



RACING PROGRAMMES

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

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NORTH NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

FIRST DAY. SATURDAY, JUNE 3rd, 1893.

PROGRAMME.

Maiden Steeplechase of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stakes. For all horses that have never won 50 sovs at time of entry.

Winter Welter Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stakes. Entrance 1 sov and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. One mile.

Grand National Handicap Hurdle Race of 250 sovs; second horse to receive 25 sovs and third horse 10 sovs out of the stakes. Entrance 2 sovs, and acceptance 2 sovs, and 4 sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. Over eight flights of hurdles. Two miles.

Selling Steeplechase of 60 sovs. Entrance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. Four-year-olds to carry 11.6; five-year-olds, 12.0; six years and aged, 12.3.

Maiden Hurdle Race of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stakes. For all horses that have never won a hurdle race of the value of 50 sovs.

Ladies' Bracelet, value 40 sovs for the first horse, and Bracelet value 10 sovs to the second horse. Entrance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7th, 1893.

Hunters' Welter Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Gentlemen riders allowed 7lbs. One mile.

Novel Race of 30 sovs. Entrance 1 sov each to go to the funds. Winner to be sold by auction immediately after the race, and the whole of proceeds to go to the funds. Weight, 10.0. One mile.

Great Northern Steeplechase Handicap of 400 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs and third horse 20 sovs out of the stakes. Entrance 2 sovs and acceptance 3 sovs each, with a final payment of 5 sovs at the post to go to the funds.

Handicap Hurdles of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. One mile and three-quarters.

Second Winter Welter Handicap of 50 sovs, second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stakes. Entrance 1 sov and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Seven furlongs.

Tally Ho Steeplechase Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of the stakes. Entrance, 1 sov., and acceptance 3 sovs each, to go to the funds. About three miles.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC., With amount to be transmitted to Secretary A.R.C.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 1893, by 9 p.m.

Grand National Hurdle Race Handicap 2 sovs Great Northern Steeplechase .. 2 sovs

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 1893, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—Grand National Hurdle Race Handicap 2 sovs Great Northern Steeplechase .. 3 sovs

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 1893.—GENERAL ENTRY NIGHT, by 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS—Maiden Steeplechase .. 1 sov Winter Welter Handicap .. 1 sov Selling Steeplechase .. 2 sovs Maiden Hurdle Race .. 2 sovs Ladies' Bracelet .. 2 sovs Hunters' Welter Handicap .. 1 sov Handicap Hurdles .. 1 sov Second Winter Welter Handicap .. 1 sov Tally Ho Steeplechase Handicap .. 1 sov Novel Race .. 1 sov

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 1893, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—Winter Welter Handicap .. 1 sov SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 1893, at the Post.

Maiden Steeplechase .. 2 sovs Grand National Hurdle Race .. 4 sovs

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 1893, at 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—Hunters' Welter Handicap .. 1 sov Handicap Hurdles .. 2 sovs Second Winter Welter Handicap .. 1 sov Tally Ho Steeplechase .. 3 sovs

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 1893, at the post.

Great Northern Steeplechase .. 5 sovs

DATES ON OR ABOUT WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 1893.

Grand National Hurdles Great Northern Steeplechase

MONDAY, MAY 29.

Winter Welter Handicap

MONDAY, JUNE 5, in Morning Paper.

Hunters' Welter Handicap Hurdles Second Winter Welter Tally Ho Steeplechase

WM. PERCIVAL, Secretary, A.R.C.

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB.

WINTER MEETING, 1892-93.

FRIDAY, 23RD JUNE.

President—Captain Russell, M.H.R. Treasurer—James Lyon. Stewards—Wm. Douglas, G. P. Donnelly, H. Gaisford, G. Hunter, F. Logan, T. H. Lowry, Henry Mason, Hon. J. D. Ormond, M.L.C., W. Shrimpton. Judge—W. Shrimpton. Starter—Samuel Powell. Clerk of the Course—James Loddell. Clerk of the Scales—Wm. Beilby. Timekeeper—C. M. Whittington. Clerk of the Totalisator—G. T. Cross. Handicapper—J. O. Evett.

PROGRAMME.

To Start at

12 noon.—Handicap Hurdle Race of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov, acceptance, 2 sovs. About two miles.

1 p.m.—Ladies' Bracelet of 80 sovs. A bracelet value 80 sovs. A gold mounted whip will be presented to the rider of the winner.

N.B.—Application for election as a gentleman rider must be made in writing to the committee of the Jockey Club in whose district the applicant resides, and must be proposed and seconded in writing by members of the Club.

2 p.m.—Hawke's Bay Steeplechase Handicap of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 20 sovs from the stake.

2.45 p.m.—Amateur Steeplechase of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Weight-for-age. Gentlemen riders. For horses that have never started in a Steeplechase or Hurdle Race.

3.30 p.m.—Welter Handicap of 50 sovs; (on the flat). Minimum weight, 10st. Nomination, 1 sov. Weights will be declared immediately after the Ladies' Bracelet Race.

4.15 p.m.—Maiden Steeplechase of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Entrance, 2 sovs. Weight-for-age. For all horses that have never won an advertised Steeplechase exceeding 25 sovs in value at time of entry.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES AND WEIGHTS. With amounts to be forwarded to the Secretary H.B.J.C.

N.B.—All events close at 10 p.m.

TUESDAY, 9th MAY

NOMINATIONS—Handicap Hurdle Race .. 1 sov. Hawke's Bay Steeplechase .. 2 sovs.

WEIGHTS will be declared on or about the 8th June.

FRIDAY, 16th JUNE

ACCEPTANCES—Handicap Hurdle Race .. 2 sovs. Hawke's Bay Steeplechase .. 7 sovs.

NOMINATIONS—Ladies' Bracelet .. 3 sovs. Maiden Steeplechase .. 2 sovs. Amateur Steeplechase .. 1 sov. Welter Handicap .. 1 sov.

F. D. LUCKIE, Secretary.

Criterion Hotel, Napier.

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WELLINGTON RACING CLUB

STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

SATURDAY, JULY 8th, 1893.

NOMINATIONS FOR

Trial Handicap Steeplechase of 70 sovs., about 2 miles .. 1 sov. Hurdle Handicap of 100 sovs., 1 1/2 miles .. 1 sov. Hack Hurdle Handicap of 30 sovs., 1 1/2 miles ... 10s. Wellington Steeplechase Handicap of 200 sovs., about 3 miles .. 1 sov. Ladies' Bracelet (Handicap), value 50 sovs., 2 miles on the flat .. 1 sov. High Weight Handicap of 60 sovs., 1 1/2 miles on the flat .. 1 sov.

CLOSE ON

TUESDAY, JUNE 13th AT 9 P.M.

H. M. LYON,

Club Hotel, Wellington, May 15th, 1893. Secretary.

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in the Club's Letter Box, addressed to the Secretary, Argyll Hotel, on the specified dates. (The attention of owners is particularly called to this regulation.)

Races will be run under the Rules of Racing. Five per cent will be deducted from the gross amount of all stakes. Application for election as a gentleman rider must be made to the Committee of the Jockey Club in whose district the applicant resides, and must be proposed and seconded in writing by Members of the Club.

M. G. NASMITH, Secretary.

UNITED HUNT CLUB (WELLINGTON)

STEEPLECHASE MEETING,

To be held on the HUTT PARK RACECOURSE on

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12th, 1893

(Four days after Wellington Racing Club's Winter Meeting.)

NOMINATIONS FOR

1. Maiden Steeplechase of 30 sovs., 2 miles .. 10s. 2. Open Hurdle Handicap of 45 sovs., 1 1/2 miles ... 1 sov. 3. United Hunt Club Steeplechase Handicap of 50 sovs., 3 1/2 miles .. 1 sov. 4. Open Steeplechase Handicap of 75 sovs., 3 miles .. 1 sov. 5. Ladies' Bracelet Handicap, value 25 sovs. for 1st horse and 5 sovs. for second horse, 2 miles, flat .. 10s. 6. Open Welter Handicap of 30 sovs., 1 1/2 miles, flat .. 10s. 7. Farewell Hurdle Handicap of 40 sovs., 1 1/2 miles 1 sov.

CLOSE ON

TUESDAY, JUNE 20th, AT 9 P.M.

H. M. LYON,

Royal Oak Hotel, Wellington, May 31st, 1893. Honorary Secretary.

N.B.—Races 1, 3, 5 and 7 are confined to qualified hunters only. Races 2, 4 and 6 are open events. Complete Programmes forwarded on application to the Honorary Secretary.

GISBORNE PARK STEEPLECHASE CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING,

To be held on the

POVERTY BAY PARK COMPANY'S GROUNDS,

On

TUESDAY, JULY 11th, 1893.

President—A. McKenzie, Esq. Vice-president—E. F. Harris, Esq. Stewards—B. Harper, O. Gallagher, J. Price, W. Bailey, D. Hepburn, J. Siskerson, W. Maude, A. B. Newman, A. McPhail. Judge—W. H. Tucker. Starter—Capt. Wintner. Treasurer—G. Mathewson. Handicapper—C. D. Bennett. Totalisator Steward—W. J. Quigley. Clerk of the Scales—J. Whitby. Clerk of Course—A. Pritchard.

PROGRAMME.

(Approved by Metropolitan Club.)

1. 11.30 a.m.—Handicap Hurdle Race of 55 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from stakes. Distance, two miles, over 8 flights of hurdles 3ft 6in. Nomination, 20s; acceptance, 35s. 2. 12.15 p.m.—Hack Hurdles Handicap of 10 sovs. Distance, 1 mile, over 4 flights of hurdles. Post entry, 10s. No restriction as to qualification. 3. 1 p.m.—Ladies' Bracelet Handicap of 20 sovs. One mile and a distance (on the flat). First horse Bracelet valued £15 (second horse, Bracelet valued £5. Horses to be nominated by Ladies. For qualified hunters that have not started for other than Hack or Hunters' Races six months prior to nomination. Gentlemen riders. Horses to have been hunted to the satisfaction of the Master, whose certificate must be produced to the Clerk of the Scales. (A committee of the P.B.H.C. to handicap.) 4. 1.45 p.m.—Winter Oats Handicap (Flat) of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from stakes. Minimum weight 10st. Distance, 6 furlongs. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 20s. 5. 2.30 p.m.—Gisborne Park Steeplechase Handicap, of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from stakes. About 3 1/2 miles. Nomination, 20s; acceptance, 50s. 6. 3.15 p.m.—Hunters' Steeplechase Cup Handicap of 20 sovs. About 2 1/2 miles. First horse, Cup value £15; second horse, Cup value £5. For qualified hunters that have not started for other than Hack or Hunters' Races six months prior to nomination. Gentlemen riders. Horses to have been hunted to the satisfaction of the Master, whose certificate must be produced to the Clerk of the Scales. (A Committee of the P.B.H.C. to handicap.) 7. 4 p.m.—Final Handicap (Flat) of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from stakes. Minimum weight 10st. Distance, 1 mile and a distance. Nomination, 20s; acceptance, 20s.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, AND AMOUNTS TO BE FORWARDED.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20th, 1893, AT 8 P.M.

NOMINATIONS—Handicap Hurdle Race .. 20s. Ladies' Bracelet .. 10s. Winter Oats .. 15s. Gisborne Park Steeplechase .. 20s. Hunters' Steeplechase Cup .. 10s. Final Handicap .. 20s.

WEIGHTS DECLARED TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 1893.

TUESDAY, JULY 4th, 1893, AT 8 P.M.

ACCEPTANCES—Handicap Hurdle Race .. 35s. Ladies' Bracelet .. 10s. Winter Oats .. 20s. Park Steeplechase .. 50s. Hunters' Steeplechase Cup .. 10s. Final Handicap .. 20s.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

No entry will be received for any Race except upon the condition that all claims, disputes, and objections arising shall be decided by the Stewards, or whom they may appoint, and their decision on all points connected with the carrying out of this programme shall be final. All nominations, entries, and acceptances, etc., must be accompanied by the NECESSARY AMOUNT PAYABLE and left

A well-known gentleman residing in Wellington had a disastrous experience at the Otaki Maori race meeting on the Queen's Birthday. He was in the act of approaching the totalisator to make an investment on the Flying Handicap, when a man in front of him in the 'race' came to a standstill and clutched at the side rails. Thinking he was intoxicated Mr. ——— tried to push him on, but the man obstinately refused to budge. While engaged in his attempts to get the obstructor along Mr. ——— had his hat pushed over his eyes from behind. To put this back again he withdrew his left hand from his trousers pocket, where he had been keeping hold of a bundle of notes, comprising four tens, three fives and six ones. The approach soon afterwards being cleared he managed to get to the machine and proceeded to make his investment. A few minutes afterwards, on taking out his roll of notes, he was startled at seeing that it was much smaller than when he had handled it last, and he was still more startled on opening the bundle to find that the four tens and three fives had disappeared, and that only the six £1's were left. He has little doubt that his pocket had been cleverly picked while he was blocked in the totalisator approach, and that the thief placed the £1 notes back in order to delay discovery. Suspicion attaches to a party of notorious spiliers who were on the course, and it is not unlikely that an arrest will be made. After discovering his loss the unfortunate speculator found that his left hand pocket was cut for some inches, apparently with a pair of scissors.

Mr. Fillis, the proprietor of the circus, has purchased from Mr. F. N. Jones the thoroughbred horse Victory, by Puritan—Achievement, and intends taking him to his home in South Africa. At the price paid (100guins) Mr. Fillis has got a bargain, as the horse has an undeniable pedigree, and his performances were most meritorious. Mr. Jones has also disposed of a yearling colt by Puritan—Bridal Rose to Mr. T. McCarthy of Wellington. He has left the trotter Fleabite in the hands of a Wellington sportsman, who will probably race him, but the old grey is at present in very poor condition.

