The Auckland Glove and or duly Contest. In 1995

At the Auckland Police Court yesterday, before Dr. Giles, R.M., the charge of manslaughter against John Nicholson, arising out of the recent Nicholson Forgie boxing match was further gone into. John Nicholson was charged that on the 11th April at Auckland he did feloniously kill and slay one Richard Campbell Forgre, and Lindsay Cooke, Richard John G. Sandall, Wm. Burns, John Wakefield, Wm. McManemim, John McConnell, Wil-Ham O'Meara, Frederick 11. Paltridge, James Saxon and Frank Burns were then and there present, unlawfully aiding and abetting the said John Nicholson to do and commit the said offence. Mr J. A. McAlister appeared on behalf of the Crown DisaMr & T. . Cotter o represented Nicholson and all the defendants, with the exception of Messra Cooke and Wakes field Mr F. Baume appearing for Cooke and Mr Theo Cooper for Wakefield.

The witnesses examined were J. Gallagher, hotelkeeper, who was stakeholder of the money put up by the combatants; Constable Hutchinson, Constable Lamb and the deceased's brother. After a lengthy hearing the R.M. adjourned the case till to day. The court was densely crowded throughout the whole proceedings and an advertise whole pro-

Turf Topics. By "Sir LAUNCELOT."

The Committee of the Auckland Racing Club held their annual meeting on Friday, when a letter was received from Mr J. Kirkwood tendering his resignation as judge. (It was resolved, "That Mr Kirkwood's resignation be received with extreme regret, and that he be elected a life member as a slight recompense for his past services," and "That the Hon. E. Mitchelson be requested to fact as judge at the Club's Winter Meeting." Mr G. Cutts, the Club's starter, having received leave of absence to go to Sydney, it was decided to appoint Mr.E. D. Halstead to perform the starter's duties at the Club's Winter Meeting 11 It was also decided to postpone the declaration of the weights for the Grand National Hurdles and Great Northern Steeplechase till after the decision of the Egmont Racing Club's Winter Meet ng yesterday (Wednesday). The Novel Race, which appears on the Club's programme as the second event on the second day of the Winter Meeting, was relegated to the last race on that day. The disqualification of the pony Ben was removed as also the disqualification of the jockeys William Oliver, Henry Hickton, John Fletcher, and R. Donovan. In response to the request of several members of the Committee who found Friday an inconvenient day on which to attend, it was decided in future to hold the meetings of Committee on the first Monday in each month. It was decided to bold a special meeting of the Committee at eight o'clock tonight (Thursday) to consider suggestions to be laid before the next Conference of Metropolitan Clubs' delegates.

Mr L. D Nathan is prepared to lease the Leo-linus—Atlantis horse Fabulous for the next covering season. On the last occasion I visited Whitford Park I saw some, very nice stock sired by inhout of half-bred mares, and as he is full brother to the Auckland Guineas winner Leolantis and half-brother to that successful sire St. Leger, he should make a useful country sire. Breeders should not fail to note, too, that both his sire and dam are dead. Particulars as to terms of lease, etc., may be procured at the Sporting Review office.

When writing my report of a visit to Mr B. Thompson's stud at Brown's Island the other day I requested that some reader of the Sporting REVIEW would furnish us with a true account of Pearl's pedigree. This has been done, a correspondent writing from Carterton throwing full light upon the vexed question. I commend his letter, which will be found in another column of this issue, to the attention of those who appreciate

The weather and the state of the tracks at Ellershe during the past week have materially interfered with training work. All the horses interfered with training work. All the horses engaged in forthcoming events have been restricted to half-pace exercise. During the week the youngsters Abel, the Malua—Wanda filly, and Nelson's full sister have been handled and backed. The desired was taken home to his owner's place

at Whakatane on Tuesday last.

The weights for the Takapuna Jockey Club's

Winter Meeting are due to-morrow. Timentionell last week that St. Clements

brother St. Satan was second to Busybody in the Flying Handicap at the North Canterbury Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting. Fuller details now to hand show that he also ran in the Maiden Plate, * furlongs/earlier in the day, but he came into collision with a post and got cut about a bit.

My Stead has leased from her breeder, Mr E. Gates of Ashburton, the yearing filly Catherine Wheel, by Maxim Miss Kate

o The Middle Park Stud Farm, Riccarton, was offered for sale the other day in Christchurch, but there was no offer for the property, which was cousednently knocked down to the mortgagees.

Members of the weaker sex (equine) had quite a day that at the North Canterbury Jockey Club's Meeting, for seven out of the eight events on dheicard fellito (themind no 1991 112)

2 14 Castor ! in the Canterbury Times is responible for the statement that Mr.V. Harris, has sold Crackshot to a Gisborne racing man for 300gs.
Carrington is to have charge of the horse.

