

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING

NOMINATIONS. HANDICAP MAIDEN HURDLES of 50 sovs, 1 1/2 miles.—New Year, Lady Onslow, Mariana, Bombardier, Kate, Nell, Irma, Fort-a-Bras, Orini, Blue Ribbon, Kildare.

V.R.C. AUTUMN MEETING.

Table with columns for race names, weights, and odds. Includes Newmarket Handicap of 1500 sovs. Six furlongs.

Table with columns for race names, weights, and odds. Includes The Australian Cup of 1500 sovs. Two miles and a quarter.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

Table with columns for race names, weights, and odds. Includes Wellington Cup. One mile and a half.

WELTER HANDICAP, one mile and a quarter.—Torpedo 9.12, Bay King 9.7, Scot Free 9.7, Paradox 8.10, Free Lance 9.10, Lettice Fille 8.7, Flea 8.6, Revolt 8.4, Prince Cole 8.2, Angler 8.0, Senator 8.0.

REBELLION HANDICAP, three quarters of a mile.—Rebellion 9.0, Dreamland 8.8, Loch Ness 8.7, Swordbelt 8.5, Retina 8.4, Free Lance 7.8, Ngatima 7.7, Senator 7.3, Leo 6.10.

ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP, one mile.—Torpedo 9.0, Dreamland 8.5, Scot Free 8.3, Swordbelt 7.12, St. Katherine 7.11, Violence 7.9, Free Lance 7.7, Ngatima 7.4, Prince Cole 7.3, Senator 7.0.

HURDLE HANDICAP, two miles.—Paradox 10.9, Jacob 9.10, Mutineer 9.2, Disturbance 9.0.

HACK HANDICAP, 1 1/2 miles.—Thalia 8.8, Welcome Nat 8.8, Donovan 8.6, War Cry 8.6, Puni 8.4, Houp La 8.0, Nimrod 7.4, Sea Serpent 7.4, Ben Bolt 7.4, Twilight 7.4, Bonovore 6.10, The Link 6.10, Heath 6.7, Sunlow 6.7.

HACK HURDLE HANDICAP, 1 1/2 miles.—Roger 11.2, Houp La 10.4, Traittress 10.2, Jimmy 9.12, Twilight 9.12, Banker 9.7, The Link 9.7.

SELLING RACE of 50 sovs, 1 mile (entries).—Flea (£100) 8.13, Angler (£75) 8.6, Leo (£75) 8.6, Viola II. (£25) 7.6, Sweet Dream (£25) 7.6.

NGARUAWAHIA RACES.

HANDICAP HURDLES of 25 sovs, 1 1/2 miles.—Tupara 11.0, Hopful Kate 10.12, Sandy Mole 10.5, Pretender 10.2, Neri 9.12, Fortabras 9.4, Albany 9.0, Eparona 9.0.

MAIDEN PLATE of 15 sovs, 1 mile.—Taffy 8.13, Last Chance 8.13, Barshot 8.12, LeRoy 8.13, Orphan Boy 8.13, Duchess 8.13, Folly 8.11, Caprice 8.11, Sweetheart 8.1, Hokori 8.1.

NGARUAWAHIA CUP of 50 sovs, 1 1/2 miles.—Ingornia 9.0, Walter 8.7, Raglan 8.2, Orini 7.13, Transit 8.12, Folly 6.12, Duchess 6.10.

NOVEL RACE of 20 sovs, 1 mile.—Tamaitore 8.13, Taffy 8.13, Wilfred 8.13, Deceiver 8.13, Orphan Boy 8.13, Ingare 8.11.

NGARUAWAHIA PLATE HANDICAP of 15 sovs, 1 1/2 miles.—Walter 8.10, Orini 8.2, Transit 7.4, Folly 7.4, Viceroy 7.0, Barshot 6.12, Memorandum 6.12, Fortabras 6.12, Last Chance 6.12, Papanoa 6.9.

SELLING HURDLES of 15 sovs, 1 1/2 miles.—Hopful Kate (£50) 12.11, Sandy Muir (£40) 12.4, Taffy (£20) 11.4, Bob Sawyer (£10) 10.11, Native (£10) 10.11, Jack (£10) 10.11.

FLYING STAKES of 15 sovs, 6 furlongs.—Walter 8.10, Orini 8.2, Raglan 7.12, Minnie 7.4, Folly 7.2, Caprice 7.2, Transit 7.0, Viceroy 7.0, Memorandum 7.0, Duchess 7.0, Last Chance 7.0, Le Roy 6.12, Ingare 6.12, Albany 6.7.

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

NOMINATIONS. HAWKE'S BAY CUP of 400 sovs, 1 1/2 miles.—St. Katherine, Krina, Kotuku, Hakimama, Merganser, Pearl Powder, Rosefeldt, Ua, Chris, Revolution, Violence, Crackshot, Fraternite, Regina, Cruchfield, Awarua Rose, Rangapuhi, Loch Ness, Thame, North Atlantic, Queen of Trumps, Free Lance, Spindrift, Maid of Lorne, Brigand, Boulangier, Variety, Crown Jewel.

RAILWAY STAKES HANDICAP of 125 sovs, 6 furlongs.—St. Katherine, Krina, Noyade, Kotuku, Hakimama, Merganser, Ua, Chris, Dreamland, Papanoa, Puripo (by Risington), Rebellion, Fraternite, Pami, Retina, Hazeta, Puripo (by Ariel), Torpedo, Cyrus, Whimsical, Scot Free, Thame, North Atlantic, Mars, Norsemaid, Spinaway, Senator, Cretone, Westmore, Calvi.

