

THE OFFICIAL CALENDAR

OF THE AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

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

Rule 17 reads: "The programme of each meeting in which the added money is £100 or upwards must be advertised in full once at least in the Official Calendar."

The advertisement shall show that the programme has been approved by the Jockey Club, shall state the days on which the meeting is to begin and end, and the names of the stewards, judge, starter, clerk of the scales, and handicapper."

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

COLOURS.

- (Registered with the Auckland Racing Club.) Mr. Marangai ... First colours—The Hula: Black jacket, old gold collar, white armlets, black cap, white peak. Second colours—Pink jacket, black cap.

PROGRAMMES PASSED.

Gisborne Park Steeplechase—July 14

DISQUALIFICATIONS.

The following disqualifications by the Te Aroha Jockey Club have been endorsed by the A.R.C.:-That the horse Arava, or Emmett, be disqualified for life.

All horses, trainers, jockeys, and owners that took part in the Northern Waikato Racing Club Meeting, held on the 26th and 27th December, 1892, and the Whangarei Racing Club Meeting, held on 6th and 7th January, 1893, are disqualified.

The disqualification of E. Monroe, the jockey, was removed by the A.R.C. committee at their meeting on the 7th inst.

The disqualification of Maori Girl was also removed at the same meeting.

The disqualification of Mr P. Grant has been removed by the A.R.C. Committee.

The disqualification of the pony Ben and the jockeys W. Oliver, H. Hickton, J. Fletcher and R. Donovan has been removed.

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 Morrigan, Ellerslie; Alex. Williams, Ellerslie; F. Burns, A. E. Byers, W. Bird, W. Powell, D. Creamer, R. Collins, J. Carey, J. Dawson, C. Coleman, S. Fergus, Martin Grace, Alfred Say, W. Gallie, J. Golding, Augustus Manning, T. Steward, R. Hall, W. Hammond, K. Heaton, C. Tutt, J. Katters, W. McMinamin, H. Priest, W. Quartermain, W. Smith, F. Dodd, J. Pennel, J. Pyne, Alf. Patterson, F. Reid, Ambrose C. Dixon, W. Rayner, W. Gillie, J. Rae, G. Donovan, W. Shaw, T. Taylor, C. Weal, H. Weal, W. Beaumont, D. Wright, E. Williams, W. Wilmot, G. Hammond, James Robert Whitelaw, W. Hatfield.

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

WM. PERCIVAL, SECRETARY.

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

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

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, Mr. Walter Harold Windsor.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

Table with 2 columns: Duration and Rate. Shows rates for 3, 6, and 12 months.

SPORTING FIXTURES, ETC.

COMING EVENTS.

- June 10..... Auckland Racing Club's North New Zealand Steeplechase Meeting

NOMINATIONS.

- June 13..... Wellington Racing Club's Steeplechase

WEIGHTS APPEAR.

- July 5..... United Hunt Club Steeplechase

ACCEPTANCES DUE.

- June 16..... Hawke's Bay Jockey Club Winter

AUSTRALIAN RACES.

- Aug. 12..... Victoria Amateur Turf Club Grand National Meeting

ENGLISH RACES.

- June 18, 14, 15, 16, Ascot Meeting

COURSING.

- June 8, 9..... Dunedin Coursing Club

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The Editor will at all times be willing to do his best to answer any questions or decide any disputes on matters of sporting or general interest.

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Sporting Review.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 1893.

In our last issue we indicated generally our opinions as to the resolutions adopted by the delegates of Auckland and Country Suburban Clubs who met on the 30th ult. The crowded state of our columns last week would not permit of our discussing the proposals at the length we should like to have gone to, so we will now take up our parable and proceed to examine them more closely.