'Rata,' the Christchurch correspondent of the Otago Witness, says that "Clanranald is in active work of a steady kind, and should he go on all right through the winter he will in all probability be made 'hot goods' for some of the Spring handicaps. To look at he appears to be perfectly sound and altogether rid of the effects of the accident he met with some time ago. At the present time he is one of the most stylish horses on the Riccarton exercise grounds."

A New Zealander, Adventurer, by Fusilier (son of Musket and Yatterina)—Lass o' the Hills, who was recently taken from Dunedin to Melbourne, was sold in the latter city for 15 guineas.

# Music, Drama.

[BY "ORPHEUS."]

*Spectatum admissi risum teneatis amici?*

## MR. ASHTON'S WEDNESDAY'S POPS.

THE oft-told tale becomes monotonous—'every seat occupied and numbers turned from the doors' might as well be stereotyped by the skilful printers on the SPORTING REVIEW staff. Mr Hunter's quintette opened the programme with an excellently rendered orchestral selection, in which the 'fat' was equitably distributed among violin, 'cello, cornet, double bass and piano. Mr Dryland followed with Gatty's favourite song 'True till death,' to which Mr Hunter played an effective cornet obligato. Miss Short displayed a sweet soprano voice in 'Laddie,' but should be more sparing in her use of the *portamento*. Miss Ruby Clifford, in her best form, recited 'The Seven Ages of Women,' a witty selection, which of course compelled an encore, 'The Courtship of Larry,' a characteristic Irish piece, being substituted with even greater effect. Mr Tytherleigh, who has a resonant *basso-cantante* voice, sang 'The Village Blacksmith,' and met with a hearty reception. Herr Zimmerman chose a popular selection in the shape of a fantasia on Balfe's 'Bohemian Girl.' His rare qualities of tone, tune, neat execution, tasteful phrasing, etc., were as usual displayed to advantage, and in response to an enthusiastic encore the violinist played a lovely minor. Miss Lorrigan substituted Millard's 'Waiting' for 'Sing, sweet bird,' which was the programme song. The singer scored an undeniable success, and as an encore gave 'The young recruit.' Mr A. J. Tapper sang Sims Reeves' pet song 'My pretty Jane,' and had to repeat the last verse. Mr C. Brown, in a grotesquely humorous get up, gave a most laughable Dutch sketch, reminding me of Billy Barlow's 'Little fat Dutchman.' An imperative encore being complied with the first part of the entertainment closed. The second part opened with a medley of Irish airs, well rendered by Mr Hunter's quintette. Mr Dryland sang 'A warrior bold,' and Mr Tytherleigh so delighted his audience with the effective rendering of 'Anchored' that anchored he was. Mr H. Winklemann next introduced his sweet toned zither, and enchanted all with some original selections, which were duly encored. Miss Lorrigan next sang Gounod's fine 'Salve Maria,' assisted by Herr Zimmerman, who played the splendid violin obligato in exquisite taste. The lady sang extremely well, and the number was one of the gems of the concert. A vocal trio, 'The three dreams,' was fairly sung by Miss Short and Messrs. Tapper and Dryland. Gounod's favourite 'Ave Maria,' for violin (Herr Zimmerman) and organ (Mr Towsey), received an artistic interpretation. A really capital programme terminated with Byron's delicately funny comedietta 'As in a Looking Glass,' in which Mr Harold Ashton, Mr C. Brown, and Miss Ruby Clifford again convulsed the audience.

Mr Ashton is now giving a series of National Nights. Last night was appropriated to England, and in addition to such names as Misses Lorrigan, Mitchell, Ruby, Clifford, and Messrs Towsey, Reid, Tapper, Brown, Stebbing, Zimmerman, etc., Mrs Walter Daw, a contralto of reputation just arrived from London, was to make her first appearance in Australasia. Next week I hope to give a full notice of the concert.

ON Monday, June 12th, a complimentary concert will be given in the Opera House for the benefit of Mrs R. J. Sandall. Professor Carollo, assisted by the best local talent, both musical and athletic, will perform a programme which should ensure a crowded house.

ON Saturday and Monday evenings the City Hall was well filled and Paddy Doran's efforts to please his patrons were crowned with success. Local talent shone brilliantly in the minstrel portion of the entertainment. Messrs Hayes, Oakes, Fort, and Ward made excellent corner men, and the former caught on especially, but where nearly every number was encored it is not easy to award the *præmium virtutis*. Madame Stella made a capital interlocutrix, and helped the funny men to make every point quite a wealth of original jokes and conundrums. Mrs Seymour, the Misses Levy and Waymouth, and Messrs Hyland, Willis, Hewson, Hawkins, etc., etc., sang capital songs and ballads. The Tankard troupe of Japanese again astonished all with their unique feats of balancing, tumbling, wire

rope walking and contortions. They must be seen to be believed. The entertainment concluded with a really screaming farce, in which Paddy Doran, Miss Stella, and a lifelike man monkey made irresistible fun. The People's Popular Entertainments are now an assured success.

MR W. H. WEBBE, who is shortly leaving for a trip home, received a complimentary farewell concert on Monday evening. Assisted by amateur and professional friends as well as his numerous pupils, Mr Webbe's farewell took the form of a P.P.(Q.)C. The Choral Hall was well filled, and a lengthy programme including some excellent items was faithfully rendered. Picking out the plums of the evening I find deserving special mention the songs of Messrs A. L. Edwards and Horace Stebbing, who were both in capital voice and tune; of Mrs Kilgour, with Miss Freda Marsden's violin obligato; of the Misses Warren, Lorrigan and Rimmer, who all sang well. One of Mr Webbe's pupils a very young lady, Miss Mabel Maxwell, is gifted with a remarkably pure and true mezzo-contralto voice. She sings without affectation and in very good style. I trust that great care will be taken of so promising a voice, and that the risk of spoiling it by excessive development before maturity will be shunned. Herr Zimmerman again proved himself a most accomplished solo violinist, and also played several obligatos with exquisite taste and artistic finish. A compact little orchestra under Mr Eady rendered Chevalier's brilliant and tuneful overture to 'The Golden Fleece' very pleasantly. The great composer Haydn came last on the programme, his 'Gipsy Rondo' tempting many to keep their seats. However, the piano and violin did not appear to coincide in regard to tempo, and an interesting race occurred, in which the 'cello was sandwiched between the ding dong pair. It was a neck and neck contest throughout, but I do not care to emulate Judge Kirkwood by placing the third horse first! Joking apart, the entire concert was a success, and Mr Webbe's neat little speech of thanks was excellent in taste and unaffected simplicity.

At a concert recently given in aid of the Sisters of Mercy I was much pleased with the singing of Miss C. Lonergan. She has a lovely sympathetic light soprano voice, no pernicious mannerisms, and is full of sensibility. I commend her to the notice of Mr Harold Ashton.

BEFORE long we may expect 'The Albu Concert Company,' of which critics in the South speak in flattering terms. The *demoiselles* Albu are said to be artistic singers. I think both are sopranos.

MADAME ANTOINETTE STERLING, whose concerts in Auckland will be impatiently waited for, is yet another of England's favourite singers of the calibre of Madame Patey, Messrs Santley, Foli, etc.

## OUR MELBOURNE LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

May 18th.

THE state of the theatrical poll in Melbourne at present is thus:—

Theatre Royal—closed  
Alexandra Theatre—closed  
Bijou Theatre—closed  
St. George's Hall—closing  
Victoria Hall—closed

A pretty state of affairs isn't it? The Princess Theatre, Opera House, and Gaiety Music Hall are, however, open. Of the last, the less said about it the better; they are not doing a too prosperous season. The Princess is doing well, and the Opera House isn't.

J. J. Miller, the well-known theatrical printer, is hard at work on something big, the nature of which when known is likely to come in the light of a godsend to the whole of the musical, dramatic, circus and variety professions. At present the thing is only in *embryo*, but as I happen to know all about it, you may rest assured the SPORTING REVIEW will be the first New Zealand paper to get the full strength of the business.

Johnnie O'Neill, the Irish comedian, is, I see, doing great things with the Dobson Company in 'The Shaughraun,' &c. When you see John you'll own up with me that he far outshines all other Irish comedians in this part of the world.

The Steens have had crowded houses in Melbourne. Travers Vale has worked hard with this show, and as I have maintained in your columns that they would not become millionaires on their Melbourne season, in justice to myself let me

state that, big as the houses have been, I have it on the authority of Travers Vale himself that the business has not been of such an overwhelming nature, notwithstanding the fact that they had 'crowded houses' every evening.

Talking of mind readers, I yesterday received a long letter from Professor S. S. Baldwin (at present in Liverpool), and he tells me that next year will see him in Australia once again.

George Lee writes me from Toole's Theatre, London. Lee, you will remember, met John in Australia, and then accompanied him home as manager.

There is a good deal of curiosity awakened in Melbourne about the forthcoming production of 'A King of Shadows and Dreams.' This, be it known, is the only Australian dramatisation of 'Mark Twain's 'Prince and the Pauper.' In the event of it becoming anything like a presentable production there should be money in it in the Australian capitals and New Zealand. The cast includes such capable artists as Misses Isabel Vernon, Douglass, Nellie Greenlees, Mabel Russell, Dot Carey, Julia Nelson, and Messrs Cathcart, E. B. Russell, W. G. and Geo. P. Carey, Hesford, Boothman, Marschall, Appleton and others, there being about thirty characters in the piece.

## OUR MELBOURNE CORRESPONDENT.

WITH that modest proverbial to pressmen our Melbourne correspondent, though a leading theatrical light in the 'Marvellous,' sends us very little of his own personal affairs. Now, like the theatrical manager, we too have an 'understudy,' so that in case of sickness or anything happening to our Melbourne special, we are in a position to still keep our readers posted up in theatrical matters, by utilising our 'understudy.'

It will surprise our Melbourne correspondent to learn that in reply to a message sent from this office to Melbourne asking 'what's Pat Finn doing,' we have received the following from Melbourne correspondent number two:

Pat Finn is up to his neck in work, and evidently disputes even George Darrell's right to be considered the representative Australian dramatist. Finn has done more theatre work than any other man in Australia, but so far has confined his efforts chiefly to song and burlesque. Now, however, he is 'fairly on the job,' having dramatised Mark Twain's 'Prince and the Pauper.' This in four acts he has called 'A King of Shadows and Dreams.' The city is fairly smothered in bills notifying the production of the American humorist's story on the 4th of July. Finn stands pretty well with the 'big bugs' of Melbourne, the result being that a large Parliament House party consisting of members of both Council and Assembly will be present. Of course His Excellency the Governor will be present, and as the piece is to be splendidly cast, and on the whole produced in elaborate style, Finn, it is more than likely, will put up a record as a dramatist.

## Austral Memos.

'Terlinga,' who the other day looked over Mr Gollan's horses in training at Caulfield, says of them in the *Australasian* of May 20:—"Some of the finest horses to be seen in any establishment in Australia are housed at Percy Martin's stables at Caulfield. They all belong to Mr S. H. Gollan, who pays big prices for good cattle, and it was pleasing to see that after a most unlucky spring the New Zealand animals picked up some good stakes during the autumn. The latest additions to the stable are the three Derby colts just arrived from New Zealand. The bay, by Newminster from Beryl, which cost 1,000 guineas at St. Albans, threw amazingly while in Maoriland, and has come back a very grand horse. For such a big one he is most evenly proportioned, and he will be an object of admiration on Derby Day, even if time does not allow of his trainer having him cherry ripe for the occasion. The Possible is out of Realisation. He is a nice compact colt, with plenty of power and bone, but when I saw him he looked rather puffy about the joints. Kempenfeldt, by Nordenfeldt from Bianca, is another well-grown lengthy colt. He is a chestnut with white hairs running through his coat, and as far as looks are concerned these recent importations hold their own with the rest of Mr Gollan's team. The latest winner from

Martin's stable is Captain Webb. He looked rather light after his recent race, and for this reason his trainer did not care to start him at the Hunt Club meeting at Flemington. His defeat of Willyama at Caulfield has caused him to ascend the handicapper's tree with a jump. Sternchaser is looking bright and well, but Culloden's foot which burst in Sydney is still giving trouble. Bessie McCarthy is the finest filly of the season, and it is a pity she is not in the Derby, although the race is not run at a time when mares are at their best. The neat little Namoa is pretty ship-shape, and I expect she will carry silk before long. Altogether Mr Gollan's team is a formidable one, and if the Derby colts come to hand in October Percy Martin should have a good innings at Caulfield and Flemington."

The same writer having looked over the well-known racers Malvolio and Correze in Redfearn's stable, says of them:—"Malvolio is a grand horse in every sense of the word. What a barrel and quarters he has, to be sure, and his back ribs are a marvel. Not long ago Mr Allen, V.S., blistered him on the off foreleg, and whether he will ever stand another preparation is a moot point, as it takes no end of galloping to fit him for a race. When well he is a wonderful stayer, and for this reason his owner may use his best endeavours to get him ready for another Melbourne Cup, but I am afraid he is not very sanguine of success. Such a horse should make a splendid sire, but, unfortunately, there is no demand for stud horses in Australia just now, and for this reason his owner must try and train him. Correze's near foreleg looks very suspicious, and as the long spell he has had has resulted in his accumulating flesh, his prospects, as far as the turf is concerned, are none too bright."

Ægyptus, 7.4, failed to get a place in the Epsom Handicap, run at Epsom (Melbourne) on the 19th ult., and won by Tyras, 6.13. Paddy, 7.9, started a 5 to 4 on chance in a field of four in the Selling Race, 5 furlongs, but he finished last of the quartette, the two-year-old Meg, 6.11, who showed big form in the early part of the season, and who is by Neckersgat—Meg Merrilies, being returned the winner with 7.1. Ægyptus showed his heels to a field of eight in the Mordialloc Handicap, one mile, winning by a length from Rattler II., 7.2, with Helter Skelter, 7.7, third. Arquebus, 8.6, who seems going from bad to worse, finished last. Spokesman, 9.3, was favourite at 2 to 1 against, Ægyptus being next in demand at 4 to 1.