FOXTON HACK MEETING.

ACCEPTANCES. FLYING HANDICAP.—Goodwood 9.0, Natatorial 8.10, Eye 8.8, Miss Cole 8.7, The Toad 8.6, Pill 8.3, Waikino 7.8, Crystal 7.4, Comfort 6.10, Veracity 6.7, Hark 6.7, Lord Lyon 6.7.

ADVERTISEMENTS

OPERA HOUSE THE DAMPIERS

FAMOUS DRAMATIC COMPANY, In a SERIES OF POPULAR PLAYS, TO-NIGHT AND EVERY EVENING. THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME:—TO-NIGHT—"GREEN LANES OF ENGLAND."

Music, Drama. (BY ORPHEUS.)

THE DAMPIER SEASON.

A GOOD house on Monday evening witnessed the opening performance of the Dampier Company, and the new play "Hearts and Homes" was well received and scored a distinct success.

satisfactorily played, and the mounting and scenery were in every respect effective and complete. I must award a word of praise to Mr Eady's orchestra, which played excellently throughout the evening, one selection, "La Mascotte," in which Messrs. McComish and S. Jackson, cornet and clarionette, played superbly, being quite a feature.

MR. ALFRED F. HILL.

THIS young violinist and composer, who is a New Zealander trained at the Leipzig Conservatorium, gave a recital on Friday evening at the Y.M.C.A. Rooms. Mr Hill proved himself not only a master of technique on the king of instruments, but also a gifted musician, with a development of soul and power rarely met with in so youthful a performer.

MADAME STEINHAEUER BAHNSON'S

recent concert at the City Hall proved in every respect a brilliant success. All the singers were in splendid voice, and the instrumental numbers were well chosen and excellently rendered.

remarkable improvement, more especially in phrasing, delicacy, taste, and finish. The voice, too, has developed in volume, but I feel sure that there is yet more behind. In response to an ovation, Mr Jackson sang with exquisite taste "I seek for thee in every flower."

MR WALTER BENTLEY

wound up a brilliant season by repeating "The Silver King" to large audiences on Friday and Saturday evenings. His farewell speech was both eloquent and in good taste, and he made a special allusion to Mr Alfred Dampier, "a friend of twenty-five years' standing," bespeaking the same kind treatment for Mr Dampier which Auckland had awarded to himself.

The well-known trainer and jockey W. Demuth,

died somewhat suddenly at Kumara, Westland, on the 9th inst., from inflammation of the lungs. He had been engaged with Langley the Devil and others of his horses at the Christmas and New Year meetings in Westland, and had won races at Reefton and Kumara.

The well-performed colt Meli dropped dead

on the tan track at Caulfield on Dec. 29 while quietly cantering. According to the Sporting Standard it was at first thought that Meli had fallen through putting his foot in a hole, but the track was perfectly sound at this particular place although rather dry, and in need of watering.

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.

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.

Table with columns for names and descriptions of racing silks (colours). Includes names like Mr. Marangai, Mr. J. Forth, Mr. J. Malcolm, etc.

PROGRAMMES PASSED. Poverty Bay Turf Club Summer, January 10 and 11. Gisborne Racing Club, January 17 and 18.

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.

JOCKEYS' LICENSES. Licenses have been granted by the A.R.C. to the following jockeys:—W. McLean, Gisborne; T. Hodson, Ellerslie; E. Munro, Papakura; Dennis Morrison, Ellerslie; Alex. Williams, Ellerslie; F. Burns, A. E. Byers, W. Bird, W. Powell, D. Creamer, R. Collins, J. Carey, J. Dawson, C. Coleman, S. Ferguson, Augustus Grace, Alfred Say, W. Gallie, J. Golding, Martin Manning, T. Stewart, R. Hall, W. Hammond, K. Heaton, L. Turt, J. Katteras, W. McMinamin, H. Priest, W. Quarternan, W. Smith, E. Dodd, J. Pennel, J. Payne, Alf. Peterson, F. Reid, Ambrose C. Dixon, W. Taylor, W. Gillie, J. Rae, G. Donovan, W. Shaw, T. Taylor, C. Weal, H. Weal, W. Beaumont, D. Wright, E. Williams, W. Wilmut.

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 listing various racing clubs and their secretaries. Includes Alexander Racing Club, Avondale Jockey Club, Bay of Plenty Jockey Club, etc.

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, Mr. Arthur Morgan, Mr. J. Bland.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Every case correspondents must enclose their correct names and addresses but not for publication, as no notice whatever can be taken of anonymous communications.

SPORTING FIXTURES, ETC.

Table of coming events with dates and locations. Includes Ngaruawahia Racing Club, Wellington Racing Club's Summer, etc.

Table of nominations with dates and locations. Includes Egmont Racing Club, Rotorua Jockey Club, etc.

Table of weights appear with dates and locations. Includes Takapuna Jockey Club Summer, Egmont Racing Club, etc.

Table of acceptance due with dates and locations. Includes Dunedin J.C. Autumn, Wellington Cup (final payment), etc.

Table of subscription rates. 3 Months 3/-, 6 Months 6/-, 12 Months 10/-.

NOTICE TO OUR READERS.

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Table listing agents and their addresses. Includes Wildman & Lyell, G. Lyle, R. Finch, H. Ellison, etc.

Sporting Review.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1893.

ANOTHER Conference of Metropolitan Clubs' delegates is to be held in Wellington during the progress of the Wellington Racing Club's Summer Meeting. What the extraneous business that may come before it is likely to be we cannot say, but we do know that on the notice paper appear two motions for consideration.

branch" of peace would have been held out by both clubs. This only accentuates what we remarked in a recent issue that more business would be done at a few days' Conference of the various Metropolitan Clubs' secretaries at a convenient centre than has been done by all the delegates that have so far represented the Metropolitan Clubs at the various Conferences held.

