

race the same day to carry 7lbs penalty. Three quarters of a mile.

450 Mr J. Freeth's ch h Rebellion, by Treason—Mischief, 6yrs, 9.0, J. Reed 1
 241 Mr D. McKinnon's br h Loch Ness, 6yrs, 8.7, Wilmott..... 2
 117 Mr J. Kennedy's b m Ngatioma, 4yrs, 7.7, Johnson 3
 149 Dr. Reed's b m Dreamland, 5yrs, 8.8, Moraghan 0
 172 Mr E. Halward's b g Swordbelt, 4yrs, 8.5, Brown 0
 139 Hon. J. D. Ormond's ch g Free Lance, 4yrs, 7.8, Price 0
 29 Mr G. Ward's ch g Leo, 5yrs, 6.12, inc. 2lb over, Attwood..... 0

1297 Won by a length. Dividend, £2 11s. Total amount put through machine £8547.

TIPS FOR TO-DAY'S RACING.

THE postponement till to-day of the second day of the Wellington Racing Club's Summer Meeting gives me an opportunity of indulging in some vaticinations. Paradox has had a bit of weight flopped on to him in the Hurdles, and I doubt his ability to get home with such a big burden as 11.10, although he only has a couple to beat—Disturbance 10.0, and Jacob 9.10. I give my vote for Disturbance.

The Wellington Racing Club Handicap, one mile and a-quarter, has an acceptance of ten. Boulanger, Merrie England and Crackshot are placed on the same mark at 9.0, and of this trio I like Boulanger best, but I shall look further down the list for the winner. Retina, 8.6, and Revolution, 8.4, are not to my liking, but Queen of Trumps, 7.12; Rosefeldt, 7.11; and St. Katherine, 7.8, all read well. Ditto Loch Ness, with 7.3, but I have no fancy for Captive, 7.0. I select St. Katherine to win, with Queen of Trumps and Rosefeldt in the other places.

Westmere is an undeniably good colt but I hardly think he can carry such a big weight as 9.10 to the front in the Juvenile Handicap, so I shall go for Busbody.

Torpedo is a good 'un at 6 furlongs but 9 10 should stop him in the Metropolitan Handicap. My fancy is for Swordbelt, 8.2, with Free Lance, 7.7, next best.

There are only four left in the January Handicap of a mile and a furlong, and though the distance is a bit out of Torpedo's compass, perhaps, I shall look to him to carry his 8.12 home successfully.

SIR LAUNCELOT.

Metropolitan Clubs' Conference.

(BY WIRE—FROM OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Wellington, January 24.

DELEGATES of the various Metropolitan Clubs met here this morning, pursuant to notice issued, and the undermentioned gentlemen were present:—Hons. Captain Russell and J. D. Ormond (Hawke's Bay Jockey Club); Mr W. Pervical (Auckland Racing Club); Mr W. H. E. Wanklyn (Canterbury Jockey Club); Dr Newman (Wellington Racing Club); Mr Higgin (Wanganui Jockey Club); Mr Gascoine (Nelson Jockey Club and Grey-mouth Jockey Club), and Mr Griffiths (Marlborough Racing Club). The Hon. J. D. Ormond also represented the Taranaki Jockey Club. Mr Luckie was in attendance as secretary.

Captain Russell mentioned the resolution standing in his name with reference to the formation of a New Zealand Jockey Club. After pointing out the advantages to be derived from the formation of such an institution, he said he regretted that owing to the action of some of the Clubs he was compelled to ask leave to withdraw the motion standing in his name. Leave to withdraw the motion was accordingly granted by the members present.

The Hon. J. D. Ormond moved a resolution, which was carried, "That it is desirable that country clubs should have some voice at the Conference." He intimated, also, that he would move at the next sitting, "That country clubs should have representation at future Cooperations, with full power to act in this matter." He also gave notice that the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club would draft proposals for giving effect to the foregoing motion.

It was resolved, on the motion of Captain Russell, "That at future Conferences no delegate shall represent more than one club."