It is peculiar what a lot of good horses have been killed in jumping races in Australia during the past twelve months. My Jack, Havilah, The Duke, Rob Roy, Star of Erin, Crossrail, Buzzard, Fatback, and Elton were among those that met with fatal accidents, and on the 20th ult. that good jumper Bolton terminated his career by falling at the last obstacle in the Hurdles at the Adelaide Racing Club's Birthday Meeting.

Another noted steeplechaser ended his career at Caulfield, on May 20th. Explorer, the property of the ex-New Zealander C. Rudings, and ridden by Cameron, was doing a round of the big fences, and had only got to the second obstacle when he took off too abruptly, and, striking the fence with his stomach, fell and broke his back. Fortunately Cameron was uninjured. The accident is a stroke of bad luck for Rudings, who had just got the horse into excellent form. He was purchased for £8 only at auction not long since, and Rudings had put such condition on him that he recently refused an offer of £100. A sort of fatality has always clung to Explorer. He is most remembered as the horse that caused the death of Mr Alfred Watson in the Hunters' Steeplechase at Moonee Valley on November the 7th, 1890.

At Moonee Valley (Melbourne), on May 20th, All There (who is full brother to Mr T. Morrin's mare Lyrelinus) was the hero of the principal event the Cranwallan Handicap of 60sovs, 5½ furlongs. He carried 8.3; started first favourite at 5 to 4 agst in a field of nine, and had the race practically won at the home turn getting home by three lengths from Auster, 7.7, who was a head in advance of Ayah, 7.3.

On the first day of the Adelaide Racing Club's Birthday Meeting the City Handicap of 350sovs, 7 furlongs, went to Mr S. Griffiths' Seacombe, by The Diver—Little Nell, 6yrs, 7.11. Post Admiral, 8.10, was second and Rosebrook, 8.3, third, with 11 behind them, including the Adelaide Cup winner Vakeel, 9.8, and Gladstone, 9.0. The betting was 3 to 1 agst Port Admiral, 4 to 1 agst Vakeel, 6



to Seacombe, 7 to 1 Rosebrook. Port Admiral (who is brother to The Admiral) ran a great race, but was beaten half a length. £10 5s was the dividend paid out on the winner, who is a half-brother to Swiveller (sire of Mentor). Mr Crozier won the Adelaide Stakes of 2000s, six furlongs, with Fairfield, who is by Robinson Crusoe—Little Sister, and who ran well in the early part of the season at Caulfield and Flemington. The dam of this colt is full sister to Major George's mare The Maid, and his sire is full brother to Mr Morrin's mare Onyx. Hortensius, who was second, is also the property of Mr Crozier, and is brother to the flying two-year-old Hortense. Third place was filled by Kallistos, who is by Robinson Crusoe out of Bellissima, a mare that was bred by the New Zealand Stud Co., and got by Musket out of Pulchra. Kallistos started favourite at 2 to 1 against in a field of eight. The dividend on Fairfield was £9. Mr Crozier scored with Vakeel in the Parkside Stakes, w.f.a., one mile and a furlong, odds of 5 to 2 being laid on his ability to beat a quartette, a task which he accomplished very easily. Quality finishing second and Britannia third.

Another granddaughter of Musket was returned a winner at the Mentone (Melbourne) Meeting on May 22nd. Mr S. G. Cook winning the Trial Stakes, five furlongs and a quarter, with The Waif, who is a four-year-old daughter of Epigram (imp.) and Discard, Discard being by Musket out of Hannah, and therefore full sister to Mr B. Thompson's Torment. The Waif carried 7.2 in this race and beat a field of half-a-dozen, and later in the day she carried 6.8 to the front in the Flying Handicap, 5 furlongs, in which she was opposed by eight, among whom was the New Zealand-bred Omaha, 7.12, ridden by White. Egyptus, 7.7, ran second to The Doctor, 6.8, in the Mentone Handicap, one mile and a furlong, and as The Doctor is owned by Mr S. G. Cook, that popular sportsman had a good time of it during the day. The Doctor is a son of Musk Rose (by Musket—Rosette) who is a full brother to Escutcheon.

W. Cotton, son of James Cotton, the whilom Dunedin trainer, and one of the best cross-country horsemen that ever put leg over a saddle in New Zealand, had a win at Warwick Farm (N.S.W.) the other day. He rode Ipi at 7.5 in the Miniature Handicap. This pony started at 8 to 1, and got home by half a length, beating a field of 19. No doubt she was trained by James Cotton who is now located in Sydney.

According to the Melbourne Sportsman of May 23, the question of introducing the totalisator into Victoria is to be brought up at the next annual meeting of the Victoria Racing Club. The paper mentioned says:—"We have been favoured with the views of an influential horseowner, which are to be placed before the members of the V.R.C. at the meeting mentioned. His contention is that the present indiscriminate licensing of bookmakers has wrought much evil. There are so many pencilers at the present time that the struggle for existence has become very keen, with the result that very questionable practices are resorted to; that the web of malpractice has extended so widely that trainers and riders have been caught in it so freely that many owners have lost all control over the running of their horses, and are at the mercy of those they employ—and through them the worst class of bookmakers. The horseowner who is to move in the matter believes that the totalisator is the only remedy for this state of affairs. One strong argument he will advance for the introduction of a fresh bill is that the opposition of the legitimate bookmaker, will, on this occasion, be withdrawn, the latter recognising that he is being shouldered out of the field by his less scrupulous competitor in the same business."

The geldings seem to be entering their emphatic protest against their proposed non-recognition by the Victoria Racing Club, for four of the unsexed ones won at Moonee Valley (Melbourne) on May 20, and four—Vakeel, Fairfield, Jew Boy, and Schamus—were returned winners at the Adelaide Birthday Meeting.

From Brisbane comes word that in consequence of the suspension of the bank with which the Queensland Turf Club keeps its account, the owners of horses entered for the Queen's Birthday races met and decided to accept the offer of the club to pay the stakes out of the receipts of the meeting, on the understanding that if the receipts proved to be insufficient the amount of stakes paid should be *pro rata*, and the balance be paid when the club is again in a posi-

tion to operate upon its banking accounts.

The steeplechaser Fearless II., winner of the V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase of 1890, was shipped to India on May 20th.

The stallion The Spot, by St. Albans—Lady Disdain, has been sold to go to Java, and Glorious' son Gloriation has been sold to go to India.

The South Australian Jockey Club have revoked the fine imposed on Mr S. Ferry for protesting that Vakeel, being a gelding, was not entitled to start in the S.A.J.C. St. Leger.

And thus is the big prize in 'Tattersall's' last Melbourne Cup sweep devoted to swamping the English market. An English exchange says:—"Mr Layton, the lucky Glenfrosan man, who recently made his fortune in Australia by winning a prize of £27,000 has determined to become a landed proprietor. On Tuesday he bought the estate of Balglassie, about four miles from Brechin, for £5570, becoming purchaser after adding £1070 to the upset price. The estate extends to about 256 acres, with dwelling houses, &c., and excellent low ground for shooting and salmon fishing. The rental is £280, and after a keen competition was sold for £5570 to Mr James Forrest, solicitor, for Mr John Layton, Crammie, Glenfrosan. Mr Layton is the son of Mr David Layton, shepherd at Crammie, in Glenfrosan, and went to Australia nine years ago. He came home in the end of February, and has since been fêting his old friends in the Glen. He intends, it is understood, to farm Balglassie himself."

### Town and Suburban (H.B.) Meeting.

(FROM OUR NAPIER CORRESPONDENT.)

A WELL attended meeting was held at Taradale on the Queen's Birthday, when there was a good attendance, despite the showery weather. The going was a trifle heavy, and some horses did not seem to relish it at all. The sum of £3721 was passed through the machine. Mr J. Cheer acted in the capacity of starter, and, on account of the large fields, had a troublesome day of it. Mr W. Heslop acted as judge. The meeting was got off smartly and in a manner which reflected credit on the able secretary, Mr L. Binnie, and the other officials of the club.

There were 14 starters for the Maiden Flat Race, which was not much of an exhibition, that is to say from a racing point of view. There was an exhibition of another sort though, as some of the contestants were out of it from the fall of the flag, and were never in it. The heavy going was palpable. The winner turned up in St. Anthony, who is by St. Leger—Fanny Fisher, and is in the stable of the Hon. J. D. Ormond. There was some delay at the start, but eventually a fairly even one was effected. The Parson was first away, but Gladiole was in front of him at the stand, St. Anthony next. The latter ran wide at the corner. Gladiole led to the back, where Secret commenced to improve her position, as also did St. Anthony. In the turn Goodwin's mare was in front, but St. Anthony was going very well indeed, and it was not very long before he took command. Huia did not appear to be done with, though, but in the straight it was seen to be all over, and St. Anthony won comfortably from Huia (Foul Play—Fairy Queen), with Secret (Mute—Mystery) third. Then followed Gladiole (Gladiator—Argentine), Piana (Opawa—Patriarch mare), The Parson (Mute—Bonny Blom), Vasco (by Vasco di Gama) Turomoe (Ariel), Lorna (St. George—Leonora) Mayflower (Itepo—May), Risk (Young Dundee—Monarch mare), and Pohehe (Randwick—Lady Mary). Landscape (Foul Play—Watercolour) fell during the race. The field straggled out fearfully. There were 443 on the machine, 153 on the winner. Dividend, £2 11s. Aoteo (by Black Rose) did not start.

Owing to an accident Wherike was not present to start in the Queen's Birthday Handicap of a mile and a half, but all the rest faced the starter. Equi got the worst of it when the flag fell. Welcome Nat went to the front and commenced to make the running, and at the back was followed by Brown Bell and Equi, who had made up lost ground. Equi afterwards went to the front. The field was somewhat scattered, Moi being a bad last. When the stand was reached Equi had a lead of Welcome Nat, Jack going well on the rails, and Waterlily on the outside. Prairie Grass did not seem to relish the heavy going at all and was never prominent in the contest. Equi

was collared at the back, where Welcome Nat was done with. Waterlily made a move forward, as did Jack, and it did not seem certain which would win, both mares being called on. In the turn, however, Jack went away, and it was odds on that he would win. He led all the way home, winning very comfortably from Sunlight (Ascot—Sunshine), who came fast at the finish and beat Waterlily (Foul Play—Water Colour) for second place, Link (Mute—Swiveline) was fourth, Brown Bell (Hiko—Black Bell) fifth, Welcome Nat (Johnny Faulkner—Lady Florence) next, and then followed Equi (Patriarch—Day Dawn mare), Moi (by Mufti), and Prairie Grass (Albany—Speargrass) last. There were 592 on the machine; 219 on the winner. Dividend, £2 7s.

The Hurdle Race was a very good one. There were six starters, Inanga being scratched, and Arawa not being allowed to start, a sum of £5 being owing to other clubs. Pettersen weighed out, but the horse's number was taken down. When the flag went down Warrigal went to the front, T Rose falling. At the first hurdle the latter fell. In front of the stand the order was Warrigal, Pamoana, Hawaikirangi, Risk, and Shearer last. At the back Warrigal was passed by Pamoana, but shortly afterwards Warrigal was again in front. When the stand was reached for the second time, Warrigal led Tamoana, Hawaikirangi being third, Risk next and Shearer last. Risk pulled up, but went on again. He was never in it. Warrigal and Pamoana raced together at the back, where Shearer commenced to go up. In the turn it was thought that he would collar the front pair, and he did make an effort, getting second place, Pamoana falling back third. Warrigal managed to hold his own to the finish, contrary to expectations, and beat Shearer, whose pedigree is unknown, Pamoana (Natator—Early Bird mare) third. Then followed, some distance away, Hawaikirangi (Mangle) and Risk last. He was at the last hurdle when the rest of the field had passed the post. There was 474 on the machine; 141 on the winner. Dividend, £2 19s.

The Taradale Handicap was only an exercise canter for Scot Free. Zaccho was scratched. This left in Scot Free (Sterlingworth—Dainty Ariel mare) 8.4, Free Lance (St. George—Becky Sharp) 8.2, Osman (Crawford Priory—Ruth) 7.12, and Eclipse (Foul Play—Little Fidget) 6.7. Eclipse was the first to move from a good start, Free Lance going up second. When the stand was reached these two were in the positions stated, Scot Free third, and Osman last. The latter would not gallop a yard. Scot Free passed Free Lance at the bend, and at the back was racing alongside of Eclipse. The race was now practically regarded as over, and this conclusion turned out correct, for the Sterlingworth gelding went to the front and assumed a good lead. It was just a procession from this point, and rather uninteresting. Scot Free came on and won in a common canter by five lengths from Eclipse, who just beat Free Lance for second place, Osman a bad last. There was 541 on the machine; 162 on the winner. Dividend, £2 19s.

There were originally fifteen in the Meanee Handicap, but Wheriko, Prairie Grass, Welcome Nat and Landscape did not weigh out. Time after time did the starter endeavour to get his horses away but failed, Brown Bell, Jack, and one or two others always rushing to the front. When the flag eventually fell Jack and Brown Bell were the first to move away, the first named getting a splendid start. He went to the front and established a good lead. Flutsam was last. At the back Playmate was up in second position, with Waterlily just in front of Cold Steel. In the turn Jack was going strongly, and Link was going up, being in fourth position. In the straight Cold Steel was second, and was under the whip. Jack came on, and was hard held from Cold Steel, whose pedigree is unknown, Link (Mute—Swiveline) being third, Sunlight (Ascot—Sunshine) fourth, Waterlily (Foul Play—Water Colour) fifth, Brown Bell (Hiko—Black Bell) sixth. Then followed Mayflower (Itepo—May), Playmate (Foul Play—Miss Dargon), Secret (Mute—Mystery), and Flutsam (Castoff—Monarch mare) last. There were 587 on the machine, 248 on the winner. Dividend, £2 1s. Jack was penalised for his first win, and carried 9.5.