THERE are several matters outside the business that appears on the notice paper at the conference that we hope will be brought before it. The delegates seem never to fairly tackle the mistakes and ambiguity that exists in their rules, and it is high time they did so.

The famous Bullerana case—of which we have written more than once—has advanced another stage, this time in a Court of Law. Our readers may remember that at the time the Victoria Racing Club disqualified Bullerana, the horse was engaged in the Standish Handicap.

It appears that this horse, in July of this year, belonged to one James Jurd, and while it belonged to him was run on a racecourse in New South Wales. James Jurd, the then owner, was believed to have been guilty of corrupt practices with respect to the running of the horse, and the stewards of the race meeting disqualified the horse and also James Jurd for suspicious riding for a period of 12 months.

titling the horse to run, and really would be at the present time decreasing, on the facts before me, a specific performance of the contract. Now, it appears to me, in the first place, though it would be somewhat difficult when the action is heard to estimate the damages which would accrue to the plaintiff for the wrongful rejection of him by the defendants, the damages might be estimated, and that they would be a full and complete satisfaction for any loss the plaintiff may suffer.

We shall probably hear more of this Bullerana affair at an early date. It bids fair to be a very interesting and unique case.

We mentioned last week that the Dunedin Jockey Club's Committee had once more stated their determination to oppose to the utmost the proposal for the formation of a New Zealand Jockey Club. We also mentioned that the Auckland Racing Club's Committee had expressed themselves in a similar strain, though not perhaps with quite such directness and vehemence.

The resolution, in plain English, of the club means it as such, members desiring, I understand, that there should be no risk of a misconception as to their intentions. I am not authorised to explain the position taken up, but from all that I hear there are several grounds for the hostility to the proposal.

THE Colonial Secretary is, vulgarly speaking, 'getting roots' all round from the newspapers of the colony for his action in granting a totalisator permit to the Northern Wairoa Racing Club in opposition to the express wish and resolution of the Auckland Racing Club.

The Metropolitan Club seems to have been to blame in raising the objection as to date, but it afterwards gave way on that point and having thus paved the way to some extent to a compromise it is a thousand pities that the representative of the Government should have given a slap in the eye to the body whose express duty it is to carry out rules which were practically forced on it by the Legislature, of which the Government is the head.

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, 1¼ 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. Kulinine 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; Hou-p-la, 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. Higgin; 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

As I have hinted above I expect the weight to stop Torpedo in the last furlong, and therefore I shall divide my vote between Swordbelt and Free Lance.

The entries for the Hurdle Handicap of 100sovs, 2 miles, numbered but six—why so small an entry was rather puzzling—and four have accepted. They are not by any means a brilliant lot, but from what I know of them I should think the top weight, Paradox, 10.9, would be equal to the task of getting home.

The Hack Hurdle Handicap of 30sovs, one mile and a half, has an acceptance of seven, and from little I know of the form of those engaged I look to Houp La to win.

Next comes the item of the programme, the Wellington Cup of 400sovs, together with a piece of plate of the value of 100sovs, one mile and a-half. An acceptance of but 11 out of 51 entered originally cannot be considered satisfactory.

But let us look at what has dropped out before proceeding to consider the prospects of those left in Merganser was the first defection from the original handicap, and then we come to Prime Warden, whose party are evidently waiting for Dunedin, which is nearer home for them. A good many backers burnt their fingers over Stopniak, but they have only themselves to blame, as they knew that he had recently hit himself in a gallop, and therefore was hardly likely to be well enough so soon. I threw out a note of warning in this direction last week, when I reviewed the handicap.

Kulnine was hardly expected to make the journey from Christchurch, and Fraternite is, as far as I know, still on the sick list. The journey is a bit too far for Hippomenes, as I pointed out when reviewing the handicap, and the fact of Mr McKinnon scratching Scot Free and leaving Loch Ness in shows which he considers the best in at the weights. Johnny Faa is a cripple, but I thought Cretonne would have accepted. However his owner has left Boulanger in, despite the vigorous denunciations of the Wanganui scribes as to the way Mr Evett had handicapped him through Crackshot.

Sword Belt's owner evidently prefers the shorter races on the day, and so does the owner of Free Lance. Dilemma, Thame, North Atlantic, and Strephon are under suspicion, so their absence is easily accounted for. St. Katherine's owner intends having a cut in for some of the shorter races at the meeting. Awarua Rose hurt himself in the N.Z. Cup race, but Crown Jewel was nicely handicapped, and her absence leads me to the conclusion that she cannot be quite herself just now.

Whakawatea we know to be "off colour," and as Saracen is trained in the same stable as Prime Warden, it is fair to presume that he, too, is holding off pending Dunedin Cup time. The non-acceptors below Saracen can easily be accounted for, and none of them would, in all probability, have affected the result.

So that after all, perhaps, the 11 that have been paid up for are nearly as many as we could expect. The handicapper is, of course, not responsible for the crippled state of several of the competitors, nor for the fact that there was a terrible lot of mediocre horses engaged. Now let me come to the point though, and deal with those that are left in. Last week, in commencing my review of the handicap, I expressed myself thusly with regard to Boulanger, who now heads the list of acceptors:—"Boulanger, up to the present season though showing himself to be a brilliant horse up to a mile and a-quarter, did not seem to relish the task of getting further than that, but he rather unexpectedly stayed out the New Zealand Cup distance so far as to get into a place with 8.4 up. A knock, however, debarred him from starting again at the C.J.C.'s meeting, so we are left in ignorance as to his prospects and present condition. But if he be landed fit and well at the post I shall have him on my side."