Captain Russell proposed, in accordance with notice given, "That no salaried official shall be entitled to act as a delegate at any future Conference," but this was negatived, the delegates from Auckland, Christchurch, Marlborough, Greymouth and Nelson voting against it.

The question of the "walking totalisa-

tors" next cropped up, and on the motion of Mr Griffiths it was decided "That the attention of Metropolitan Clubs be directed to the Rule of Racing 25, and clause 6 of Rule 154, under which takers as well as layers of odds are liable to disqualification, and that it is desirable to take stringent action to enforce these rules."

Mr. Wanklyn, as representing the C.J.C., moved the motion standing in that Club's name, viz., "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. The Hon. J. D. Ormond moved an amendment to this which was carried:—"That it is not desirable to lay down any decision pending future action of the Conference."

The members carried the following resolution on the motion of the Wanganui Jockey Club's delegate:—"That it is desirable to publish the 'New Zealand Stud Book' under authority and supervision of Metropolitan Clubs, and that Metropolitan Clubs be invited to furnish the next Conference with their views upon what lines such publication should be prepared, and also what steps should be taken to defray the expense of the publication"

The Conference adjourned to a date in July next, to be fixed by the chairman.

Wellington Trotting Club's Summer Meeting.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

[BY WIRE.]

Tuesday, January 24.

THE Wellington Trotting Club held their Summer Meeting to-day in beautiful weather. About 500 people were present, and Mr. F. N. Jones, of Nelson, who worked the totalisator, put through £1218. The meeting cannot be called a success for some very glaring irregularities occurred. The worst was a flagrant case of pulling which occurred in the Selling Trot, and over which the stewards held an enquiry, and disqualified the horse Cotherston and his rider D. Corrigan for 12 months. The results of the various events were as under:—

Maiden Handicap Trot, saddle or harness, of 20sovs, 2 miles: Maud, 25s, 1; Madcap II., 10s, 2; Dodger, 25s, 3. Won by 50 yards. Time, 7min 10sec. Dividend, £4 4s.

Electric Handicap Trot, in harness, of 20sovs, 1½ miles: Rarus, scratch, 1; Fragment, 11s, 2; Cotherston, 28s, 3. Won easily. Time, 3min 28 1-5 sec. Dividend, £1 10s.

Pony Handicap Trot, in saddle, of 15sovs, 2 miles: Starlight II., 65s, 1; Silvertail, 45s, 2; Cliquot, 40s, 3. Won by 50 yards. Time, 6min 46 2 5 sec. Dividend, £3 17s.

Wellington Trotting Club Handicap, in saddle, of 50sovs, 2½ miles: Spider, 23s, 1; Fragment, 26s, 2; Tuesday, 50s, 3. Won easily. Time, 7min 4 1-5 sec. Dividend, £1 17s.

Selling Handicap Trot of 20sovs, 2 miles: Poppett, 50s, 1; Cotherston, 20s, 2; Dodger, 50s, 3. Dividend, £1 18s.

Stewards' Stakes Handicap Trot, in harness, of 30sovs, 2 miles: Rarus, scratch, penalised 6s, 1; Fragment, 18s, 2. Won easily. Dividend, £1 4s.

Consolation Handicap Trot, in saddle, of 15sovs, 2 miles: St. James, 40s, 1; Tuesday, 25s, 2; Conway, 40s, 3. Won easily. Dividend, £3 7s.

Ngaruawahia Races.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Saturday, Jan 21.

THE annual race meeting under the auspices of the Ngaruawahia Racing Club came off to-day in Mr. Clows' paddock. I regret to say it was not the success that it should have been, but this was through no fault of the Club. For several days before it had been raining heavily all over the Waikato; railway communication was partially stopped, and at one time it was feared that the races would have to be postponed. The club, however, determined to go on with the sport, and when the morning broke fine it seemed as if fortune would favour them, but just after the racing commenced rain began to fall, and continued at intervals throughout the afternoon. Nevertheless the attendance fell little short of expectations, but the sport was indifferent, and Messrs. Adams and

Andrews, who worked the totalisator, only handled £248 at 10s tickets. The various officials worked hard to make the meeting a success, and succeeded as far was possible under the damp surroundings.