The Welter Handicap saw Link, Dainty, Juno, Aoteo, Gladiole, Pohehe, and Pamoana drop out. Warrigal was penalised seven pounds for his win in the Hurdles. The start effected was a bad one, Huia getting the best of it by a

good deal, and The Parson next. When the stand was reached Huia led The Parson, Warrigal being third, Inanga and St. Anthony being next. Huia led all the way to the back, where St. Anthony commenced to go up. In the turn he was level with Huia, but fell, and Inanga also came down. T. Rose then went up and challenged Huia, but in the tussle got the worst of it, and at the finish Huia (Foul Play—Fairy Queen) beat Primrose's daughter. The Parson (Mute—Bonny Blink) was third, and Warrigal (by Mute) fourth. Then followed the rest of the field in a straggling order. There were 549 in the machine, 83 on the winner. Dividend, £5 17s.

The Flying Handicap was the last race of the day. Scot Free had to put up a seven pound penalty, but that did not deter him from winning. Free Lance, Osman, and Zaccho were scratched. The race is soon described. Kathleen went off at a great rate and led until in the straight, where Scot Free came with a rush and won by about three lengths. Kathleen was second, Dreamland third, Eclipse fourth, and Playmate last. The dividend was £2 6s.

The successful sires at the meeting were Foul Play (three), Sterlingworth (two), and Mute, Foul Play and St. Leger one each.

Lindsay rode three winners during the day, Wright two, and Parker and Redmond one each.

## Owners, Note!

### WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

Nominations close as under, on Tuesday next, the 13th inst., for this Club's Steeplechase Meeting, to be held on July 8:—

- Trial Handicap Steeplechase of 70 sovs., about 2 miles, 1 sov.
- Hurdle Handicap of 100 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov.
- Hack Hurdle Handicap of 30 sovs., 1½ miles, 10s.
- Wellington Steeplechase Handicap of 200 sovs., about three miles, 1 sov.
- Ladies' Bracelet (Handicap), value 50 sovs., 2 miles on the flat, 1 sov.
- High Weight Handicap of 60 sovs., 1½ miles on the flat, 1 sov.

The hour of closing is 9 p.m., as per advertisement in another column.

### GISBORNE PARK STEEPLECHASE CLUB.

This club's annual Steeplechase Meeting is set down for July 11, and nominations will be received as under by the secretary, Mr M. G. Nasmith, at the Argyll Hotel, Gisborne, up to 8 p.m. on Tuesday week, June 20th:—

- Handicap Hurdle Race of 55 sovs., 2 miles, 1 sov.
- Ladies' Bracelet of 20 sovs., 1 mile and a distance, 10s
- Winter Oats Handicap of 35 sovs., 6 furlongs, 15s
- Gisborne Park Steeplechase Handicap of 70 sovs., about 3½ miles, 1 sov.
- Hunters' Steeplechase Cup of 20 sovs., about 2½ miles, 10s
- Final Handicap Flat of 40 sovs., 1 mile and a distance, 1 sov.

The principal winning owners at the Dunedin Jockey Club's Birthday Meeting were:—Mr J. Stephenson £245, Mr S. Waddell £156, Mr G. G. Stead £156, Messrs M. and C. Hobbs £137, Mr G. Smith £122, and Mr P. Butler £115. The total paid away in stakes was £1390.

The usual monthly meeting of the committee of the Dunedin Jockey Club was held on May 26, when a letter was received from the Victoria Racing Club enclosing £111 collected from the owner of the horse Adventurer, who had been placed upon the forfeit list for money due to clubs in the Otago district. A vote of thanks was passed to the Victoria Racing Club for the trouble they had taken in the matter. The Hon. T. Fergus and Mr H. S. Fish were appointed delegates to the Racing Conference to be held in Wellington on July 7. It was decided to vote £50 towards the expenses of the Otago Hunt Club, and to hold a Hunt Club race meeting covering one day during the year.

The full list of nominations received for the Dunedin Stakes and Dunedin Champagne to be run at the Dunedin Jockey Club's Spring and Autumn Meetings respectively, appear in another column. In the former there are 32 engaged and in the latter 40, while last year the relative numbers were 15 and 40. Auckland owners are represented in the Dunedin Stakes by Mr L. D. Nathan with three youngsters, viz., filly by Nordenfeldt—Campanella, filly by Nordenfeldt—Steppe, and colt by Castor—Vivandiere; and Mr G. Wright with Formé, by Nordenfeldt—Formo. For the Champagne Stakes Mr L. D. Nathan has a quartette and Mr G. Wright a couple. Mr Nathan's are:—Filly by Robinson Crusoe—Campanella; filly by Nordenfeldt—Steppe; colt by Castor—Vivandiere, and filly by Trenton or First King—Lady Grenville. Wright's representatives are Formé by Nordenfeldt—Formo and Webley by Hotchkiss—Fairy Queen. Among those engaged in either or both events are full brothers to Oupst, Spinaway, and Bilemma; full sisters to Stepiak, Fair Nell, and Dizzard; half-brothers to Son of a Gun, Cynisca, Comrade, Magazine, Vogengang, Grip, Warrington, and Tempest; and half-sisters to Crown Jewel, Retina, and Prime Warden.

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. All communications respecting subscriptions or advertisements should be addressed to the Manager.

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



our opinion. The country and suburban clubs will do very well if they get the representation they seek at future Conferences, and having got that they must not go to unnecessary lengths. They will overreach themselves if they do.

The Auckland Racing Club intend at the next Conference of Metropolitan Clubs to move in the direction of altering the stake money limit in Rule 22 so as to bring it back to the figures that were in force before the last alteration. Last week's conference also affirmed the desirability of altering the stake money limit. We have so often expressed our opinion that the present scale presses harshly on legitimate country clubs that we need not at present go into the whole question. We hope at any rate to see the next Conference make some reasonable modifications in the tariff, and thus give a chance to several struggling country clubs against whom no plea of "proprietary" interests can be urged. In Auckland, Canterbury, and Otago, particularly are there several of these well conducted institutions which the present scale of added money has played sad havoc with. The rescinding of Rule 23 whereby a club has to give away in stakes a sum equivalent to the net amount received in commission out of the totalisator at the corresponding meeting of the previous season was considered unnecessary by those present at last week's Conference, but we must say that we look upon it as one of the most wholesome rules in the whole code. If clubs are to continue to have the totalisator there must be some kind of check placed upon its use and administration, and in this respect Rule 23 is—or at least should be—a safeguard. Unfortunately, we are sorry to say, on some occasions it has not been strictly conformed to, and if it continues in force, as we sincerely hope it will, secretaries of Metropolitan Clubs should, when such clubs are passing programmes, see that Rule 23 is complied with.

We were quite prepared to see the much vexed pony question trotted out at last week's meeting, and so it was, and it took the form of this resolution:—

That four race meetings exclusively for ponies be permitted to be run in any Metropolitan district during a racing season, only one of such meetings to be run on any course, the dates of such meetings and programmes to be submitted and approved by the Metropolitan Club. The amount of added money at any such meeting to be not less than £100.

These four pony race meetings will, of course, be altogether independent of the clubs' ordinary meetings, and it is intended that the money given at them shall not count in the season's added money. This will, it seems to us, be introducing the thin end of the wedge in the direction of holding pony racing all over the country. There is no doubt that pony racing, looked at from the point of view of nominations, acceptances, and totalisator commission, is exceedingly remunerative to any club that brings off races for the lilliputians, and therefore we shall, if the proposal be passed in its present shape, be quite prepared to see a general scramble among some clubs for suitable dates. And which four clubs are to be the chosen ones to have the meetings in each district? This will be a beautiful problem for the Metropolitan Club in each district to decide without giving offence. We have frequently pointed out the anomalous position in which pony racing now stands and the attitude in connection therewith assumed by the different Metropolitan Clubs. It is high time some definite ruling on the subject was given by these Metropolitan Clubs, and they can easily do so when they meet at the next Conference. In the Auckland district pony racing is at present confined to Potter's Paddock, and is run in conjunction with trotting, but the trainers and jockeys taking part therein come under the ban of the Metropolitan Club. We do not see why this pony racing should not continue, and the Auckland Racing Club allow their registered jockeys to ride at such meetings and the trainers to train ponies if they be so minded. The fact of it is, put in a few words, that there is some jealousy in local circles at Potter's Paddock having the monopoly of the pony racing here, but as long as the Auckland Trotting Club conduct their operations and spend their money in as legitimate and liberal a manner as they have done we see no reason why they should not continue in the possession of the monopoly.

Another motion brought up at the Conference was that affirming the desirability of altering Rule 169. This rule deals

with jockeys' fees and for some time past there has been a feeling among owners in the Auckland district—whatever feeling may exist in other parts of the colonies—that jockeys are none too well paid. Rule 169 provides that

In the absence of special agreement the fee to a winning jockey shall be 5 per cent. upon the net amount received by the owner up to £200 and 2 1/2 per cent. additional for all moneys over that sum provided that in no case shall a winning jockey receive less than £3. The fee to a losing jockey shall be £2 in any race up to £100, £3 up to £500, and £5 for any race over that amount. In hurdle races and steeplechases double these fees will be allowed.

Rule 170, following this out, says that "in the absence of special agreement a jockey's retainer cannot be terminated otherwise than by a three months' notice in writing on either side." What is the "special agreement" referred to in both these rules? That is the vexed question with owners, and one which the Metropolitan Clubs will have to decide at a very early date.

We mentioned in a previous issue that there was a lot of dissatisfaction expressed in Sydney about fees owing to jockeys being in arrears, and we doubt not that several jockeys in New Zealand have had to put up with a similar experience. But in Australia they go straight to the fountain head in matters like that, and thus the Sydney correspondent of the Melbourne Sportsman reports that

For some considerable time past there has been dissatisfaction in the ranks of the jockeys in the metropolis regarding their riding fees. The boys who ride for the ponyowners are the worst off in every respect. It may not be credited, perhaps, but I am acquainted with one of the successful riders of the little 'uns, who is owed considerably over £500 for mounts. Riding has become such a mania with our little nippers, who, by the way, should be at school, that trainers of ponies have no difficulty in obtaining the services of youngsters who are able to ride work, and who are also capable of riding a stiff 'un. The services of a "horseman" are only engaged when a clever piece of shunting has to be done, or when the little nedly has been backed to win a fair stake. To ride losers without being paid for it is bad enough, but when it comes to steering a winner, and then no dividend to be forthcoming, well, it is carrying the little game a bit too far. The same unsatisfactory state of things exists with the boys who ride "big" horses, only not to the same extent. With a view of altering the abuse, the jockeys licensed by the A.J.C. presented a petition to the committee of the leading club asking that body to legislate in some way so that riding fees could be collected, say, at scale. On May 18 the committee of the Australian Jockey Club held a lengthy sitting to consider the matter. Those who signed the petition were examined, and have been requested to forward a written statement of the amounts owing to them, and the names of the persons in default.

The Auckland Racing Club's committee held a meeting on Monday, when they were approached by the delegates elected by last week's Conference to interview them. The answer given to the delegates was that time would be given to the consideration of their side of the case, and that the committee would meet on Thursday (this) afternoon and give them an answer.

Previous to the meeting of the Auckland Racing Club's committee we had penned the article appearing above as regards the ambiguity of the resolution "that no delegate should be elected to attend a Conference who represents proprietary clubs or who is financially interested in any club." The Auckland Racing Club's committee evidently recognising that the proposal was somewhat ambiguous, amended their resolution on Monday to this effect:—

That no delegate shall be eligible who represents a club whose profits are divisible among the members thereof.

With this we cordially agree, but why did the Auckland Racing Club's committee take so long to make up their mind about the question?

The Auckland Racing Club's committee have also made a proposition to the Metropolitan Clubs' Conference which will involve a lot of discussion. They propose to amend Rules 38 and 39, which as they at present stand read:—

Rule 38.—No horse shall carry less than 6.7 in any handicap on the flat, or 9.0 in any Handicap Hurdle Race, or 9.7 in any Handicap Steeplechase.

Rule 39.—At any meeting held on any date from June 1 to the 1st of September the lowest weight in any race on the flat shall not be less than 10.0.

The Auckland Racing Club propose that Rule 38 is to be amended so as to read that "no horse shall carry less than 7.0 in any handicap race on the flat," and Rule 39 to be amended so as to read that "at any meeting held on any date from the 1st of June to the 1st of September, the lowest weight in any race on the flat shall not be less than 9.0." In

this direction we are in thorough accord with the Auckland Racing Club, but we must express our dissent from their proposal about the minimum in ordinary handicaps. We have always held that a handicapper's hands should not be tied at all. In England the minimum used to be 5.7. We are not advocating such a minimum scale being adopted in this colony, nor do we believe in an introduction of the old rule whereby if the highest weight accepting in a handicap was under 8.12 the top weight accepting was raised to that impost, and the others accordingly. If a handicapper is worth employing surely he can be relied upon to exercise his own discretion.

We never could see exactly why the Metropolitan Clubs should declare that "close" season for flat racing during the winter months, and therefore we hope the Auckland Racing Club will carry their proposal to decrease the minimum weight to 9.0. A stone more—as under the present rule—is a serious "anchor" to a good many horses.