At the weights given him I certainly thought Cretonne was well in, but as Mr Paul has taken him out and left Boulanger in, I shall certainly have the latter on my side now. In reviewing the whole handicap in the last issue of the SPORTING REVIEW, I picked a septette to supply the winner, of which four remain in, viz.:—Crackshot, Rosefeldt, Revolution, and Loch Ness, and adding Boulanger to these, I shall place

Crackshot 1
Rosefeldt 2
Boulanger 3

with Revolution close up. Out of seven entries for the Nursery Handicap of 100sovs, 6 furlongs, there are six acceptors. In giving Westmere 9.0, I think Mr Evett gave this real good colt every possible chance. Noyade,

7.7, has already won this season, and seems snartish. Busybody, 7.8, was a strong tip for the C.J.C. Welcome Stake weeks before it came off, but she did not run up to expectations. Persuasion, 7.8, on the score of being a full sister to Cajolery, should be fast, but I shall stick to public form and go for Westmere, and Noyade and Busybody may fill the other places.

After a Hack Handicap comes the Welter Handicap of 80sovs, one mile and a quarter. Torpedo is top weight with 9.12, but he may have had a race out of him, added to which I think the journey is a bit too far for him. Bay King, 9.7, generally runs well under welter weights, and I look upon him as very dangerous now. Others I am partial to are Paradox, 8.10, and Revolt, 8.4, and I shall vote for Bay King, with Revolt second, and Paradox third.

There are nine acceptors for the Telegraph Handicap of 100sovs, 6 furlongs, with which the day's sport concludes, and as the majority of them have engagements earlier in the day, it is very hard to pick it. At the present weights, however, I like Dreamland and Loch Ness best, and one of these may win.

I cannot deal with the events of the Wednesday, because the handicaps are not due till mid-day on Tuesday.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

This meeting commences on Saturday week, the 28th instant, and will be continued on the following Monday. The entries for the minor handicaps on the first day closed on Friday last, and Mr Knight had his handicaps out punctual to time on Monday. As the acceptances and general entries are due to-morrow it is unnecessary for me to make any very lengthy remarks on the handicaps at present, so I shall content myself with a few words. The entries for the smaller races are, I may say, very satisfactory, there being 14 in the Maiden Plate, 13 in the Hurdles, 15 in the Zealandia Handicap, 14 in the Handicap Maiden Steeplechase, 8 in the Calliope Handicap, 13 in the Borough Handicap, and 18 in the Stewards' Handicap.

In the Maiden Plate, one mile, Waltzer at 8.12 has not, I think, an ounce too much, but Stanley, 8.0, should have been asked to concede weight to Sir Roland, instead of being put on the same mark with him. Transit and King Cannibal, too, are a pair that should have at least, in my opinion, been evenly weighted with Sir Roland, if not put above him. Those below King Cannibal are certainly moderate enough in all conscience, and all in I think Waltzer, with 8.12, can beat the lot, excepting perhaps Stanley and Muriel.

In the Hurdle Handicap, two miles, Fishmonger heads the poll at 11.4, and certainly that is quite as much as he deserves. I like Aorere far belter at 10.12, and I think whatever beats him will win. Marechal Neil, 10.10, is raised 19lb on the weight he carried to victory at Ellerslie in the New Year Hurdle Race; Belmont, who was unplaced, is kept at the same weight, and Fishmonger, who was second, is raised 8lb. This looks like scientific handicapping, but though perhaps it may be, I think Marechal Neil has the best of it because he is a more improving horse than the others. Aorere did not start in this same New Year Hurdle Race, and so we cannot well judge of him through the others, but, on the form he has shown us this season, I must repeat my opinion that whatever beats him now will win. In addition to Marechal Neil Rae has another representative in his stable in the shape of Isidore, a horse he brought up on his return from the N.Z. Cup Meeting. I have seen this horse run down South, and on that form I do not look on him as dangerous now because I think some of the 9.7 division can beat him easily, and he is asked to give them 5lb. Tupara, 9.7, though by no means brilliant, is one that I think will beat him, and so may Bombardier. But the pair I pick at present to supply the winner are Aorere and Marechal Neil.

St. Clements is brilliant enough over a five furlongs course, but I think Mr Knight has been a bit too hard on him in giving him 9.10 in the Zealandia Handicap. I do not care for Warrior at 8.4, nor Lady Belle at 8.2, but I am very partial to His Worship at 7.12, and Waltzer at the same impost, but the latter may run for the Maiden. Tamar should get a nice five furlongs with 7.8 if she be in the humour, and Marguerite has more than an outside chance. If I had to make a definite tip now I should say that the

places will be filled by His Worship, Waltzer and Marguerite.

The 14 that are in the Handicap Maiden Steeplechase, three miles, should furnish a most exciting contest. The handicap was a somewhat difficult one to make, and I think Mr Knight has performed his task well. The trio I prefer at the weights are Nero, Maritana, and Blue Ribbon.

Eve has well earned the 9.2 allotted her in the two-year-old event of the day, the Calliope Handicap, five furlongs. But though I think she will, if started, run a big race, I reckon Captivity or Royal Rose will beat her, Captivity for choice. I do not understand why Ben Godfrey, who has never run, is asked to give two untried ones like the Brigadier filly and Jennie 18lb.