D. McLeod, N.Z. Cup, &c., straight out.

"At a meeting of the committee of the Canterbury Jockey Club held on the 1st insti it was decided to place on the forfeit list the names of owners of horses whose subscriptions to the Challenge Stakes are unpaid. Mr S. Garforth intimated that he would like to be relieved of his duties as Clerk of the Scales, and it appeared to be the general opinion of the Committee that the holder of the office should be paid in the future. The following transfers of yearlings were passed — From Mr T. Morrin to Mr G. R. McKellar, of Calcutta—brown colt by Hotchkiss — Katipo; from Mr A. Buckland to Mr G. Wright—brown colt by Hotchkiss—Fairy Queen; from the Hon. G. McLean to Mr H. Goodman - bay colt by St. Clair—Mountain Lily; from Hon. G. McLean to Mr H. Goodm.n—chestnut gelding by Gorton— Mr H. Goodm.n—chestnut gelding by Gorlon— Malice; from Hon. G. McLean to Mr S. J. Mercer—chestnut filly by Gorlon—Lady Ger-trude; from Hon. G. McLean to Mr S. Brown— chestnut filly by Gorlon—Indolence; from Hon. G. McLean to Hon. J. D. Ormond—brown filly by Rubezahl—Lady Evelyn.

I see that Never Miss, who was not long ago taken over to Sydney from here, ran third with 10.5 to Alarm Bell. 9.3, and Mark Twain, 11.0, in the Hurdle Handicap of 70 sovs, two miles and 10.5 to Alarm Bell. 9.3, and Mark I wain, 11.0, in the Hurdle Handicap of 70 sovs, two miles and a furlong, at Rosehill (Sydney) on April 29. He ran in the nomination of Mr I. Earnshaw. Only the trio named started. At the same meeting odds of 5 to 4 were laid on the Hon. W. A. Long's filly Salutation, 8.4, for the Nursery Handicap of 60 sovs, six furlongs, but she was beaten easily at the finish by Mr T. Sampson's colt Theophilus, by Sweet William (son of Yattendon) out of Thelma, who is by Goldsbrough out of Vin Ordinaire, by Ace of Clubs—Sour Grapes, by Fisherman. What a lovely pedigree! We have already learnt by cable that Denman won the Rosehill Cup of 300 sovs, one mile and a furlong, from Bodkin, 7.2, and Doncaster, 7.9. Fuller details by mail yesterday show that the other starters were:—Tridentine 9.5, Moss Rose 9.3, Brockleigh 9.0, Alexander 8.6, Ethelbert 8.4, Latonia 8.2, Warpaint 8.2, Assayer 7.8, Veno 7.8, Aster 7.6, Juan 7.6, Gingham 7.4, Luna 7.4, Vanity 7.4, Werong 7.2, Zelendia 7.2, Wyvern 6.12, Eileen 6.12, Othmar 6.10, Amber Queen 6.9, Roundabout 6.9, Blue Peter 6.13 (inc. 5lb nen.), Lilac 6.7, and Medina 6.7. Denman was 6.9, Roundabout 6.9, Blue Peter 6.13 (inc. 5lb pen.), Lilac 6.7, and Medina 6.7. Denman was favourite at 4 to 1 against and won in a canter by two lengths in 2min 5sec. The New Zealander

I am sorry to have to record that the chaser Shillelagh has gone wrong and could not there-fore start at the Egmont Winter Meeting yesterday. This accounts for his absence from the entry list of the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase.

I am glad to hear that the Avondale Jockey Club came out with a profit of about £30 over their recent race meeting.

Mr W. Percival informs me that he intends to resign his position as Master of the Pakuranga

Mr W. Paul intends to nominate Mangere for the V.R.C. Grand National Hurdle Race and Steeplechase, entries for which close on the 29th

Auckland Tattersall's Club have granted a re-newal of license to G. F. Hill, bookmaker.