SIMULTANEOUSLY with the proposed amendments of certain New Zealand Rules of Racing, and the publication of a new code by the Victoria Racing Club when the present racing shall have winged its flight, come particulars from America of the new racing rules adopted by the Turf Congress. The first of these embodies the principle that horses must be ridden out for second and third place under the same rules that govern first place, i.e., he must ride a horse out as long as it has a reasonable chance of winning, a breach of which will now entail a penalty of disqualification in America. The next regulation, "No one interested in the result of a race can act in any official capacity" may be very useful in America, but we fear that it would not work here. We are painfully aware that owners of horses are in several instances stewards of racing bodies, but in a limited racing community like that of New Zealand it would at times be a bit difficult to find gentlemen that were not horseowners who were competent to fulfil the positions of racing stewards. We should hope that there are few, if any, stewards in New Zealand who, as owners of horses, would sit in judgment upon a protest over any race in which horses belonging to them were competitors. As committeemen, too, horseowners are generally the most valuable men that can be found. While appreciating the spirit and intention of the new American rule, we cannot see how it would work in a comparatively limited community like ours. Amongst the other suggestions made by this Turf Congress are rules for the licensing of jockeys (which is already partly in force in New Zealand, and which, before next season, we hope to see in operation throughout the whole colony); a rule that owners and horses shall be suspended for non-payment of forfeits—which is another we have in operation here; and one that "no horse's name shall be changed after he once runs under a certain name."

## Coming Events.

[BY SIR LAUNCELOT.]

### HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB.

THIS club's annual Steeplechase Meeting is the next fixture in our racing calendar, the date being to-morrow fortnight, June 23. Owing to the postponement of the Auckland Winter Meeting, Mr Evett's handicaps for the Hurdles and Steeplechases will not be declared till Monday.

### CAULFIELD CUP.

THE first Monday in June is always a date looked to anxiously by turfites throughout the colonies, because it is the day on which entries for the Caulfield Cup and Melbourne Cup close. The list of entries for both events appear in another column, and as the Caulfield Cup comes first in order of running I will deal with it first. The 117 entered shows a falling off on last year's figures of 17, and there are several cracks missing from the list. New Zealand is not directly represented as regards ownership, but we shall have some interest in the doings of Cooya by Nordenfeldt—Radiance; Steadfast by Nordenfeldt—Nelly Moore; Sternchaser by Nordenfeldt—Crinoline; Culloden by Nordenfeldt—Nelly Moore; Captain Webb by Natator—Fame; Bessie Macarthy by Ingomar—Florence Macarthy; All There by Leoninus—

Lyre; and Ilim by Albany—Helena, whose names appear among the entrants, and all of whom were bred in this colony. The weights are due on the 26th inst.

### MELBOURNE CUP.

THE entries for this race also closed on Monday, and as in the case of the Caulfield Cup a falling off is observable, there being 128 nominated as against 137 last year. Mr D. O'Brien is the only New Zealand owner who has come to the front, he having nominated Launceston and Loyalty; but New Zealand breeding is represented by Strathmore by Nordenfeldt—Ouida; Zalinski by Nordenfeldt—Frailty; Sternchaser by Nordenfeldt—Crinoline; Ilim by Albany—Helena; All There by Leoninus—Lyre; Carnage by Nordenfeldt—Mersey; Steadfast by Nordenfeldt—Nelly Moore; Matai by St. Leger—Raupo; and Havoc by Nordenfeldt—Frailty.

## Inter-Provincial

[FROM OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

### WELLINGTON.

May 30th.

THE weather on the Queen's Birthday, was atrocious, and completely spoiled both the Otaki Maori Race Meeting and the Wellington Trotting Club's Meeting at Miramar.

The Otaki Maori Meeting, though held under the disadvantages of rain and cold, was yet financially a success. Mr Joseph Ames, who worked the totalisator, put through £2332, which is the record for these meetings, but there is no doubt that if the weather had been more favorable the results would have been even better than they were. Mr H. M. Lyon, the secretary of the Wellington Racing Club, was present, and gave valuable assistance to the committee. The fields were large and the racing very interesting. Details of the racing for publication in your 'Turf Record' column I send you with this. Owing to the wet and dirt no times were taken in the principal races.

At Miramar the Wellington Trotting Club had the cruellest of luck. Running on a new ground the heavy rain played the deuce with their course, which by the middle of the afternoon was reduced to a quagmire. Under favorable circumstances the meeting would have been a success, for the acceptances were good, and a lot of difference of opinion was expressed as to the probable winners. As it was the weather kept away hundreds who meant to be present, and public form in the racing was completely upset. The only animal who seemed to revel in the dirt was the Christchurch pony Billy Buttons, who with his short quick stride got through the mud as if he liked it, and left his opponents standing still. He trotted in three races and won them all, though in the Miramar Park Handicap there is no doubt Spreydon Lad was the intended one. He led by a hundred yards half a mile from home, but then from some unaccountable cause suddenly collapsed, and Billy had to win. In the Trotting Club Handicap the grey pony gave an awful hiding to the great guns Clyde, Dakota, and Conway, and won by more than his start from the scratch horses. The defeat of Conway was a great blow to his supporters, who thought they had a moral. Only £595 was put through the totalisator by Mr F. N. Jones, of Nelson, and the club will lose a considerable amount over the meeting.

[This was held over last week owing to pressure on space.—ED.]

June 5.

Mr C. Tate's trotter Conway and his three-year-old colt Itch, by The Mute—Scratch, which the former bought at Mr Douglas' sale, have left Wellington for New Plymouth, where Mr Tate now resides. They wait under charge of H. Peters.

Most of the Wellington bookmakers have reduced the starting price limit to £10. One of them, I hear, still offers £15, and if he sticks to that determination the others will have to extend their odds again.

Adam McMorrin, the well-known cross-country jockey, has severed his connection with the Maori horseowner Hira Parata. I understand that the astute Maori did not like Adam leaving his horses to attend steeplechase meetings, to which he attributes the recent non-success of Primus.

Mr J. Prosser's very promising hurdler Pumau, which won one of the Hack Hurdle races at the Wellington R.O.

Autumn Meeting, rendered himself *hors de combat* on the eve of the Otaki Meeting by getting into a wire fence and damaging his stifle. He is reported to be getting all right again.

Mr A. W. Cave's speedy three-year-old hack Sea Serpent has gone into retirement for the winter. Next season he will run in racehorse company, and from his performances and breeding (Piscatorius—Rumour) he should be able to take his own part. Mr Cave, whose stables and breeding establishment are near Masterton, is thinking of sending Rumour to Dreadnought next season. He has a well-grown two-year-old sister to Sea Serpent, who has not raced yet, but is expected to shine in hack races in the spring.

It is Mr T. Shaw, of Carterton, who has purchased Countess II., the trotting mare, from Mr Smart. He intended to trot at the Wairapa meeting, but missed the day of acceptance.

Horse-owners will bear in mind that nominations for the Wellington R.C. Steeplechase Meeting close on Tuesday next, the 13th inst.

## NAPIER.

[BY WIRE.]

Wednesday.

The T. and S. Club made £150 over their last meeting.

Pounamu, who is nominated for the Melbourne Cup, is Mr Gollan's colt by Newminster—Beryl. Pounamu is Maori for greenstone.

Robinson, otherwise known as "Murrumbidgee," has been disqualified by the T. and S. Club from their course.

Contrary to expectation Merganser was not nominated on the other side.

## TARANAKI.

June 2nd.

Mr 'Keswick,' the owner of Mutiny, has supplied me with the record of the son of The Mute—Lady Maxwell. Mutiny has started 21 times this season, being first 10 times, second 5, third 4, and unplaced twice. Among his starts are three in open company, in which he got two seconds (Marton Meeting) and one third (Wanganui Winter Meeting). He carried 9.8 when he won the Hack Mile at the Egmont Summer Meeting, and 9.7 when he won the Patea Cup, 1½ miles.

Union Jack is being spelled, and the same remark applies to Melas.

Mr C. Tate, who is well and favorably known in Wellington sporting circles, has settled down here, having taken the Taranaki Hotel, in which, I am pleased to say, he is doing well.

My reference in last issue to the best hack on the coast this season has attracted a good deal of attention. Mr 'Keswick' informs me that he would not mind having a go for a level £50 or £100, backing his horse Mutiny against either of the other three selected by me as worthy of being classed for the honour of best hack, namely, Ionic, Pill and Melas, the distance to be from 1 mile to 1½ miles.

We have just had a visit from Fillis' circus and menagerie, which I can recommend to the Auckland public as first-class.

Charlie Crocker has gone into Mr W. Elliott's stables at Waitara. He is a good lad, and will soon make himself popular at Waitara.

Fred Ross, late of Canterbury, is working for Mr J. Goodwin at Waitara West. I hear that the colt Sylvia Park (St. Leger—Atalanta) got a slight knock on one of his legs the other day, but I am pleased to state that the injury was only of a trivial nature. Lebel, I am informed, is looking well, and Mr Goodwin expects to do well with him next season.

The stallion Howitzer in Mr W. Elliot's stable is gradually getting into condition with attention and plenty of good feed. He was an awful object when Mr Elliot brought him down from Auckland; in fact he looked as if he had been fed on sawdust and shavings.

The decision of the Wanganui Jockey Club in the enquiry into the alleged 'ringing in' of Emmett, has been deferred for a month, for the purpose of obtaining additional evidence. The case must be rather weak when the club adopt such a course. It strikes me there are too many lawyers mixed up in the case. Fancy four lawyers being at the enquiry! It is customary for clubs to hear facts without any lawyers appearing as special pleaders, and I think the Wanganui Club are establishing a bad precedent by allowing them to appear on the occasion referred to.

Ionic again proved what a good horse he is by winning the Glasgow Plate at

Otaki, carrying 9.6. The time was slow, but the track was exceedingly heavy. He put up 10.4 (10lb penalty) in the Stewards' Handicap the same day, and got third. He must have won had he not got into a mud hole in the straight.

Mr A. Goodson, the Hawera sportsman, had the misfortune to have his house destroyed by fire the other day. I understand he was uninsured, and he will therefore be a heavy loser.

## Foreign Items.

The Epsom Spring Meeting commenced on May 11, when Carbinier walked over for the Trial Stakes. This horse is a son of Petronel, who won the Two Thousand Guineas of 1880, and Petronel was one of the good horses sired by Musket before he left England for the Colonies. There were 9 runners for the long-distance Great Metropolitan Stakes, which in old time used to have a lot of popularity, but which has rapidly declined in the scale. These 9 starters comprised three of last season's field in White Feather, Colorado, and Madame Neruda II., of whom Colorado and Madame Neruda II. finished first and second respectively in the same race last year. On this occasion Madame Neruda II. showed that she had materially improved by winning by a head from Seaton Delaval, Colorado not gaining a situation. Madame Neruda II. is by Fiddler out of Alucha, and her sire won the same race in 1892.

Following on this event came the Great Surrey Handicap of 5000s, five furlongs, in which the New Zealand-bred Day Dream, by Albany—Siesta, was only beaten a head by Floss. She was giving 6lb to the winner.

King Charles won the City and Suburban Handicap at the Epsom Spring Meeting when running in a hood and blinkers.

The extent and importance of the nominations made void under English Jockey Club's rules by the death of Mr "Abington" Baird may be judged by the fact that the list of horses whose nominations are thus rendered void makes a column and a half of small type in the leading English sporting journals.

The brood mare Jamaica, who will ever remain on the scroll of fame as the dam of Foxhall, died in March at the Woodburn stud in Kentucky. A daughter of Lexington and Fanny Ludlow by imported Eclipse, she was foaled in 1871 and produced her first foal in 1878, which was the redoubtable Foxhall, winner of the Grand Prix, Cesarewitch, and Cambridgehire in 1881. Jamaica was apparently satisfied with having given to the turf world one Foxhall, for none of her other produce could rank as racehorses. Potosi was probably the only other of her sons and daughters who could claim any pretensions to being a racehorse, and he was only able to land a few selling races in England.

King Charles, who won the City and Suburban Handicap, started at the remunerative price of 33 to 1 agst, and even with the astute Taylor behind him it is said that his stable connections allowed him to run almost unbacked. He got home by a head only from Baron de Hirsch's Windgall, who was carrying 8.9 to King Charles' 6.6. Windgall was favourite at 4 to 1. Colonel North's Lady Hermit, who ran third in last year's Oaks, carried 7.3 into third place, and among the 11 behind her was The Smew, who occupied second place in last year's Oaks.

Mr D. Cooper, the Australian sportsman, won the Epsom Spring Cup of 245 sovs. on April 12th with his three-year-old colt Belted Earl, by Lowland Chief—Belimperia.

A raised granite slab has been placed on the spot where Captain "Bay" Middleton received his fatal fall while contesting in the Midland Sportsmen's Point-to-point Race, held near Kington (England) on April 9th last year. The slab bears the following inscription:—"W.G.M., April 9th, 1892. In memory of Captain W. G. Middleton, who was killed on this spot when riding in the Midland Sportsmen's Point-to-Point Races."

Mr E. P. Wilson, the famous English amateur rider, having been reported by the stewards of the Kempton Park March Meeting to the stewards of the National Hunt to explain the running of Hugger Mugger, ridden by him in the Selling National Hunt Flat Race at Hurst Park February Meeting, the case was investigated, and although Mr Wilson's riding was considered to be open to grave sus-

picion, his explanation was accepted. At the same time, as the attention of the stewards had been directed to the fact that Mr Wilson had admitted in a recent action at law that he was a trainer, he was informed that he would not in future be entitled to ride as a farmer, under the qualification provided by Rule 97.

A decision has been given by the stewards of the English Jockey Club bearing on late entries, by which it is indicated that a horse entered for a race after the advertised time of closing cannot be considered a starter even though he may run in that race. The question arose from the running of a horse called Yarm, who won a selling race at Leicester. A protest was entered on the ground that the entry had not been received in time, and the stewards upheld the objection, and awarded the race to the second horse (Fox). On an appeal the stewards of the leading authority supported the action taken, and also fined the responsible parties in connection with the Leicester course £50 for accepting the entry after time, and having it printed on the race card. All bets in connection with Yarm were, of course, void.