I will not say anything about the Borough Handicap of six furlongs, because most of those in it have other engagements at the meeting, and the same remark in a lesser measure applies to the Stewards' Handicap, six and a-half furlongs. At this distance Mr Knight has discreetly taken 5lb off the weight he gave St. Clements at five furlongs, but I think more than one of those below him would have proved his master had he been started, which there is no probability of his being after the accident he met with on Tuesday, as recorded in another column. I like Warrior and His Worship at 7.12 and 7.8 respectively—whichever Mr "B. Thompson" elects to send, and Waltzer, 7.8, again strikes my eye, but the race is best left alone till next week, when I shall have the acceptances to guide me.

NEWMARKET HANDICAP.

The declaration of the weights for the Newmarket Handicap and Australian Cup are always anxiously awaited in Auckland, and this year, more than ever perhaps, was particular interest evinced therein because we all wanted to see how our crack colt St. Hippo was assessed by Mr Dakin, and in addition to him there were Quadrant, Merganser, Regel, and Miss Letty from this neighborhood all engaged in the Newmarket. But, of course, it was St. Hippo that we were principally concerned about, and now that we have seen what Mr Dakin thinks about him, I think we can say that the colt is extremely nicely handicapped, especially in the Australian Cup. But it is with the Newmarket Handicap that I must deal first.

Bungebah has the post of honor with 10.1, and he is such a brilliant horse over six furlongs that I really do not think he has a pound too much. It must be remembered that with 10.0 Boz ran second to Churchill in this same race, and without disparaging Boz, I think I may safely say that Bungebah is more brilliant than he. When Bungebah won the Newmarket Handicap a couple of seasons ago he had 9.3 in the saddle. Last year his weight was 10.4, and he finished unplaced behind Wild Rose, 8.1. The mare now goes up 15lb, and Bungebah is taken down 3lb. I like the old horse's show with all his weight, but it must be remembered that he is at an age when he is more likely to retrograde than improve. Ascot Vale (as will be seen by the report appearing in another column) broke the Victorian six furlongs record on New Year's Day by winning the Standish Handicap. Weight doesn't stop good 'uns at three-quarters of a mile, and therefore I cannot but regard Ascot Vale's claim with favour. Ditto Autonomy, 9.8, whose forte in my opinion is undoubtedly brilliancy. He cannot stay, but he certainly can skip over six furlongs or a mile very merrily. With Autonomy in at 9.8—which by the way is exactly a stone over his weight for age—I take St. Hippo to be well dealt by with 4lb less, but it is hardly worth while seriously discussing his chance for the reason that the V.R.C. St. Leger is run on the same day, and it is pretty well certain that that will be his mission. Fortunatus, 9.2, has 23lb more than when he ran second to Wild Rose in the same race last year, which means that he meets her on 8lb worse terms for the beating he then received, which at first sight seems peculiar, but it must be remembered that he has put up some sterling performances since then, whereas the mare has not, and the colt is more likely to improve with age. However, I think both Bungebah and Ascot Vale hold last year's winner and runner-up safe. Donizetti, 9.1, came with a big reputation from Queensland some time ago, but never did anything to uphold it, and I will have none of him. Chatham was supposed to be a good thing for the Carlington Stakes in Sydney the other day,

but he "went down" therein, and though he won Tattersall's Club Cup, I will pass him by now. Pilot Boy, 8.13, does not commend himself to me, neither will I have Hopetoun at the same weight, for I fancy he prefers a longer journey. Etra Weenie as a Maribyrnong Plate, and V.R.C. Oaks winner is entitled to respect at 8.12. Lord Hopetoun, 8.11, was certainly a most brilliant two-year-old, and though an unlucky horse he has occasionally shown flashes of brilliancy since then, and on New Year's Day he was Ascot Vale's most immediate attendant at the finish of the Standish Handicap. Linburn, 8.11, and Azim, 8.10, I pass by, but Gresford, 8.10, will have a good word from me. Our New Zealand representative Merganser is by no means harshly dealt by at 8.8, and fit and well at the post I would not mind backing her at outside prices, but I shall want to see her over there and doing good work before I further estimate her chance. Antæus, 8.8, has not long enough recovered from his injuries to be able to do himself justice. Sainfoin, 8.8, has run one or two good sprint races, but I must decline to stand him. Gladstone, Prime Minister, and Quadrant constitute the 8.7 division. Gladstone has since he won the Normanby Stakes as a two-year-old got lower and lower down till we find him lately in the ranks of the selling platers, so surely he cannot have much chance. Several rumours have reached here as to Prime Minister, who I know has been a strong tip to several people in New Zealand. I know nothing of his capabilities myself further than are disclosed by his last year's performances, and turning those up I find that he ran in ten races last season, winning a couple. At Brisbane Tattersall's Spring he carried 7.12 to the front in the Fairfield Handicap, 7 furlongs, beating a field of nine. He ran third to Splendide and Babel in the Queensland Derby a month later, but with 7.9 did not get placed behind Babel, 7.8, in the Sandgate Handicap, one mile and a quarter. He was then put by till the "fall" of the season, when he was badly beaten in the Queensland Leger. Nor did he do any better in the weight-for-age Royal Stakes of a mile and a quarter, but at Toowoomba (Q.) during the first week in June he beat half a dozen in the Clifford Plate, one mile, carrying 8.8. Next day Splendide, 8.9, only did him a head—he carrying 8.3—in the Town Plate, about nine furlongs, and this was I think the best performance he did. At the Southern Downs (Q.) meeting, the following week he twice ran second in what, on collateral form, seems to me very moderate company. I expect that a good many people who are supporting him, and have supported him, are taking their cue from the fact that he is a half-brother to that great racehorse The Australian Peer, and that is on what they have chiefly made up their minds, but his performances certainly do not warrant my recommending him in any way as a likely winner of this year's Newmarket Handicap. There is tolerably certain to be a "rod in pickle" somewhere, but I cannot see how he can be that rod. I should think Mr Bobbett will not grumble at Quadrant getting off with 8.7, but, on the contrary, that he will soon be up and moving with him. If he be well on the day I'm sure he will run a great race, for his past performances have made him out a brilliant horse at this distance. Dan O'Connor, 8.6, was a brilliant two-year-old, but has not done much this season. Passing by Newcastle, 8.5, of whom I know next to nothing, I come to the 8.3 division, which comprises The Swell, Steadfast, Malolo, Biringi, Happy Jack, Magic Circle and Ravenswing, and of these I certainly like The Swell and Magic Circle best. The latter's performances at the end of last season were certainly not encouraging, but I do not forget that as a three-year-old she was second best to The Admiral in the V.R.C. Derby, and second best to Litigant in the V.R.C. Oaks. The Swell last season won the Winter Stakes of a mile and a quarter at the Sydney Tattersall's Winter Meeting, and is, I fancy, entitled to great respect. He is, like Magic Circle, in a "dangerous" stable—one of those that it is always well to keep a watchful eye upon about Newmarket Handicap time. I have no fancy for either Swordbearer, 8.2, nor Hero, 8.1; but Warpaint is a nag of another colour. He is a three-year-old son of Chester and Wheel of Fortune (full sister to Abercorn's dam Cinnamon), and is owned by the "J. B. Clark" syndicate. He ran well last season, and being in such a stable as that presided over by T. Payten should be worth watching. So should Trenton's daughter Gaillardia,