The question of the basis of voting power at future Conferences is of course the crucial one. With the main points of Mr Ormond's scheme in this direction the country and suburban delegates were in accord, and they did not trench on the functions he proposes to confer on the Metropolitan Clubs of each district, but they made some slight alterations as regards the voting power for some of the country clubs. Mr Ormond proposed that "the voting at Conferences should be taken on the following basis:—The Auckland Racing Club, Canterbury Jockey Club, and Dunedin Jockey Club, three votes each; the Wellington Racing Club, Hawke's Bay Jockey Club, and Wanganui Jockey Club, two votes each; the Taranaki Jockey Club, Greymouth Jockey Club, Marlborough Racing Club, and Nelson Jockey Club, one vote each; the combined country clubs of the Auckland, Otago, Canterbury, Wellington and Hawke's Bay districts, two votes each; and the combined country clubs of the Wanganui and Taranaki Districts, one vote each." The Conference suggested an amendment in this so that the combined country clubs of Auckland, Canterbury, and Dunedin districts should have three votes each; the combined country clubs of the Wellington, Hawke's Bay, and Wanganui districts, two votes each; and the combined country clubs of the Taranaki district, one vote. This means that the Metropolitan Clubs' voting power is 19 and the country clubs' 16, as compared with 19 for Metropolitan Clubs and 13 for country clubs under Mr Ormond's scheme. When the number and the status of the country clubs in the Auckland, Canterbury, and Dunedin districts is taken into consideration we do not think that the three vote proposal is out of the way, while, on the other hand, the small clubs under the jurisdiction of the Greymouth, Nelson and Marlborough Jockey Clubs—three very small Metropolitan Clubs—are so insignificant as not to deserve a vote if that vote serves to exclude in any way or to act to the detriment of the legitimate country clubs that are to be found in strong force in both Auckland, Canterbury and Otago. As we have said this question of voting power is the crucial one, and it is one with which we doubt not the country and suburban clubs summoned to the Conference at Ashburton this month will deal very carefully. So, too, will the Metropolitan Clubs when instructing their delegates what attitude to assume at the next Metropolitan Clubs' Conference. We fancy that the meeting last week cut the Gordian knot in the most satisfactory way; that they have in their proposals given no undue prominence to the interests of the country and suburban clubs as compared to those of the Metropolitan Clubs, and we hope to see their proposals adopted and made the basis of voting power at all future Conferences.

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In this connection it is interesting to know that the question was tackled by Mr Stead in the report delivered by him as hon. treasurer to the annual meeting of the Canterbury Jockey Club's members last week. Now, if we mistake not, Mr Stead—than whom there are few shrewder level-headed racing men in the colony—was for a long time utterly opposed to anything that would abate one jot of the Metropolitan Club's power—in fact he was ever a staunch stickler for the arbitrary ruling of Metropolitan Clubs, holding almost that they had a right to be as autocratic as the Czar of Russia. But he has evidently, like a sensible man, observed the "handwriting on the wall," and thus it comes about that in his report to the C.J.C. he says:

Members are doubtless aware that at the next Conference of the Metropolitan Clubs a resolution will be proposed in the direction of providing for the representation of country clubs at future Conferences. As this is a subject of some importance members may possibly wish to give an expression of opinion upon it. So far as I can judge, there are no grave reasons why the country clubs should not be represented. The Metropolitan Clubs have no other object in view than the good government and proper control of racing, and if the country clubs can and will assist in framing more perfect rules than those now in use, and will assist in restricting the undue amount of racing carried on in New Zealand, then there can be little doubt the Metropolitan Clubs will only be too glad to have the cooperation and assistance of the representatives of their country friends.

It was probably only an oversight that in No. 4 of Mr Ormond's proposals no provision was made for notice being given to the country clubs of any proposed amendments or alterations. His proposal reads that "Delegates representing not less than five Metropolitan Clubs shall form a quorum." This the Conference amended, so that the word "Metropolitan" was struck out and the following words added after the word "clubs":—"Either Metropolitan or country."