The *Bulletin Official*, which corresponds in France to the *English Racing Calendar* in England, has published a full list of the thoroughbreds foaled there last year, and the total is 1287, the stallions which are most numerous represented in the list being Peregrine (winner of the Two Thousand of 1881) with 34 and Vernet, by Kingcraft, has 30. Grandmaster, another son of Kingcraft, has 30; Vignemale 24, and Claymore, who formerly belonged to Lord Howe and was imported into France by Mons Menier, 22. Other English sires, such as Bay Archer with 21, Bruce with 18, Border Minstrel and The Bard with 14 appear in a prominent place, but it is curious to note that while Fra Angelico and Chene Royal were doing so well, their respective sires, Perleux and Narcisse had only three or four foals between them. Very few French mares have been sent over to England, as the only foals by sires in that country were three each by Bendigo and Minting, two by Barcaldine and one by Enterprize.

According to an Indian paper it is not the totalisator, but the bookmaker that is declared to be the objectionable feature of racing in some parts of India. This is a new phase of the matter, and is thus referred to by the writer:—"The lot of the 'bookie' in India is not a happy one at this moment. Indeed, his calling and vocation is likely soon to be a thing of the past. Some turf scandals have recently cropped up, as they always do, more or less, and the bookie is denounced as the *fons et origo* of all the trouble. Consequently, at a meeting of the stewards of the Lucknow Spring races strong protests were made against allowing bookies on up-country racecourses. Lord William Beresford is said to be adverse to them. The matter is not finally settled yet, the whole thing being referred to the Calcutta Turf Club. Many prefer the old lottery system, dear to the old Anglo-Indian sportsmen. Officers wagered then with each other and Civil Servants, and the money only went from one soldier's or official's bank balance to another's. It didn't leave the services, or help to keep outsiders."

The Duke, however, was not so lucky in the Epsom Grand Prize, in which his representative Raeburn was second to Tanderage, by Moigan—Balorneck. Mr Douglas Baird ran third with Harbinger.

Mr 'Abington' Baird's will is said to be in strict accordance with the family principle, which has always been that not a shilling should be diverted away to strangers, but that a member of it who leaves no issue should so bequeath his fortune that it ultimately goes back to his relations. This has always been the Baird system, and "Mr Abington" profited largely by it. A cursory examination of Mr Baird's papers has led to startling results. The number of people (of all stations and of both sexes) who borrowed money from him or tried to borrow money is simply fabulous, and he seems, as a rule, to have responded generously to the applications with which he was beset. A list of Mr Baird's debtors, with their respective amounts, would be a truly sensational revelation. His Scotch estates were disentailed a short time ago, so they will be held under the trusts of his will.

The Duke of Portland's luck again stuck to him in the Oaks, Mrs Butterwick, who is by his sire St. Simon out of Miss Middlewick, winning from Tressure, who carried Lord Roseberry's colours into third place in the One Thousand Guineas.

Dollery, the Alresford jockey, who rode Cloister to victory in the Grand National, was once a shepherd boy (writes an English exchange). He was in the employ of Mr W. Higgins, of Cheriton, Alresford, Hants, at Clanfield, which is about twelve miles from Bishop's Sutton. Mr Higgins says, 'Bill hated the sheep, and begged me to take him into the stable.' The first horse Dollery learnt to ride on was Abelard, and the first winning mount he had was on King Stephen at Chandler's Ford, where he beat Topsy by a head in the Selling Hurdle Race. After that he rode Stuanite for Captain Fisher and Mr Higgins, and won on her both at Chandler's Ford and at Lewes. Then, as Mr Higgins puts it, "farming gave him up." Mr Arthur Yates took Dollery, and since then the Cloister jockey has never looked back. We are pleased to hear that Bill Dollery is a real good son to his parents.

## Auckland Racing Club's Winter Meeting.

FIRST DAY.—WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7TH.

A RETROSPECTIVE GLANCE.

[BY SIR LAUNCELOT.]

THE Auckland Racing Club had no alternative but to postpone in the heavy downpour that occurred on Saturday afternoon last. The course was practically submerged, and under the circumstances it would have been dangerous to life and limb for racing to be carried on. The stewards met on Saturday morning and decided to postpone till Wednesday, and to take the following Saturday for their Steeplechase day, which Saturday had not been appropriated by any club in the neighborhood of Auckland. The weather on Wednesday was beautifully fine (with the exception of a slight shower just before the decision of the Grand National Hurdle Race), but the attendance fell a bit short of expectations. However, those who were there were evidently good sportsmen, for the totalisator receipts showed a substantial increase on those of the Grand National day, last year. Time was well kept up to, and with the exception of the runaway victory of Mutiny in the big race good sport was witnessed.

The Maiden Steeplechase of 800s, about two miles and a half, saw seven out of ten come to the post. Chester was made favourite, and next to him in the betting was the Taranaki representative Despised. As soon as they got to work Maritana made play, which in the state of the going and the fact that she was giving a little weight away to all her opponents, seemed to me rather indiscreet. Passing the stand the first time she had a good lead of Chester, Bombardier third. Isidore stopped at the water jump. Maritana increased her advantage the further they went towards the back of the course, Bombardier and Chester being her most immediate attendants at that stage. There was little alteration in the positions coming along towards the stand, but by the time they had passed the stand again Chester had supplemented Maritana in the lead, Bombardier lying third close up. Chester preserved his lead till the back of the course, where Despised ran up to him and held command up the hill. Bombardier joining them, the trio came down the hill together, but Bombardier fell at the bridge at which Neli came to grief and Chester and Despised from that stage of the race fought it out between them. A "bumping" finish ensued, both rolling from sheer distress. Chester seemed to have the advantage half way up the straight, but Despised came strongly, and was only beaten by a head. Carronade finished third at his leisure. Time, 7min 29sec. Dividends—Inside, £2 13s; outside, £2 5s.

There was only one absentee from the Winter Handicap of 50 sovs, one mile, The Dancer's half-sister Vivat, 10.0, being installed favourite, with Master Pat, 10.11, next in request. Ida and Lady Belle were responsible for most of the running, and as they rounded the home turn the names of both were freely shouted, and a good race home ended in Ida winning by half a length from Lady Belle, with Tulloch just catching St. Kilda in the last stride and gaining the barren honors of third place. The dividends were—Inside, £7; outside, £7 16s.

The Grand National Hurdle Race of 250 sovs, two miles, was the *pièce de résistance* of the afternoon's sport, and when the numbers were hoisted it was seen



that Mangere, Try Fluke, Tattler, Despised, and Criminal were absentees, which left the following to face Mr Halstead:—Kulnine 11.12, Tiritea 11.5, Marechal Neil 10.9, Belmont 10.0 Kapua 9.8, Ingorina 9.6, Flukem 9.5, and Mutiny 9.4. Kulnine was the centre of attraction for those who had not seen him before, and he was made a warm favourite. No horse could have been turned out in more pink condition. When the son of Cadogan and Caprice left the paddock the "gape-seed" was very much in evidence. There was a strong Auckland contingent behind Marechal Neil and Belmont, and a good many had a sneaking regard for Flukem, whom his trainer, Stenning, asserted had a big show, judging by the form he had displayed on the Kohimarama training track with Mangere. Messrs A. Ellingham and W. Douglas are too good judges of hurdle racing to bring such horses as Tiritea and Kapua from Napier without they think they have a chance, and their Hawke's Bay friends backed their representatives up to the handle like plucky men. But there was a Taranaki contingent waiting with a vengeance. I had read Mutiny's performance (as detailed in another column by our Taranaki correspondent) and I had also listened to "Jay" Russell's eloquent discourse on the merits of this Taranaki "back." But I and lots of my friends did not appraise him at his true value, with the result that we saw him romp home as he liked from Belmont and Kapua. Such a race as the Auckland Grand National Hurdles is one that generally furnishes the turf scribe with a good deal of pabulum. It cannot be said that such was the case this year, for it was practically a one-horse race. At the end of the first mile Mutiny had disposed of Flukem, who was the only one who had been able to get near him, and it was almost the proverbial guinea to a gooseberry on him from that out. I feel sure it was a false-run race, but that was only to be expected the condition the track was in. Belmont, who won the same race last year, ran a good horse, but, like the winner, he was favoured by the heavy going. The winner had a bit of good fortune in that Marechal Neil and Kulnine both met with mishaps. The Marechal jumped inside the rails at an early stage of the journey, but though the pace was made strong throughout Clark never kept Kulnine far away, and I fancy the top weight would have gained a place had he stood up. He came down at the second fence from home, and lay stunned for so long that it was generally thought he had broken his back. However he recovered sufficiently to walk back to the paddock, but Mr D. Rutherford, his owner, had not, we are thankful to say, to witness the death of his horse on the occasion of his first visit to Auckland. Mutiny was protested against by Belmont's owner on the ground that he weighed out 4½ lbs over without declaring it in accordance with the Rules. The protest was dismissed, but as the A.R.C.'s stewards did not allow the Press representatives to be present at their deliberation I am unable to say on what grounds the decision was arrived at, or to express any opinion as to the justice thereof. Mutiny paid dividends of £11 17s and £11 18s.

The Colonel and Recruit were taken out of the Selling Steeplechase of 60sovs, three miles, half a dozen thus being the strength of the field. Hurricane and Oceola made most of the running, with Auctioneer in attendance till they came to the water jump the last time round, when Auctioneer ran into the crowd. Hurricane and Kate were then seen in the van together, till entering on the last round, when Kate drew clear, and preserving her advantage, won as she liked from Hurricane. Long Roper was third. The dividends on the winner were £2 16s inside and £3 11s outside.

A field of five faced Mr Halstead for the Maiden Hurdles of 60 sovs, one mile and three quarters, Little Tom and Despised being the absent ones. It furnished a rattling good finish between Kapua and Fright, and the latter, who was giving Kapua 5lbs, did not disgrace himself in his maiden essay over the little sticks. Fright is not such a 'fright' as I expected to see. He is a big 'un, but is, by no means one of those slab-sided sort that I imagined he was from all I had heard about him. Unless I am much mistaken he will be a serviceable horse to Mr L. D. Nathan ere next racing season is over. Kapua, who is a half-brother to Waitiri, being by The Mute—Uira, belongs to the Hawke's Bay sportsman Mr W. Douglas, and his victory will be a bit of consolation for the death of King Rose, through falling in a hurdle

race at Wanganui the other day. The dividends on Kapua, though, were but small, being only £2 11s inside and £2 8s outside.

Four out of five coloured on the card came to the scratch for the Ladies' Bracelet of 40sovs for the nominator of the first horse, and 10sovs for the nominator of the second, one mile and a distance, Fright being the missing one. Ida, 11.3, and Lottie, 10.10, had the last six furlongs of the race to themselves, but Ida came away opposite the Derby Stand, and won with a bit in hand.

SECOND DAY'S RACING.

The following handicaps were issued last night by Mr Evett:—

SECOND WINTER WELTER HANDICAP. Seven furlongs.

Van Diemen	11 12	Helen McGregor	10 4
Ida	11 12	Vivat	10 2
St. Clements	11 10	His Worship	10 0
Lottie	11 0	Dorothy	10 0
Mutiny	10 12	St. Kilda	10 0
Criminal	10 10	Stamford	10 0
Tulloch	10 9	Laddie	10 0
Master Pat	10 8	Lady Belle	10 0

HANDICAP HURDLES, one mile and three quarters.

Kulnine	11 10	Ingorina	9 8
Waterbury	10 12	Deceiver	9 4
Belmont	10 7	Ika Vuka	9 3
Mutiny	10 6	Try Fluke	9 2
Kapua	10 4	St. Michael	9 0
Criminal	10 0		

HUNTERS' WELTER HANDICAP, one mile.

Ida	11 10	Belmont	10 3
Van Diemen	11 7	Lady Belle	10 3
Lottie	10 11	Derry	10 0
Ingorina	10 6		

TALLY-HO STEEPLCHASE, three miles.

Norton	12 10	Auckland	9 9
Bootles	10 12	Lord John	9 7
Waterbury	10 9	Bombardier	9 7
Parnell	10 3	Nero	9 7
Marechal Neil	10 3	Carronade	9 7
Flukem	10 0	Maritana	9 7
Chester	10 0	Recruit	9 7
Long Roper	9 10	Oceola	9 7
Kate	9 10	Little Tom	9 7

The acceptances are to close to-night at 9 p.m.

The curtain will be rung up with the

HUNTERS' WELTER HANDICAP of 40sovs, one mile, which has a septette engaged. Ida is naturally in the post of honor with 11.10, and I hardly think the 5lb extra on her yesterday's win will stop her, the distance being the same. I do not care for Van Dieman at 11.7, but considering the weights at which Ida and Lottie met in the Ladies' Bracelet, it is curious to note the difference between them allowed by the handicapper now. In the Ladies' Bracelet of one mile and a distance Ida carried 11.3 to Lottie's 10.10, and now Mr Evett makes Lottie meet Ida at a difference of 13lb. Belmont, 10.3, and Lady Belle at the same weight are neither of them badly dealt by, but I shall tip LOTTIE to win, and Ida and Belmont may be in the other place.

The Novel Race of 30 sovs, 1 mile, I will not deal with, and pass on to the

GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLCHASE of 400 sovs, about three miles and a half. Despite the unfavourable rumours about Mangere that have been current during the last week, I think he will run a great horse, and wherever Norton finishes, I think he will finish in front of him. Flukem's running yesterday was not encouraging, to his backers for the Steeplechase, but I shall not desert him, and I expect him to get a place. The Taranaki horse Bootles, whom I selected to win in last week's issue, is certain to start at a shorter price than would otherwise have been the case after the victory of Mutiny, who hails from the same part of the colony. For Deceiver and Scaltheen I have already expressed a preference among the outside division, and I shall not go away from my last week's tip of BOOTLES, 1; FLUKEM, 2; MANGERE, 3; with Deceiver and Scaltheen good outsiders. The following is the list of those left in:—

GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLCHASE of 400 sovs, about 3½ miles.