who has the same weight. C.B., 8.0, has some pretensions to form up-country in New South Wales, and also in Queensland, but not sufficient to warrant my picking him as a likely winner. Competency at 8.0 reads well to me. Among the trio put in at 7.12 is the New Zealander Culloden, but he will have to improve considerably on past form to have a chance. Of the quartette in at 7.11 I have a strong liking for Bel Giorno. Harbour Light is given a rare chance at 7.10, I think, but he seems to be a very unlucky horse in most of his races. The untried Mousquetaire (Trenton's half brother) figures at the same weight. First Boolka, 7.8, commends himself to me, and travelling a little further down the list I stop at The Seine, 7.5, and then Lady Trenton, 7.4; Kookaburra, 7.3; Newton, 7.3; Proh Pudor, 6.12; and Jew Boy, 6.10, I mark as well weighted. The Newmarket Handicap is a proverbially difficult race to pick, but I am proud to say I have before managed the task, notably in Churchill and Bungebah's respective years, while last year I selected Fortunatus, who ran second to Wild Rose. So I am bold enough to hope that I may have found the winner of this year's Newmarket when I select the following dozen as best in at the weights:—Bungebah, Ascot Vale, Etra Weenie, Gresford, The Swell, Magic Circle, Warpaint, Bel Giorno, The Harbour Light, First Boolka, The Seine, and Proh Pudor.

AUSTRALIAN CUP.

WHAT would have otherwise been a good handicap for the Australian Cup has, I think, been spoilt by the 10.0 clapped on to The Admiral. Though it was fully expected that after his running in the Spring he would be at the top of the list, it was never thought that Mr Dakin would put such an impost on him as 10.0. Melos, if in his old form, would be reckoned well in at 9.8, but he has been for some time under suspicion, and has, I fancy, seen his best day. Malvolio, 9.6, has 2lb less than in the last Melbourne Cup, when he was so much fancied but was not placed. I have a sneaking regard for his chance. The Melbourne Cup winner Glenloch is raised to 9.2—17lb more than he triumphed with on that memorable Tuesday at Flemington when it rained torrents. I will have none of him, for I am convinced that the Melbourne Cup of 1892 was as false a run race as ever eventuated in the annals of the Colonial Turf. Correze has 8.12, the same weight as he was given in the Melbourne Cup, and I expect to see him make a bold bid for victory. Hopetoun, Portsea, and St. Hippo are bracketed at 8.10, and I look upon our New Zealand champion as decidedly well in. When you look through the Australian Cup list, you do not find many real stayers, and we know that St. Hippo is a stayer of the first water. Therefore I look upon him as having a big chance. I think Hopetoun is weighted up to his very best form, and Portsea, though talked about in connection with the last Melbourne Cup and other good races, has not landed them. I think St. Hippo will beat both him and Hopetoun. Little Bernie, Realm, and Chatham are the 8.9 division, and I don't fancy either. La Tosca is not overburdened with 8.7. If Camoola be such a good colt as some people aver, then 8.6 should not stop him, but I think St. Hippo is quite capable of giving him 4lb and handsomely beating him. I see nothing else I like till I come to Etra Weenie, 8.1, and then the next to catch my eye is Azim, 7.13. This colt ran well, if perhaps a trifle unlucky, as a two-year-old, and with 11lb from St. Hippo he doesn't appear to me to be at all badly used. Ronda, who ran up in the last Melbourne Cup, is given a big chance at 7.12. Considering what big performances Redleap has brought off over the sticks and across country, I fancy Mr Dakin has been a bit too lenient in giving him only 7.7. I like Calculus at the same weight, and below him I take Gaillardia, 7.3, and Newman, 6.12, as the only ones having a say. To try and select the winner in half-a-dozen, I choose Malvolio, Correze, St. Hippo, La Tosca, Etra Weenie, and Azim.

The first forfeits for both the Newmarket Handicap and Australian Cup are due on the 30th inst. (Monday week).

NGARUAWAHIA RACES.

