been a bit quicker in the working. As it was a great deal of dissatisfaction was expressed all over the lawn, there being complaints made that several tickets had been issued without being stamped, and, when they happened to be on a winning horse, payment was refused. Mr C. C. Miles, the club's secretary, carried out his duties in a first-class manner, there being no hitch during the whole of the meeting. The starting was done by Mr R. Stevens, who succeeded very well indeed in his efforts at getting his fields away together.

The Telegraph Stakes opened the meeting, for which six faced the starter's flag, Torpedo being made favourite, but the winner turned up in Poinsettia (a 5yr old ch m by Ascot—Mistletoe), who defeated Torpedo by half a length, although I fancy that if Torpedo had been a little better handled he must have won. Five started in the Hurdles, which was won by Gladius, Songster second and Othello, on whom George Hope had the mount, a good third. The race of the meeting was the Palmerston Cup, 1½ miles, for which nine horses went to the post, and one of the best races seen on this coast for some time was witnessed, and most of the contestants had a strong following of backers, the totalisator registering over £1300 when the flag fell, the favourite being Retina, and then came Liberator and Rangipuhi. The race itself was a good one, and on entering the straight for the run home it was seen that the three favourites were in the van and were all at it, but half way down the straight

Liberator shot out and eventually won rather easily by a couple of lengths in 2min 45 1-5 sec, paying the acceptable dividend of £6 1s. If Rangipuhi had not have got the worst of the start besides being interfered with during the race I feel certain that he would have been returned the winner, and, as it was, he had his revenge at Rangitikei the following week. The Tradesmen's Handicap was won rather easily by Paradox with Musket second.

On the second day proceedings opened with the Summer Handicap, seven furlongs, Torpedo being a warm favourite, but he had to give way to Ngatioma (a 4yr old b m by Torpedo—Escape), who had no difficulty in winning as she liked at the finish, and should be heard of later on in longer distance races. Gladius again won the Hurdles defeating his only opponent Songster. The President's Handicap, 1¼ miles, was the principal event on the second day's programme, the winner turning up in Rangipuhi, with Retina second and La Petite Fille third. Time, 2min 15sec. The wind up of the gathering was the Farewell Handicap, one mile, which was won by Swordbelt with Torpedo second, the time being 1min 49 2-5 sec. This brought the meeting to a close, which was a most successful one, the total amount that went through the machine being £9280 for the two days. I hear that the Club makes about £700.

The Ashhurst-Pohangina Jockey Club held their gathering on the Wednesday following the Manawatu R.C., when fully 1000 spectators were present. A good day's sport was the result, some of the races being very close. £2674 was put through the machine, which was worked by Messrs Stock and Cohen. Lady Isabelle succeeded in pulling off a double, which seemed to be a very popular win. For the Manawatu Gorge Handicap, 1½ miles, the winner turned up in Karamea, a bay gelding by Tim Whiffler—Kate Coventry, who had no difficulty in disposing of his six opponents, the favourite in the race being Pennant who could only get third. At the fall of the flag Pennant took up the running with Karamea as his nearest attendant. After a mile had been covered the first-named dropped back and Karamea went to the front, and coming on full of running won comfortably as he liked. Time, 2min 54 3-5 sec.; dividend, £7 4s. The Pohangina Handicap was annexed by Mr W. Lemon's br g Mairua, by Somnus—Polly, who was runner up to Lady Isabelle in the Flying Handicap. He is a 4yr old gelding and, to judge by his looks, I fancy he will make a name for himself before the season is over. Karamea was again successful in the Stewards' Handicap, 1½ miles, in which he defeated three opponents.

WELLINGTON.

[BY WIRE.]

January 17th.

SEVERAL brood mares belonging to Messrs S. H. Gollan and W. Rathbone, of Hawke's Bay, arrived from Christchurch by the Warrimoo on Friday last. They have been visiting Medallion and Apremont. They left for their owner's station by the morning train on Saturday. The mares are Florence McCarthy, Escalade, Miss Rawdon, Watersprite, and Fair Nell. The two former have foals at foot by Maxim, and the latter foals by Apremont. H. Thomson and M. Goodger were in charge of the mares.