"Rata," the Christchurch correspondent of the Otago Wituess, had a look through the in-mates of Ted Cutts' stable the other day, and says of them :- "The stable will be strong in two-year-olds next season if I mistake not. There are five remarkably good looking youngsters in the Chokebore Lodge boxes at present, and Mr Cutts will undoubtedly be unlucky if he be no more successful in the chief two-year-old events of next season than he has been in similar contests during the past seven months. A filly by Stonyhurst -Golden Crest looks slippery, but she seems to me built a bit too much on the greyhound pattern, though she may race better as a two-year-old than she will ever do afterwards. She takes more after Golden Crest than she does after Stonyhurst, and we all know that Golden Crest had the gift of going - when she liked. A good-Awatea. He has got good shoulders and quarters, and he is strong in the loins and will be a useful horse. The colt by King Cole—Wainui is a real good one. I think he is one of the best in the stable. His conformation gives one the impression of staying ability, and his flat cannon bones augur a lengthy career on the turf. He is undoubtedly an excellent colt. The yearling filly by Maxim—Teredo is a good one, and though she may not be as fast as the Golden Crest filly as a two-year-old, she will be better over long distances as a three and four-year-old. Indeed, I think she will be a very profitable mare if properly placed, which no doubt she will be. Watchword, by Maxim—Galatea, was the 'dandy' of the lot I saw. He is an uncommonly good colt; a fine back, broad and flat towards the rump, with strong loins, excellent quarters, beautiful shoulders, not too much on the slope and nothing lumbering about them, with his hind legs set under him like those of a dog—i.e., hind cannons short, and a deuce of a stretch from the points of the hocks to the croup constitute his prominent features. Busybody is looking very well after her two victories at Rangiora, and that filly will pay her owners yet. She is a bit light-headed, but I have seen her do as good a six-furlong gallop as anything I have seen performed on the Riccarton thought Awarua Rose went to the north to stay, but he is back again, and a beautiful horse he is. His bad hoof is improving, too, and he will surprise me if he does not win a big handicap yet. A two-year-old by King Cole—Zea-landia may be a fair racer, and Melusina looks a great deal better in her box than she does when extended on the training tracks. Yet there is no doubt she has the gift of going, though she does go three-cornerwise. At present Lord Aston is as sound as a bell. So long as he can stand galloping Lord Aston is a horse that wants a deal of heating. In his hox Lakeshell looks a stand ganoping Lord Asson is a noise that wants a deal of beating. In his box Lakeshell looks a superb horse. I have written many times in his favour, and though he has not proved himself a very brilliant two-year-old, I advise backers to keep an eye on him for some of the chief handicaps next season. Fairchild, looking real well, is still located at Chokebore Lodge, and he is for sale as a stud horse."

Ma.J. Stephenson's recent purchase in Sydney, the yearling colt by the Australian Peer out of Tempest's dam Tornado, has arrived in Dunedin.

All-round Sport

By "MILO."

Football.

FIXTURES.

SATURDAY, MAY, 13.

SUBURDS V. North Shore Newton v. Parnell City v. Ponsonby

Newton v. Ponsonby Grafton v. City Parnell v. Suburbs

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City v. Parnell

THE football season may be fairly said to have opened last Saturday when a start was made with the Cup matches. The day turned out wet and muggy, and besides making the ground somewhat heavy caused a good many people that are usually seen at Epsom to remain

Parnell journeyed to North Shore and had an easy victory over the Marine Suburb, winning by 38 points to nil. Ponsonby met Newton in front of the pavilion at Potter's Paddock, when a close game resulted, the former however scoring a victory by 7 points to 2. Grafton and Suburbs fought out a stubborn battle which ended in a draw, and City, who stood out, travelled to Onehunga.

Those who visited Potter's Peddock on Saturday last were greatly disgusted to find that the Rugby Union had not made any provision for securing suitable referees, and thus wasted over half an hour of most valuable time. This has been a general source of complaint for several seasons past and still the committee do not care to grapple with the difficulty in the manner it ought to be grappled with, but seem content to allow matters to right themselves. Just imagine the delay on Saturday when the contests were postponed for a long time whilst players chased round and hunted up likely men amongst the onlookers seated in the pavilion. Surely it is the duty of the Rugby Union to see that competent referees are provided so that games may not be impeded and the public disgusted.

A correspondent writes drawing attention to the manner in which some footballers dress for matches, and alludes more particularly to those games that take place outside the regular field at Epsom. In a case that came under his notice one player got a few falls and continued to play in an almost nude state. The best preventative is for the decent players to retire from the field on such an occasion.

It is anything but pleasant to be always fault-finding, but I cannot help thinking the Union made a mistake in delaying the publication of their Annual until Saturday last. There had been many rumours about alterations and additions to the Rugby rules, and in cor sequence of this many who would willingly have officiated as referees naturally stood out for fear of giving wrong decisions.

By the way, speaking of the Rugby Annual, perhaps the secretary would kindly send one to the office of the Sporting Review.

The Wairarapa Rugby Union have decided to start Senior Cup matches on June 3rd.

Who is the footballer known as the

Thomas, the well-known Otago back, has gone to Sydney and intends playing for the Randwicks.