This annual race meeting takes place on Saturday next. Capital acceptances have been received, as will be seen by the lists appearing in another column, and there should be a capital day's sport if the weather be fine. I hear of a goodly

number of Auckland sporting folk that are going down and the Waikato people are certain to muster up in strong force. My selections for the various events are:—

Hurdles—Hopeful Kate.
Maiden Plate—Folly.
Ngaruawahia Cup—Orini, with Ingorina next
Novel Race—Wilfred.
Ngaruawahia Plate—Transit, with Viceroy next.
Selling Hurdles—Sandy Muir.
Flying Stakes—Waltzer; Transit next best.

All-round Sport

CRICKET.

UNITED V. GORDON.

The United, with seven wickets down for 79, continued their innings against Gordon. W. Stemson 31 (not out) and W. Hawkins, the not out men, carried the score to 95 before the latter was bowled by Kenderdine. C. E. McCormick, after making 3, was caught by Ball, and W. E. Harvie, after making 10, was run out, and the innings closed for 120, 86 ahead of Gordon. Stemson carried his bat for a well-played 55. Moresby and Williams started batting for Gordon, but the former, after making 2, was bowled by McPherson, and Kelly, after making 7, was dismissed by the same bowler. Meldrum filled the vacancy, and the score was rapidly raised to 55, when Miller bowled Williams, who had made 26 in nice style. Goulstone and Meldrum raised the total to 27, when the latter, with 31 to his credit, was bowled by Hay. Howard with 8, Fowke 9 (not out), and Goulstone 43 (not out) were the only other men to bat, and with the total at 129, with five wickets down, the innings was closed, leaving the United 43 to win, with less than an hour to bat. Hawkins and Harvie, 4 each, fell victims to Moresby's bowling, and Kelly secured D. Miller's (1), S. McPherson's (2), and W. Stemson's (0) wickets, five wickets being down for 17, but R. McPherson and D. Lynch getting together made 11 (not out) and 13 (not out) respectively, and with 9 extras the requisite number was obtained. United thus won by five wickets.

PARNELL V. ONSLOW.

Onslow having made 144 on the previous Saturday and Parnell 31 for one wicket, the latter continued their innings, swelling the total to 207 for eight wickets, when the innings was declared closed. Young 31, Gardiner 32, Carson 41, Buchan 17, Mills not out 27, Stone 47, all batted freely for their runs. Parnell therefore won by 63 runs after closing their innings, with two wickets to fall.

GORDON II. V. PARNELL II.

Having a lead of 56 runs on the first, the Gordon II. put up 164 in the second innings against Parnell II., P. Gould 43, A. Williamson 31, and H. Mowbray 30, being the principal contributors. Parnell, batting two men short, could only make 49 in their second innings, of which Brown made 31, Gordon thus winning by 171 runs.

Wanderers continued their match with the Shore, whom they defeated by 79 runs. In Wanderers' second innings Walker 26, Lavers 16, W. Smith 10, were the principal contributors to the total of 76. North Shore in their second innings only scored 39, R. Wynyard with 10 being the only double figure. Waddingham batted with brilliant success, securing seven wickets at a very small cost.

Belmont conquered Pitt-street Mutual by 6 wickets. In Pitt-street's second venture Holdsworth 15, Nicholson 22, Rowe 12, Crabtree 22, Craig 16, helped to the total of 193. Belmont requiring 71 to win, obtained that number and 4 over for four wickets, Kydd 27 and Morrison not out 24 being the main contributors.

A CRICKET CURIO.

[COMMUNICATED.]

ON Saturday last ye festive Taupakian laid aside his spade and spear to settle the vexed question of supremacy in the noble game of cricket with the local club at Swanson. After a short railway journey the Taupaki team reached the scene of action—the Swanson cricket ground. The arena is situate behind a general store, wherein at the appointed time the rival heroes discussed the Homeric banquet provided. Shortly before 11 a.m., after a wicket had been pared flat with a

scythe, play began on a soft sandy pitch, with a fence on either side about 30 yards from the centre. The Swansonians batted first, but could do little with the Taupaki trundling. The innings lasted 40 minutes, and produced 25 runs. Greatly jubilant were the spade and spear men, but, though scoring quickly, they could not hold the fort so long even as their adversaries. In a short half hour all were out for 33 runs, or 8 to the good. After an adjournment to the store, during which the aforesaid Homeric banquet of beef, mutton, and apple pie was heartily enjoyed, the game proceeded. Owing to the dilapidated condition of the pitch the Taupaki bowlers had things all their own way. When the 8th wicket had fallen without a run on the score sheet intense excitement reigned amongst the spectators, one well-known sport being heard to offer a quarter of East Coast to 1lb of unscraped ordinary that nothing would be scored, but nobody cried "wager!" Presently one of the batsmen got a full pitch to leg for 2, amid furious applause. The same champion then made a grand off drive for one, but succumbed to the next ball. The remaining wicket fell at once, and the total was 3(1) which added to the 25 scored in the first innings left the Taupakians victorious by an innings and 5 runs.

The prospects of the recently-formed North Shore Amateur Athletic and Cycling Club seems to augur a bright future. Since the formation of the Club in November last the membership has rapidly increased, and now numbers some eighty. The membership fee, which is fixed at five shillings, is so moderate that no budding athlete can plead economy as an excuse for not cultivating the *mens sana in corpore sano*. The new Club holds its first meeting at the North Shore race-course on the 11th of February next, but the *locale* is only a temporary one, as ways and means are being considered to establish a permanent running ground. An application for affiliation with the N.Z.A.A.A. has been sent in. Meanwhile Mr Wynyard has received a wire from Mr Cuff authorising him to advertise the February Meeting under the N.Z. Association Rules. All who are interested in athletics will unite in wishing the new Club a permanent and prosperous career.