THE voting power clause was a most crucial one, but another question that naturally caused a lot of discussion was that of expenses of delegates to Conferences. Delegates are but ordinary mortals, and their tastes will differ when it comes to a question of expenses. Hitherto we think we are correct in saying that most of the Metropolitan Clubs, if not all, have voted lump sums to their delegates, and fine holidays some of these have had at times when the business transacted at these Conferences have been practically nil. This sort of thing would never suit the finances of some of the country clubs, and it was pretty generally understood as the wish of last week's meeting that a delegate should simply be allowed his bare travelling expenses and his hotel bill. How to get together a fund to defray these necessary expenses was a question that involved a lot of consideration, but eventually it was arrived at—and, we think, satisfactorily—in this way:—Each club that holds three meetings during the racing year is to pay an annual fee of £3, each club holding two meetings a year £2, and each club holding one meeting a year £1, excepting those who, while holding one meeting, do not use the totalisator, and these clubs will be let off with a fee of 10s. This will make up a tidy little fund to work on, and it must be remembered that in addition to the expenses of sending a delegate to the Metropolitan Clubs' Con-

ference, there will be minor expenses attached to these Conferences of country and suburban clubs in the shape of providing stationery, stamps, printing, etc., while some remuneration will in all fairness have to be made to the secretary for his time and trouble.

CLAUSE 11 of Mr Ormond's proposals too did not deal with the powers of the country and suburban clubs to levy any fee for expenses of their delegates, but only gave that power to the Metropolitan Clubs, and it was therefore just as well that last week's Conference gave effect to their ideas on the subject in such a practical manner, thus showing that while they claimed their right to certain representation at Conferences they were at the same time willing and anxious to bear a fair share of the expenses attaching thereto.

THESE being all, the Hon. J. D. Ormond's proposals—with the exception of those re the Stud Book—the meeting passed on to other business, and the first thing that engaged their attention was a resolution which the committee of the Auckland Racing Club have intimated their intention of bringing before the next Conference. This resolution reads:

That no delegate should be elected to attend a Conference who represents proprietary clubs or who is financially interested in any club.

Last week's Conference suggested that "the clause should not be carried as it is both unreasonable and unjust." They might have gone further and said that it is ambiguous. On what lines or by what method are the Metropolitan Clubs or the members of any Conference going to decide whether a delegate represents proprietary clubs? What is to be the definition of a "proprietary club" for the purposes of the enforcement of this rule? And furthermore how when a delegate has been chosen by a club or clubs are the rest of the members of the Conference going to declare that he is not a fit and proper person to sit with them? Are they going of their own motion to disfranchise the club or clubs which he represents? The proposal seems to us to be unworkable. And then there is the other part of the proposal which, as we said above, is ambiguous. What is the definition of a delegate "financially interested in any club?" Does this apply to the secretary and the paid officials? We know of several instances, too, in which members of committee of some of our racing bodies are financially interested in such bodies in that they have become part guarantors at the bank for an overdraft to enable their club to erect a grandstand or make certain alterations and improvements to the course and club's enclosures. Some years ago, too, we remember that certain members of the Canterbury Jockey Club went guarantee to the bank for the money required to enable them to complete the branch line of railway to their course. Was not each of these gentlemen, when they had so become guarantee, "financially interested in the club? We should think so. And yet it seems to us that if the present proposal of the Auckland Racing Club be carried any gentleman in a similar position would be debarred from sitting as a delegate at a Conference. We hope this proposal will not be entertained by the next Metropolitan Clubs' Conference.

TUESDAY's Conference struck out a novel and somewhat startling line when it affirmed its opinion that it should be empowered to elect at least two representatives as members of the committee of the Metropolitan Club. The resolution is not clear on the subject, but we understand that what is intended is that the representatives so appointed shall not take part in all the deliberations of the Metropolitan Clubs' committee, but only those which touch on questions affecting the Rules of Racing or the conduct of the sport generally. But even with this reservation we think the proposal goes too far altogether. We presume that in common courtesy the secretary of the Metropolitan Club would notify the secretary to the country and suburban clubs' Conference whenever any business affecting those clubs, the Rules of Racing, or the business at future Conferences, was to be brought before the Metropolitan Club's committee, and there would then be an opportunity for the country clubs to appoint someone to interview the Metropolitan Clubs with any suggestions that might be thought necessary. But to want "at least" two representatives on the Metropolitan Club's committee is to ask too much in