A Southern writer says that a Wellington man names twenty-six players as 'a few whose claims will have to be considered' in picking the New Zealand team to visit Australia, and it is interesting to note that seven of those named are from Wellington, five from the Wairarapa, three each from Hawke's Bay and Auckland, two each from Taranaki and Manawatu, and one each from the West Coast, Poverty Bay, Nelson and South Canterbury. It will thus be seen that of the twenty-six no less than fourteen reside in the Wellington provincial district, and the South Island have only three names mentioned (Sheedy, Harper and

Reg Caulton is now playing down at Gisborne for the Turanganui Club, and in a recent match against the Waimata Club scored a try.

It is thought that the Marlborough Nelson, Hawke's Bay, Wellington and Auckland Rugby Unions will make tours this season:

The annual meeting of the Northern Wairea Rugby Union was held last week when the following clubs were represen-

ted:—Kopuru F.C., Messrs J. Molloy, W. Forsdick and W. Smith; Aratapu F.C., Messrs E. Bassett, T. Neild and J. Stallworthy; Maropiu F.C., Mr E. Tromison; Mangawhare, Messrs A. Stehr and Harkness. The balance-sheet for the past year, which was submitted and adopted, showed a credit balance. statements of assetts and liabilities to date exhibited a debit balance of £4 13s. It was decided to accept the Mangawhare F.C. as a subscribing club and to allow Messrs Stehr and Harkness to act as their delegates at the meeting. The following officers were elected:—Patron, Mr T. Webb; president, Mr M. O'Connor: vicepresidents, Messrs G Meredith, Netana Patuawa, A. E. Harding, F. W. Mat-thews, sen., R. Masefield, A. R. Welham, N. Moros, R. Hume, H. Hammond, F. Norton, D. Webster, J. M. Dargaville, W. Vousden, W. J. Bassett and A. Rogers; auditors, Messrs S. Edmunds and T. Elliott; secretary, Mr J. Stallworthy, vice Mr C. H. Matthews who resigned owing to the duties taking up more time than he could afford.

A meeting of the members of the Ponsonby Football Club was held on Thursday night with the object of considering what action should be taken by the club with reference to the recent disqualification of Siddel by the managing committee of the Auckland Rugby Union. Mr A. E. Devore occupied the chair. After a lot of discussion, which was at times of a somewhat heated nature, it was resolved on the motion of Mr Gittos, seconded by Mr Chapman, 'That the delegates of the club be requested to arrange a meeting with the committee of management for the purpose of going over the evidence brought out at the enquiry, and if they then thought it necessary to request that the whole matter be reopened.' It was also resolved on the motion of Mr Stichbury, seconded by Mr Braund, That this meeting expresses its sympathy with Mr Siddle with reference to the peculiar and trying circumstances in which he has

been placed owing to his disqualification.'
At an adjourned annual meeting of the Auckland Association Football League held on Thursday last a letter was read from the Town Clerk granting the use of the Domain ground at a fee of 10s per match. Letters were received from the Rev G. McMurray and Messrs Ehrenfried and G. S. Graham accepting the position of vice-president. A communication was also received from His Excellency the Governor's Private Secretary intimating His Excellency's willingness to be Patron of the League. It was decided that each club should be represented on the management committee by two delegates and its officers, and that the League's title should be altered to that of 'Auckland Football Association.'

The match around which most interest centered on Saturday last was that between Ponsonby and Newton, which was played on the ground in front of the grand stand. There was nothing very brilliant about the play, and the game at times became very tame. This was due in a great measure to the heavy state of the ground, which put a stop to any passing or back play. The ball was in a very greasy state, and required to be taken very accurately to be held, and it was only by loose forward rushes that the play was removed from one end of the ground to the other.

Tom Henderson officiated as referee for the Poisonby—Newton match very satisfactorily.

In consequence of a slight injury received on Saturday last, young Scott will have to stand out of Ponsonby's ranks

next Saturday. The supporters of the blue and black colours say that if Fred Murray would only stop appealing so frequently and play a little more it would help his side

materially. In their meeting with Ponsonby on Saturday last the Newton men were favoured by the heavy state of the ground, and as far as weight went they could have given their opponents stones Still they had very hard luck on several

occasions Tommy Roberts, it is said, will most likely leave for the South before long; but in the meantime he keeps up his football. On Saturday last he played for Onehunga against City, and scored several tries.

Bob Whiteside seems to be fast regaining his old form, and playing for Grafton last Saturday he put in some capital runs.

The match between Grafton and Suburbs ended in a draw after a wellfought out contest.

Showing how late it was before the Cup matches started last Saturday, I may mention the Suburbs v. Grafton match

SMITH'S YADUMBA WINES Grow the Oldest Vitteyard in South Australia.