A meeting of delegates of the different Canterbury Swimming Clubs was held in Christchurch on Saturday to consider the advisability of removing the headquarters of the N.Z. Amateur Swimming Association from Auckland to Christchurch. A resolution was carried "That this meeting is strongly in favour of removing the headquarters of the N.Z. Amateur Swimming Association to Christchurch at the end of the present season."

Another meeting of the Auckland Regatta Committee was held on Thursday last. Captain Parker wrote resigning his position on the committee, and after accepting his resignation the committee requested Mr Colebrook to act in his stead. It was resolved that the rowing races be held at Pine Island on Saturday week, the 28th inst., and that the marking off of the courses for the rowing races be left to the Rowing Association's delegates with instructions that the courses be in a straight line.

A meeting of delegates of the Auckland Lawn Tennis Association was held on Thursday for the purpose of drawing the ties for the Championship Singles. The following are the ties for the Gentlemen's Singles, for which there were 14 entries:—Mr J. Hall plays Mr Turner; Mr J. P. Stevenson plays Mr J. Sykes; Mr Rich plays Mr Paterson; Mr Uphil (bye) plays the winner of these; Mr Carr plays Mr Harrison; Mr J. B. Macfarlane (bye) plays the winner of these; Mr W. Colbeck plays Mr Brown; Mr Tonks plays Mr W. E. Bruce. The first round is to be played off on Saturday, 28th inst. There are 11 entries for the Ladies' Singles, which were drawn as follows:—Miss M. Paton plays Miss E. Laishley; Miss Von Sturmer plays Miss Rookes; Miss Bull plays Miss Hall. The rest are byes in the first round—Miss Mowbray playing Miss Gorrie, Miss Nicholson playing Miss Scherff, and Miss Atkinson playing the winner of the match between Miss Bull and Miss Hall in the second round.

Teams representing the Bentley Dramatic Company and H.M.S. Katoomba respectively met in a game at cricket on the Domain Ground on Thursday. An exciting game ended in the men of the warship putting up 90 runs against their opponents' 82.

Mr Upham has been elected secretary of the Wellington Cricketing Association vice Mr Izard resigned.

At a meeting of the New Zealand Polo Association, held in Christchurch on the 10th inst., the Lake Takapuna Club was affiliated to the Association, but it was decided to ask them to obtain some other colours, so that they would not be so similar to those worn by the North Canterbury Club. The Raglan Club was not put up for election, as no further particulars had been sent in by them. The following colours were approved of:—Ashburton Polo Club, light blue shirt, white sash; Warrigate Polo Club, black and whistripes; Kaihikihi Polo Club, white shirt, pink sash. Considerable discussion took place re the date of holding the Savile Cup tournament, the opinion being that it should be held as late in the season as possible, so as not to spoil Club games. It was ultimately decided that the tournament should be commenced on Tuesday, the 21st March, provided that this date will suit the Auckland Polo Club. A letter was read from the Sydney Polo Club to the effect that the Indian team had decided not to visit the colonies this season.

Our local cyclist Reynolds, who has acquitted himself so well down South, returned here on Friday. He was met at the wharf by a large number of cyclists, who formed a procession up to the Club's rooms, where Reynolds received hearty congratulations of his performances in the South.

Candidates for representative honours at the coming championship meeting to be held at Wellington are Bere, who is doing good work for the long distances under the care of Sam Goodman. Martin, in the same competent hands, is training for the hurdles. Musker is also hard at work preparing for long distance events. Roberts and Hackett are undergoing preparation for the hurdles, and a good race is expected between them and Martin, as also between Bere and Musker. Trials will be run on the 25th and 26th of this month.

The Auckland Regatta Committee met on Tuesday evening, when the following prize money for the forthcoming Regatta was allotted—Maiden Gig Race (under 10 stone), £10; Handicap Scullers, £3; Junior Gig Race, £10; Senior Gig Race (under 10 stone), £10; Sculling Race—Marshall Cup and Medals; Maiden Gig Race, £10; Senior Gig Race, £20; Junior Gig Race (under 10 stone), £10; Yachts (7 tons rating and upwards)—First prize £40, second £10; Yachts (5 tons rating and under 7)—First prize £30, second £7; Yachts (3 tons rating and under 5)—First prize £15, second £5; Yachts (under 3 tons rating)—First prize £20, second £5; Fishing Boats (4 tons and under)—First prize £12, second £4; Fishing Boats (4 tons and over)—First prize £15, second £5; Open Sailing Boats (over 16 feet and under 20)—First prize £8. The following officers were appointed:—Umpire for the sailing races and judge of the rowing races, Mr G. S. Kissing; judge of sailing races, Mr G. Cozens; umpire of rowing races, Mr C. Colebrook; starter sailing races, Mr R. S. Reynolds; starter rowing races, Mr F. Edwards.

Among the mares imported Wanganui way the other day from Melbourne with first King was Nectarine. Her dam Horticulture was accidentally killed the other day in Melbourne. While being driven with other horses to another paddock she put her foot in a coil of wire which was hidden in some fern, and fell heavily, fracturing her shoulder so severely that she had to be destroyed, Horticulture, who was the property of Mr A. F. Bradshaw, was by Angler—Zephyr, by Boiardo. Among her progeny besides Nectarine, were Violet, Bismarck and other good performers. She was stunted this season to Mr Bradshaw's horse Sinking Fund, by Tim Whiffler (imp.)—Jessie.

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