The Wellington entries which were sent astray and were accepted, are as follows:—Anniversary Handicap—Hon. J. D. Ormond's Free Lance and Spinfeldt; Mr J. Freeth's Violence. Hurdle Handicap, both days—Mr J. Freeth's Mutineer. Hack—Hurdles Handicap, first day—Mr F. Hiley's The Link; Mr J. Pringle's Roger. Nursery Handicap—Hon. J. D. Ormond's Spinaway and Norsemaid; Mr K. McKenzie's Purepo. Hack Handicap, first day—Mr F. Hiley's The Link; Mr J. P. Belcher's War Cry; Mr J. Pringle's Ben Bolt; Mr R. Campbell's Alma and Nimrod. Welter Handicap—Hon. J. D. Ormond's Spinfeldt and Free Lance; Mr J. Freeth's Revolt. Telegraph Handicap—Hon. J. D. Ormond's Free Lance and Thame; Mr J. Freeth's Rebellion. January Handicap—Hon. J. D. Ormond's Spinfeldt and Free Lance; Mr J. Freeth's Violence. Juvenile Handicap—Hon. J. D. Ormond's Spinaway and Norsemaid; Mr K. McKenzie's Purepo. Metropolitan Handicap—Hon. J. D. Ormond's Queen of Trumps, Free Lance, and Thame; Mr J. Freeth's Rebellion and Revolt.

Mr McKinnon's Loch Ness and Scot Free arrived to-day from Gisborne, and have gone out to the Hutt.

100 to 10 was taken this morning about Boulanger for the Wellington Cup, and the same has been laid against Captive to a partisan of the stable. Kulnine has been scratched for all events at the meeting, and Merrie England is receiving strong support for the Cup, and is first favourite at 7 to 2.

The Otaki Maori Club contemplate holding a monster hack meeting on Easter Monday or Queen's Birthday, giving £420 in stakes, including the Glasgow Cup of 120sovs, Stewards' Stakes of 80 sovs, and Hurdles of 70sovs.

The Masterton Opaki Club will hold their Autumn Meeting on St. Patrick's Day, giving about £350 in stakes.

Mr W. E. Bidwell, being annoyed by remarks about the in-and-out performances of Donovan at the Wairarapa Meeting, has demanded an inquiry into that horse's running.

Tenders will be called this week for the erection of stewards' stand and office on the Hutt course. Plans by Mr W. C. Chatfield, architect, have been submitted and approved.

Tuesday night.

The latest betting on the Wellington Cup is 7 to 2 against Merrie England, 4 to 1 Queen of Trumps, 6 to 1 Crackshot, Boulanger and Revolution, 8 to 1 Krina, Lochness and Captive, 10 to 1 others. All the money in the market has been taken about Merrie England and Queen of Trumps, and it is difficult to get a bet about either.

My tips are as follows:—

Cup: Merrie England, 1; Krina 2; Revolution or Queen of Trumps, 3.

Anniversary Handicap: Dreamland, 1; Swordbelt, 2; Scot Free, 3.

Hurdle Handicap: Paradox, 1; Jacob, 2; Disturbance, 3.

Nursery Handicap: Westmere, 1; Noyade, 2; Purepo, 3.

Welter Handicap: Scot Free, 1; Bay King, 2; Paradox, 3.

Telegraph Handicap: Rebellion, 1; Swordbelt, 2; Loch Ness, 3.

Hack Hurdles: Roger, 1; Houpla, 2; Twilight, 3.

Hack Flat: Welcome Nat, 1; Donovan or Thalia, 2; Sea Serpent, 3.

The following riders are expected to have the mounts in the Cup:—Boulanger, McKeagh; Crackshot, Derrett; Merrie England, Clark; Rosefeldt, Price; Revolution, H. Reed; Retina, Ross; Queen of Trumps, F. Kingan; Loch Ness, Gall; Captive, Leeson; Osman, Buckridge; Krina, Murphy. These are not certain to be correct, and it is said there is a possibility of Derrett riding Boulanger.

The Southern horses including Crackshot, Merrie England, Retina, Captive, and Persuasion are expected to-morrow morning.

The Wellington Trotting Club's meeting on Thursday promises to be a success. The handicaps appear to give satisfaction and good acceptances are assured. Mystic 20s and Masde 25s are thought to have the best show in the Maiden. Rarus and Warrengate are favourites for the Club Handicap; Coronella, with a start, for the Electric and Fragment and Dakota for the Stewards.

Conference of Metropolitan Jockey Clubs.

WE have received the following circular from Mr F. D. Luckie, the secretary to the Conference of the Metropolitan Jockey Clubs, to be held in Wellington, 24th January, 1893:—

Delegates appointed by—Auckland Jockey Club, W. Percival; Canterbury Jockey Club, G. H. Clifford and W. H. E. Wanklyn; Dunedin Jockey Club, unrepresented; Wellington Racing Club, H. D. Bell and J. Duthie; Wanganui Jockey Club, F. R. Jackson and A. Higgie; Taranaki Jockey Club, Hon. J. D. Ormond; Nelson Jockey Club, H. M. Lyon and C. M. Gasquoine; Marlborough Racing Club, Dr. Cleghorn and C. J. W. Griffiths; Greymouth Jockey Club, C. M. Gasquoine and H. M. Lyon; Hawke's Bay Jockey Club, Hon. J. D. Ormond and Capt. Russell.