With the exception of Tupara, 11.0, and Sandy Muir, 10.5, nothing was backed with any spirit for the Handicap Hurdles of 25 sovs, 1½ miles. Sandy Muir led for half the journey, when he gave way to Tupara and Fort-a-Bras, but Tupara soon came away and won very easily from Fort-a-Bras with Sandy Muir in third place.

The Maiden Plate of 15 sovs, about 1 mile, brought out a field of half a dozen, and Caprice, 8.11, who is in the same stable as the hurdler Yum Yum, was made a warm favourite, but she could only get third to Duchess, who won easily from Le Roy.

After her victory in this race Duchess could hardly be expected to contest the mile and a half of the Ngaruawahia Cup, and with her scratched as well as Ingorina and Transit, four were left to face the starter. Among these, I may mention, was Raglan, the half-brother to Pegasus, who had a good covering season in the Waikato, and was manifestly suffering from the effects thereof. In his old form he would in all probability have donkeylicked the field opposed to him, but he was the outsider of the lot in the "tote." Folly, 6.12, the lowest weighted of the lot, assumed command as soon as the flag fell and led all the road, winning in a canter from Orini, 7.12, with Waltzer, 8.7, third. Waltzer and Orini were the favourites. Raglan was done with at the end of three-quarters of a mile, and was then pulled up lame. Folly is by Captivator, out of the Jilt, and is therefore half-sister to Eve. She has before now performed well in the Waikato.

Wilfred was the favourite for the Novel Race of 20sovs, w.f.a., about one mile, and he nearly squeezed home, Ingare (who was getting 2lb from him) beating him a head. Mr T. Wise bought the winner when she was submitted to auction for £15.

Seven competed for the Ngaruawahia Plate Handicap of 15sovs, one mile and a quarter, and the bulk of the money went on to Transit and Folly, each of whom was weighted at 7.4 originally, but Folly had to put up 7lb penalty for her Cup win. However, that did not stop her, and she again won in a canter, paying a dividend of 19s.

Though there were five starters for the Selling Hurdles of 15 sovs, about 1½ miles, only Hopeful Kate, 12.11, and Sandy Muir, 12.4, were really backed, there being 16 investors on the former and 20 on the latter out of a total of 41. These two fought out the best race of the day, Hopeful Kate just getting home by a neck from the Scotchman with Taffy a bad third.

J. B. Williamson's bad luck at the meeting stuck to him to the finish, for he again ran second with Orini in the Flying Handicap of 15 sovs, about 6 furlongs, which proved another good thing for Folly. She won easily from Orini—who is another daughter of Captivator—and Minnie was third.

How they Break the Records.

REFERRING to the many wonderful performances of last year on the American turf, the Toronto (Canadian) Empire remarks:—

"Record after record, both of horses, men and machines, has been smashed into smithereens ever since the first day of 1892 dawned upon us. Historians of the future will point to it with pride as showing the progress of this nation in the glories of Columbus, and the sporting part, even though ignored by students of political economy, will be duly recognised by all who delight in the progress of our horses, our athletes, our pugilists; yes, even the very vessels that connect us with the old world.

"The thoroughbreds have cut a wide swath through the figures of fastest time. Two of the most important turf records smashed this year occurred at the fall meeting at Morris Park on the same afternoon, Saturday, October 1. Everything was favourable to fast time, as the track was in perfect condition, and a powerful wind was blowing directly in favour of the runners, which it was estimated accounted for a second or a second and a half of the fast time made. Dr. Hasbrouck ran five furlongs in 57sec, admirably ridden by Dogget, and easily beating Correction, the runner-up. This knocks a clean two seconds off the pre-