Norton	12 8	Chester	9 9
Mangere	12 4	Auckland	9 9
Tiritea	11 4	Deceiver	9 8
Shillelagh	11 4	Isidore	9 7
Bootles	10 8	Manie	9 7
Waterbury	10 7	Darebin	9 7
Parnell	10 0	Nero	9 7
Marechal Neil	10 0	Despised	9 7
Flukem	9 12	Bombardier	9 7
Scaltheen	9 10		

The eleven in the

HANDICAP HURDLES of 100sovs, one mile and three-quarters, is headed by Kulnine, 11.10. It is hardly probable Mr Rutherford will start his horse after the shaking he got yesterday,

so I will leave him out of my calculation. Waterbury, 10 12, comes next, and I cannot say I care for him, but Belmont 10.7, Mutiny 10.6, and Kapua 10.4 all read well on paper, and it is one of this trio that I look for the winner to come from. To try and place them I shall select BELMONT 1, KAPUA 2, MUTINY 3.

The next event is the

SECOND WINTER WELTER HANDICAP of 50 sovs, 7 furlongs, in which sixteen are engaged. Several of those engaged are in other races earlier in the day, so I cannot very well analyse their chances in the absence of the acceptances, but with St. CLEMENTS a fresh horse I would as soon stand him as anything, though the distance is a wee bit more than he is partial to, perhaps. St. Kilda and Tulloch may prove to be the hardest to beat of the competitors that will accompany him to the starting post.

The meeting will be concluded with the

TALLY-HO STEEPLCHASE of 100sovs, 3 miles, which will have a good deal of light shed on it by the result of the Great Northern Steeplechase. The winner of that incurs no penalty so it will be a sort of 'recovery' stakes for those that have tried for the 400 sovs. prize and failed. The distance being half a mile shorter Mr Evett has raised Norton 2lb on his G.N. Steeple weight, and Bootles is similarly increased. As regards the weights of the horses engaged in the G.N. Steeple the weights are a reflex thereof with an additional run. I shall not venture on a tip pending the decision of the Great Northern Steeplechase.

Turf Topics.

[By "SIR LAUNCELOT."]

A sale of yearlings recently imported from Australia was held in Dunedin on May 26th. A colt by Jacinth (brother to Nordenfeldt) out of the Proto Martyr mare Conscience was bought by the Oamaru sportsman who races under the name of Mr "Longfellow" for 43gs. Mr A. G. Holmes, the owner of the hurdler Clarence, who has been in a winning vein lately, gave 38gs for a colt by the Melbourne Cup winner Dunlop out of Dumb Crambo. Dumb Crambo is by The Hook (son of Juliet) out of Charade, by Panic (imp.)—Puzzle (imp.), by Daniel O'Rourke. A filly by Glorious (imp.) out of Aphra, by Bras de Fer (imp.)—L'Africaine, by Vasco di Gama (imp.) was knocked down to Mr Carson at 23gs, and Mr T. Cotton acting on behalf of Mr H. Rawcliffe, secured the colt by Martini Henry, from Abercorn's sister Spice at 111gs, which was practically a "buy-in."

'Mazeppa' of the Otago Witness, who was an eye witness to the running at the Dunedin Jockey Club's Birthday Meeting, makes the following comments on the New Zealand Cup candidates that ran there, which should prove interesting to my readers:—"That Hippomenes should have won the double few dare dispute. The honours of the Birthday Handicap were distinctly his, though he did miss an actual win owing to circumstances already stated, and from the way in which he collared the Provincial Handicap on the Saturday, we may gather that he could have won even if he had carried a pound or two more as a penalty for a win on the Wednesday. At one point of the Provincial Handicap his backers were in a bit of a funk. He got fairly well away, and was lying fourth in a handy position as the first half mile was completed, but he then dropped away a little, and from the stand the reason of this could not be seen owing to the slanting rays of the sun. What really happened was that McLroy took a good grip of the horse so as to steady him for his final run. He was travelling so well as to justify this strategy. Where he was given his head was about 300 yards from home. For a few strides after the field turned into the straight Vogengang looked very dangerous, but the Dunedin gelding wore him down and eventually landed the stake apparently pretty nearly all out, but I think with a little to spare. McLroy rode him beautifully and with such marked cleverness as to make sure of a win without knocking the horse about or showing him up. \* \* \* Lady Zealand was another prominent performer at the Birthday Meeting. For a small mare as she is with fair weights up, she each time made a gallant struggle of it, but the heavy going was against her, and it was not till her fourth attempt that she managed to get home. That was in the Consolation. I think she would have won this event even if all her opponents had stood up, though on this point it is not possible to speak with certainty. Buddicombe made the best use of her on each occasion. It was on her, by the way, that T.B. scored his 61st win for the season. Au Revoir won the Tradesmen's Handicap, and through downright gameness. At the half distance he was in an awkward place, and so far as I could see he was the first to be ridden in earnest. As the field went past the quarter mile post he gained a little bit, but under such pressure that everyone thought he was cooked and his backers were just giving up hope when he suddenly appeared at the head of his horses in the straight. He must have made a clever turn round the corner. Even then, however, he was not out of his trouble, and he had to be flogged all the way along the rails. He must be very game to last out such a run as that."

The same writer states that a special meeting of the New Zealand Bookmakers Association (which has been formed in Dunedin during the present season) was held on May 26th. It was attended by nearly 20 members, Mr T. Barnett presiding. A proposal to make a levy of 10s per head to strengthen the funds was rejected, it

being considered that the course suggested was not necessary at present. Communications were received from various parts of the colony relative to disputed wagers, the writers asking whether certain layers of odds who had not paid were members of the Association. The secretary was instructed to answer that the Association could not do anything, as the layers referred to were not members. It was resolved as a means of meeting the difficulty as to disputed wagers to appoint a board of arbitration of persons outside the Association to decide, in cases of dispute, between members and their customers. The secretary (Mr J. Smith) reported that telegrams had been received from Thomas Robinson, of Napier, stating that he was locked up for betting at totalisator odds, and liberated without being charged. Robinson asked whether the Association would help him to prosecute the club. Mr Smith's answer was that the Association would not take up the case, but advised him to complain to the inspector. To that Robinson had replied that he had taken proceedings claiming £500.

The same writer says:—"After seeing the result there were not a few found blaming the owners for not giving the mount to M'Iroy on the first day. They probably thought the same after seeing the judicious use he made of Hippomenes in the Provincial. But it is easy to be wise after the event, and, apart from the consideration that it is really an owner's business whom he selects as rider, there is this to be said, that M'Iroy could not go to scale at the weight in the Birthday. That was, I understand, the reason why at the eleventh hour he stood down in favour of Derrett; and if that be the case the only one to blame is M'Iroy himself, who should have taken measures to reduce his weight by the couple of pounds or so surplus which he scaled when tried as a preliminary. Owners naturally object very strongly to putting up any overweight, especially on a horse that is well up in a handicap. It isn't so much that they are afraid of the retarding effect of a pound or so, but they do not unreasonably conclude that if they make light of a little extra it may be presumed by the handicapper that they have a really good thing on. M'Iroy, as the recognised rider of the stable, cannot complain that an oversight on his part is such a matter led to his forfeiting the mount. You don't catch Derrett forgetting a thing of that sort. The lesson will probably be remembered, and I hope that M'Iroy, for whose horsemanship I entertain a high regard, will ride many winners for his present employers."

The Auckland Racing Club held their usual monthly committee meeting on Monday afternoon, when the following resolutions were approved of for recommendation to the Metropolitan Clubs' Conference next month:—"That no delegate shall be eligible who represents a club whose profits are divisible amongst the members thereof." "That Rule 38 be amended so as to read that 'no horse shall carry less than 7.0 in any handicap race on the flat,'" and that Rule 39 be amended so as to read that "at any meeting between May 31 and September 1 the lowest weight in any race on the flat shall not be less than 9.0."

I am glad to be able to inform my readers that Mr John Kirkwood is recovering from his severe illness and was pronounced to be out of danger yesterday.

Honour to whom honour is due. Writing about the victory of Orangeman in the Melbourne Hunt Club Steeplechase, 'Olympus,' in Melbourne Punch, has the following about the owners of the son of Endymion in a facetious contemporary:—"It appears that the time of depression and the 'reconstruction' of one particular bank, combined with various extraneous circumstances, have caused even those gentlemen to 'retrench,' and in so doing they found themselves compelled to discharge between sixty and seventy men employed on their Bacchus Marsh property. \* \* \* And yet, when the Messrs. Miller had to discharge these men, instead of sending them forth houseless and foodless, they informed them that provisions would be supplied to one and all until they succeeded in getting into work again. This fact has come to my knowledge quite by accident, and I believe I am the first to publish it. And I do so all the more willingly because it convinces me that there have been times when I, too, have fallen into the popular error of 'judging the book by the cover,' and have written things that it would have been better—or perhaps I should say juster—to have left unwritten."

Mention of the Taranaki representatives at the Auckland Racing Club's Winter Meeting reminds me that our Taranaki correspondent in his usual weekly budget, appearing in another column, supplies an interesting record of Mutiny's performances prior to his Grand National Hurdles win.

Mr Percival, the Auckland Racing Club's secretary, was deputed to receive entries for the Victoria Amateur Turf Club's and Victoria Racing Club's Spring Meetings on Monday last, and the following entries were received by him from Auckland owners:—Mr Budge's filly Brown Mantle, by Nordenfeldt—Antelope, V.R.C. Derby, Oaks, Spring Stakes and St. Leger; Mr L. D. Nathan's Three Star, Ascot Vale Stakes, V.R.C. Derby, Spring Stakes and St. Leger; Mr L. D. Nathan's St. Hippo, Champion Stakes; Mr L. D. Nathan's Three Star, Alma Stakes, Federal Stakes and Caulfield Guineas.

A goodly contingent of Southern sportsmen were to be observed in the saddling paddock at Ellerslie yesterday, among them being Mr D. Rutherford, the owner of Kulnine and Norton (whose first visit to Auckland it was). Mr M. G. Nasmith, the secretary of the Gisborne Park Racing Club; Mr J. A. Harding, secretary of the Waerenga-a-Hika Jockey Club; Mr Shove, the owner of Bootles; Mr 'Jay' Russell; and Messrs Proffitt, Hill and Livingstone, the metalicians. It was generally thought that Mutiny's win in the Hurdle Race would have left the 'bookies' with a 'skinner,' but such is not the case, for some of them have to carry forward a bit of money with the second leg some of the favourites in the Steeplechase. If Bootles wins the Steeplechase the Taranaki contingent will go home rejoicing.

\* \* \* F. G. Whiting at Ellerslie on Saturday next.

## Wairarapa Trotting Club.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

WELLINGTON, June 5.

THE inaugural meeting of the Wairarapa Trotting Club at Carterton, on Thursday last, was held under very favourable auspices as regards weather, attendance, and sport. Although in the early morning it was raining in Wellington, which deterred a lot of city sports from going to the meeting, it was a beautiful day in the Wairarapa, and a good crowd—fully 1200—turned up on the A. and P. Associations Show Ground, where the track has been made. At present the course is only 30 chains in circumference, and is rather too full of sharp turns for large fields; but it is intended shortly to take in an adjoining section, which will enable the stewards to lay off a half-mile track with easier turns. Although the attendance was large, and the sport good, speculation was very limited, and Mr A. R. Macfarlane, who worked the totalisator, put through only £365 during the afternoon.

The Maiden Handicap, which opened the proceedings, brought out the largest field of the day, exactly twenty facing the starter, Mr "Dick" Roake, the well-known huntsman. The race was won very easily by a rather ugly black mare called Sultana, belonging to Mr A. Gordon. Dick, a likely-looking chestnut, was put about as a good thing, but finished in the ruck.

The District Handicap fell to an old stager named Jumbo, who was trotted about here for years and only won one race and that with a very long start. Age has evidently improved him, for later on, after making a terrible mess of the Stewards' Handicap, which was in harness, he came out and won the principal race of the meeting, beating a very hot favourite in Mr Tate's Conway, winner of the last Johnsonville Trotting Club Handicap, and paying the good dividend of £13 16s. Conway should have won, but he was too fresh, and continually broke, which lost him the race.

The Stewards' Handicap fell to the mysterious Dick, who started such a favourite for the Maiden. He now showed excellent form, and really made mincemeat of his field, which included several fair horses, including Fragment (who was favourite), Prince II., Jumbo, and Fred Reid. Dick's party did well over this race, but I am rather surprised that the stewards did not ask for an explanation. I hear now that it is not long since this horse was brought up from Christchurch, but I know no more.

The Selling Trot was thought a "moral" for the Maiden winner, Sultana, who was penalised 7sec., making her start 23sec. from Fairholm, the scratch horse. Again backers were wrong, for Sultana did not move so freely as in the former race, and succumbed at the finish to an old local trotter named Wait-a-while, belonging to the secretary, Mr W. McKenzie, who was giving the favourite 13sec. The winner was sold at auction by Mr Lowes of Masterton and knocked down to Mr T. Price for £12.

In the Wairarapa Trotting Club Handicap, which, as I have said, fell to Jumbo, nine started, including Fragment, 15sec, and Prince II., 37sec, but nothing could get near Jumbo and Conway, and Fragment, who was third, was fully 100 yards away from the second.

In the Grandstand Handicap (in harness) Prince II., who had performed indifferently in the big race and Stewards, showed real good form, and won with a bit to spare from Fred Reid, 50sec, who also exhibited great improvement on his Stewards' Handicap form.

The Consolation, which was run almost in the dark, fell to a 'varminty' looking bay gelding The Spider, 35sec, who had exhibited good speed in the Maiden, the District and Grand Stand Handicaps, but had collapsed badly at the finish of all three. He did not collapse in the Consolation, however, but waltzed home, cutting out the two miles nearly a minute faster than the District Handicap—in which he was only second—was trotted by Jumbo.