BUSINESS:

Capt. Russell to move:—"That the draft rules and constitution of the New Zealand Jockey Club be adopted, subject to such amendments as may be made by this Conference." "That no delegate shall represent more than one club, and no salaried official shall be entitled to sit as a delegate at any future Conference." "That the Conference take steps to put down the 'Walking Totalisator.'"

Canterbury Jockey Club to move:—"That Rule 22 of the Totalisator be struck out, and that the following words

be added to Rule 14 after the word 'commission' in the second line 'less the amount of the State Tax.' The proposed amendment to take effect at the close of the current racing season."

Freeman R. Jackson to move:—"That it is advisable to publish the 'New Zealand Stud Book' under the supervision of the Metropolitan Clubs or New Zealand Jockey Club."

F. D. LUCKIE, Secretary.

Napier Park Club's Summer Meeting.

(BY WIRE—FROM OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11.

AFTER postponements the Napier Park Racing Club struck a fine day for their usual New Year's Meeting, and they deserved it, for their luck in the matter of weather has been decidedly bad. There was a good attendance of the public, a half-holiday having been observed in town.

Chester went to Gisborne to compete there, and this left Gondolier (by Foul Play—Brunette), Worth (by Natator—Grecian Bend), and Sir Tatton (by Tattler—Dolly Varden) to go for the Trial Hurdles of a mile and a-half. It was noted a good thing by some for Gondolier, but others stood by Worth, who has won innumerable Trial Hurdle Races on this course. An even start was effected, but before the first hurdle was reached Worth dropped back. Gondolier and Sir Tatton were together opposite the stand, Worth some lengths away. Before the back was reached Gondolier led the field, but Worth went up, and passing Sir Tatton, challenged the leader at the bend. At the scraping sheds they were together, but Gondolier drew away slightly. In the straight, however, Worth was seen to have the race in hand, and he came in a winner by a length and a half, Sir Tatton, pulling up, ten lengths away. Time, 3min 2 3-5th sec. Dividend, £2 11s.

The next race was the Midsummer Handicap, for which Kapua was scratched. At the fall of the flag Free Lance, who had the inside running, went to the front and kept there, St. Malo being second, Rangiatea third, and Arnoel last. St. Malo improved his position before the turn was reached, and got alongside Free Lance. Rangiatea also commenced to go up, and at the scraping sheds he and St. Malo left Free Lance to fight out the finish themselves. Rangiatea won comfortably, however, by a length, Free Lance third, and Arnoel last. The time for the mile was 1min 47 1-5th sec. The dividend paid over the son of Somnus was £3 2s.

The top weight Haeata was scratched for the Two Year Old Handicap, which left in Noyade (by Lord of the Isles—Lorelei), Zanella (by Apremont—Flutter), Purepo (by Ariel—Waewae-hapi), and Spinaway (by Nordenfeldt—Spinnaker). At the fall of the flag Spinaway was the first to move, Noyade being next on her legs, and Purepo last. Purepo was speedily ten lengths behind, and I didn't pause to look for him after the field passed the post. Why a horse should have been started in the condition he was I do not know. Spinaway led at the turn, being closely pressed by Noyade. Zanella, who was not going well and who had got blocked, came up on the outside. There was a great race home, Spinaway just beating Noyade, Zanella, who came with a fast but late run, being only half-a-length away third. Time, 1min 6 1-5th sec. Dividend, £2 17s.

For the New Year Handicap Zaccho and Huerfana were knocked out, and this left Rosefeldt, St. Katherine, St. Malo, Queen of Trumps and Kotuku to do battle for the big money. There was a little delay before the field were despatched, St. Katherine moving about in front of her horses in a restless fashion. Eventually she got away last. Queen of Trumps assumed the lead, and was holding it in front of the stand the first time, Rosefeldt and Kotuku being almost together, with St. Malo a head behind them, St. Katherine close behind, last. St. Malo managed to get up on the rails at the town bend, and was nearer the leader before the back was reached, where Rosefeldt, the top weight, took the second place. There was no sign of a diminution in the pace, however, and she was done with before the turn was reached. Here St. Katherine made her effort, Kotuku being last. Before the scraping sheds were reached St. Malo was the leader's nearest attendant, and here Kotuku made her effort, but she