vious record for the distance, held by a half dozen sprinters. The second record to go by the board in the afternoon was that of the six furlongs. Yemen did the trick, after a hard race with Estelle, the time being 1min 9¾sec. Had M'Cafferty ridden Estelle with more judgment the latter would have got the race and perhaps a still better record, as she has oceans of speed at the finish, and was running much faster than the winner. M'Cafferty kept Estelle back in the ruck until the last few jumps, and then it was too late. The speedy thoroughbred began his devastations of time early in the year, when Toano, on January 8, at North Bergen, carrying 116lb, made a record of 54sec for four and a half furlongs. Kildeer greatly increased the gait for a mile, when in the actual race over the straight course at Monmouth Park, August 13, she made the record of 1min 37¾sec for the distance. In giving this record due allowance is made for Salvatore's trial against time the preceding year. He was specially prepared for it, and had everything in his favour. It was a great run, that of 1min 35¾sec, but was not made in a race. Yo l'ambein's mile and a sixteenth in 1min 45½sec, at Washington Park, Chicago, July 19, is another record, also that of Lorenzo, at Garfield Park, August 12, for a mile and three-sixteenths, the time being 1min 59¾sec. Lamplighter chopped a quarter of a second off a mile and a half record on August 9, at Monmouth Park, when he ran 2min 32¾sec.

"Nancy Hanks electrified the world when she knocked spots out of Maud S's record of 2min 8sec by trotting a mile in 2min 5¼sec. A couple of weeks later, when Nancy did the mile in 2min 4sec, the astonishment was world wide. Since then Nancy has tried to discount this performance, but has failed, 2min 5sec being the best she could do. Nancy Hanks has not done all the record-breaking in the world by any means. At Nashville, Tenn., on October 21, the black stallion Storm stepped off a mile in 2min 8¾sec, giving him the stallion record, which Stamboul afterwards tied in California. Last Saturday Kremlin clipped off another fraction, trotting in 2min 8¼sec at Nashville. At the Nashville meeting in October, Little Albert, in the Free-for all Stakes, forced the four fastest heats that were ever trotted, the times being 2min 12sec, 2min 10¾sec, 2min 11¼sec, and 2min 10¾sec. Several other records went by the board at the same meeting. Directon established a new record for three-year-olds by reeling off a mile in 2min 11¼sec. On the same day a yearling pace record was established by Mill Lady going a mile in 2min 30sec. The day before (October 17) at the same track, a Lexington bay filly, Nellie A, knocked the spots out of the trotting mile record for yearlings by doing a mile in 2min 20¾sec. The best previous record for the age was 2min 35¾ sec, made by Leone at Chillicothe."

Owners, Note!

ROTORUA JOCKEY CLUB.

The undermentioned nominations are due on Wednesday next, on the 1st February, for this Club's annual races on the 16th prox. :—

Hurdle Handicap of 25 sovs, 2 miles, 15s
 Rotorua Jockey Club Handicap of 30 sovs, 2 miles, 15s

EGMONT RACING CLUB.

At 9 p.m. on Wednesday next acceptances are due as under for the Egmont Racing Club's Summer Meeting :—

Waimate Handicap of 60 sovs, 7 furlongs, 1 sov
 First Handicap Hurdles of 100 sovs, 2 miles and a distance, 3 sovs
 Egmont Handicap of 300 sovs, 2 miles, 2 sovs
 Hawera Welter Handicap of 50 sovs, 1 mile, 1 sov

Acceptances will be received either by Mr H. H. Hayr, SPORTING REVIEW office, by Mr A. T. Danvers, Napier, or by the Club's secretary, at Hawera, and owners should not forget that the telegraph office at Hawera closes at 5 p.m.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER.

The following acceptances are due at 10 p.m. on Saturday next for the second day of this Club's Summer Meeting :—

Handicap Maiden Hurdles of 50 sovs, 1½ miles, 1 sov
 Suburban Handicap of 50 sovs, 5½ furlongs, 1 sov
 Hobson Handicap of 50 sovs, 5½ furlongs, 1 sov
 Takapuna Jockey Club Handicap of 150 sovs, 1½ miles, 3 sovs
 Anniversary Handicap of 60 sovs, 7 furlongs, 2 sovs