The Papawai Maori Brass Band was present and played some exceedingly good music. The general management was excellent, and the stewards are well satisfied with the result of their first meeting, which certainly passed off very harmoniously. The trotters present were not of a very high class as a whole, but five or six seemed to have good action, and as the scratch horses, Fragment, Bugby and Fairholm were out of every-

thing there must have been some pretty good ones going. Mr A. King, the handicapper, was successful in getting excellent acceptances, but none of the finishes were very close, although the favourites were not successful except in one race.

## Fillis's Circus

A MAMMOTH SHOW.

THE arrival of Mr Allan Hamilton by the steamer Manapouri on Tuesday gave warning of the early advent of Fillis's Circus and Menagerie to Auckland, and this morning the small gang of bill-posters at work confirm the idea. In conversation with Mr Hamilton at the Albert Hotel, that gentleman said, 'Yes, we open in Auckland on Wednesday next, on the ground adjoining the Railway Station belonging to the Harbour Board, and I should like to say a word in thanks of the courtesy I have met with at the hands of Mr Brigham, the secretary, who, in spite of the fact that the leasing of any ground belonging to that corporation must, as a rule, be placed before the full committee, took such steps that within two hours of my application a satisfactory reply was received; and here I may say, that through this, my first visit to New Zealand, I have met with the greatest possible assistance. Nothing appears to be a trouble to anybody, and the consequence is a business trip really becomes a pleasure one. At any rate that is my experience, and although I leave for Sydney on Tuesday next, I hope before many months are past to pay another visit to your hospitable country. You are correct in saying that our tour has been a phenomenal one. Yes, phenomenal is the word that rightly expresses our success. I have heard a great deal about what others have done in our line in this country, and I think it is generally conceded that Cooper and Bailey's show was the biggest that ever came this way. Well, I don't wish to say one word about the merits of Cooper and Bailey, but I do know that our receipts have 'topped' the famous show of 15 years ago in every town that we have visited. I know exactly what I am talking about, on account of our excellent manager Signor Patrick O'Grady Agrati (who was the manager of the C and B show), being in possession of the actual receipts of that tour. But what is that to the public? What you good people of Auckland want is to see the show, and we have, I think, a circus and menagerie that will please everybody. In our menagerie, which by the way is free—no extra charges about us—you will find four magnificent Nubian Lions, who are put through a most exciting performance twice daily by their intrepid trainer. Then a performing Royal Bengal Tiger, who performs loose in the arena; yes, actually loose, my boy. None of your milk and water business, but I assure you that our tiger cannot be beaten in any part of the world. The trainer winds up his performance by a man and tiger fight—a most realistic affair. After this we show you a fine lot of zebras, panthers, monkeys, and other animals, which I claim go to make up the best menagerie ever seen on the road. And please remember that all perform in the arena. Coming to the stables we have a remarkably fine lot of horses—70 in number—who are taught to do anything but talk, and I imagine that even you will be surprised at the wonderful amount of intelligence they possess. Of artistes we carry 90, all picked by Mr Fillis in his annual tour to England and the Continent. They comprise the very best to be obtained, and we cannot offer you more than that.

Two performances will be given daily, and let me assure you that the afternoon performances are equal in all respects to the evening shows, so that country friends need not be afraid about seeing any curtailment in the programme.

'How are we satisfied with New Zealand? Well, Mr Fillis never played to such enthusiastic crowds in the whole of his experience, and his only complaint is that the colony is not three times larger, in which case he would establish permanent buildings, the same as he possesses in London, Brighton, Manchester, Glasgow, and all through South Africa.'

Thus ended a pleasant chat, and Mr Hamilton hurried away to meet a carpenter on the ground.

\* \* Dan McLeod at Ellerslie on Saturday next.

## All-round Sport

By "MILO."

### Football.

FIXTURES.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10.

SENIORS.  
Suburbs v. Parnell  
Grafton v. Ponsonby

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

THIRDS.  
Suburbs v. Grafton A  
Grafton B v. Parnell  
Ponsonby v. City

The threatening aspect of the weather on Saturday afternoon last was responsible for the poor attendance at Epsom. In fact, many were of opinion the matches would have been postponed, more especially when it became known that the Racing Club had altered the date of their fixture. However, the club contests were continued, and the ground was not in so bad a state as might have been expected. Ponsonby managed to defeat Suburbs by 2 points to nil, and City only succeeded in making a draw with Grafton, greatly to everybody's surprise.

The Ponsonby-Suburbs match resulted in the former winning by 2 points to nil. Notwithstanding the heavy state of the ground the play at times was of a very interesting description. Suburbs had the advantage of the services of Siddle and McKenzie, while Ponsonby's team was rather weaker than usual. The difficulty which the players experienced in holding the ball prevented numerous scores being gained. It was generally understood that the Union had devised some method by which the match would be started punctually; whatever the method may be it did not work very well on Saturday, as it was an absolute impossibility to distinguish the players, or even to know where the ball was, so dark had it become when this match terminated.

The Suburbs team did some very clean passing, from which they, however, gained no advantage, owing to the men passing before they had run a single yard in a forward direction.

The pick of the Suburbs forwards on Saturday was Major, who played a hard and clever game.

Charlie Stichbury again played a splendid full-back game. In fact Ponsonby may thank him for having averted defeat, as had it not been for the cool and clever manner in which he stopped some of the forward rushes a score must certainly have resulted.

Andrews and Dacre were frequently prominent in the forward rushes.

Masefield was in rare form. His kicking and collaring were very serviceable. "Masey" actually passed to Scott. If he only went in for this passing game he would be about the best three-quarter back in Auckland.

Neither Herrold nor Rhodes were seen to much advantage on Saturday. Rhodes interfered with Braund when the latter did not have the ball, and Ponsonby were granted a free kick. The moral is "not obstruct a player who knows how and when to appeal."

Ramsay and Braund played well together. It is strange how such men as these are overlooked in the face of the brilliant games they play every week.

Siddle was not in the best of form, owing, no doubt, to want of practice.

In Marshall and Absolum Suburbs possesses two very fast men, who will make things rather lively on a dry day.

Langsford, Flynn and Green were about the best of the Ponsonby forwards. Flynn would have scored on one occasion had he not passed. Unselfishness is a good feature, but there are two instances in which it is wise to be selfish.

(1) When you have no opponent to pass; (2) when there is no member of your own team to whom you can pass. This was the case with Mick Flynn.

The place kicking of both teams on Saturday was very much off.

The Suburbs full-back was very safe on Saturday.

Warnock kicked well, but he still refuses to take part in the Ponsonby passing runs. He may say he does not get the pass, but it is his own fault, for he does not get into his position.

Both Suburbs and Ponsonby have a lot to learn on the line-out play. Why not copy Parnell?

"Dandy" Cole's exclusion from the New Zealand team was a great shock to the City forward.

City Second have secured a slashing forward named Anderson from Wanganui. They intend playing him next Saturday.

City is said to be anxious to have their match with Newton on Saturday next postponed.

Willis, of the City Second, plays a very good game at times, but should pass more.

Mr Jack Webster made a capital referee in the Ponsonby-Suburbs match.

Fred Murray says if he ever gets to Australia he will say good-bye to Maoriland.

Albie Braund was in something like his old form last Saturday.

Marshall, of the Suburbs, continues to play up to his reputation. On Saturday he ran, tackled and kicked in great style.

Footballers would like to know how Billy Dickey comes to be qualified to play for Suburbs.

The Auckland Rugby Union, in answer to an enquiry from Northern Wairoa footballers, sent the following letter along which will be of interest to local readers:—"J. Stallworthy, Esq., hon. secretary Wairoa Rugby Union, Aratapu.—Dear sir,—We have received a letter from W. W. Holford of Aratapu asking for an opinion as to whether he is eligible to play as a junior this season. He states: 'Our Union consider that I being a senior player last year, cannot play as a junior this year, my club not thinking me fit to play as a senior.' As our custom is that all requests for rulings, &c., shall come through the Union directly interested, I am instructed to inform you what the ruling of the committee would be if a similar case occurred in connection with our own Cup matches, viz.—if the circumstances are as stated by Mr Holford and we are correct in assuming that the junior team for which he wishes to play is the second fifteen of his own club, the committee consider him eligible to play as a junior. Our interpretation of Bye-Law 29 is that when a club has chosen its best 15 men as a first team, any members remaining are entitled to play in the second team. I have written Mr Holford referring him to you for an answer to his enquiry.—Yours truly, G. H. Dixon, secretary."

My Taranaki correspondent writes:—"On Thursday last the Stratford and Star first fifteens met in the second round of the Cup matches, the game being played on the Star ground. In the Stratford ranks were six Taranaki reps., namely, A. Bayly, R. Lusk, Davies, Sangster, Pearson, C. Bayly, and Coutts. The country team averaged 14lbs heavier than their opponents, but in spite of rep men and weight the Star dusted their jackets (or rather guernseys) to the tune of 9 points to nil. In the first spell S. Humphries, the Star captain, scored a try, and in the second spell H. Ford and A. Humphries scored a try each, the latter converting the one scored by himself. The Stratford backs, especially A. Bayly and R. Lusk, made several determined efforts to score, but the collaring and defence of the Star men were too superior. Bob Lusk's brother played full-back for the Stratford. The Star players were good all round, and it would be difficult to pick out any for special distinction. Robinson, at full-back, proved himself a good man, his marking and kicking being excellent. L. Allen and Kingsley played well at three-quarter, and A. Humphries played his usually serviceable game at centre-half. A. George, Ryan, and Rutherford headed some good forward rushes, but I must admit that the whole eight forwards played so well that it would be difficult to pick out any one as being especially prominent. The Star play Clifton in about three weeks, when a great battle is expected. So far the Star are unbeaten, having beaten Clifton once and Stratford twice. On Queen's Birthday the Star II. met Tukapa in the Junior Cup round, the former winning by 4 points (2 tries) to nil. I forgot to mention that the Stratford-Star match was unnecessarily rough, several of the players on each side being temporarily laid out."

At last the Selection Committee, consisting of Messrs. Henderson (Auckland), Logan (Napier), and Campbell (Wellington), have made their choice, and it has given satisfaction, but, of course, there is the usual heartburnings in certain quarters. Auckland has five representatives, and out of these Parnell claims three, Newton one, and Suburbs one. The team is as follows:—Full-back: A. D'Arcy, Wairarapa, 13.8. Three-quarter backs: A. Good, Taranaki, 12.0; F. M. Jervis, Auckland, 11.8; G. Harper, Nelson, 11.7. Half-backs: D. Gage, Wellington, 12.2; Butland, West Coast, 12.2; W. Elliott, Auckland, 12.4; M. Herrold, Auckland, 11.0. Forwards: Lambie, Taranaki, 13.6; A. Stuart, Wellington, 11.9; S. Cockroft,



**Manawatu, 12.10; W. Pringle, Wellington, 12.2; T. Hiron, Hawke's Bay, 12.7; W. McKenzie, Wairarapa, 13.0; Gardner, South Canterbury, 11.4; T. R. Ellison, Wellington, 13.8; C. Speight, Auckland, 12.5; F. Murray, Auckland, 13.4. Emergencies—Back: A Bayly, Taranaki. Forwards: Mowlem, Manawatu; Howard, Hawke's Bay. Only 18 out of 20 men have been selected, it being uncertain whether a certain couple can obtain leave.**

**For City Second the scorers were Willis (2) and Leikis (1).**

Owing to the wet state of the ball none of the City Second tries were converted.

Mr Twiname acted as referee in the junior match between City and Newton.

City Second beat Newton on Saturday by 6 points to 5.

The biggest surprise of all on Saturday last was the fact of Grafton making a draw with City. The day had all to do with it.

Parnell Second beat Ponsonby Juniors by 15 points to 4.

Greatly to everyone's surprise "Buff" Canada was left out of the N.Z. team.

Charley Mitchell gives the following version of how Hall and Slavin came to be matched:—On the night of Hall's return to England, Slavin and Hall met at a well-known hostelry on the Surrey side of the water and had several drinks. They had more than was wise, and became very talkative, ending by "snacking" each other. Replying to a taunting remark from Hall, Slavin said he could lick Hall in three rounds, to which the last-named replied that he could not do it in three years; whereupon Hall rushed at Slavin and struck him on the face. Slavin did not retaliate, but remarked that he would get even at some future time. Afterwards both cooled down somewhat, and £5 aside was posted with Mr Calder to bind a match.

Warner, the middle-weight champion of New Jersey, expressed his intention of standing before Robert Fitzsimmons for four rounds on March 30th, at Kernan's Monumental Theatre, Baltimore. Warner was disposed of in just one minute. Fitzsimmons tapped his antagonist lightly on the right side of the head with his left, and then gave a short, jobbing blow on the left jaw with his right. Warner got up in about eight seconds and walked off the stage.

At a meeting of the Plumpton Committee of the Dunedin Jockey Club, held on May 20th, the dispute at the last meeting between Messrs Black and Kett (remitted back by the general committee of the club with power to act) was fully considered, together with a letter from Mr Black asking the committee to revise the evidence before endorsing the action of the National Coursing Club, and a petition from a few dog owners asking for a change of judge. After discussion it was resolved, "That the petition be not entertained, and that Mr Kett be retained as judge"; "That Mr Black, in place of being called on to apologise, be censured for his conduct at the late meeting."

The next intercolonial eight-oared race will take place in Melbourne in May, 1894.

W. L. Murdoch, whose non-inclusion in the Australian team at present playing in England has been the subject of some discussion, has written to the London Sportsman concerning the matter. The famous Australian batsman, who is evidently very much annoyed at being left out of the team, states that during the period of its formation correspondence passed between himself and Mr V. Cohen, the manager, in which the latter invited Murdoch to join the combination, and that the invitation was accepted. Murdoch was, in consequence, surprised when on the announcement of the final selection he found that his name was not included. Replying to Murdoch's letter, Mr Cohen has written to the Sportsman, explaining the negotiations which took place and the circumstances which led to Murdoch's non-inclusion. Mr Cohen states that his early letters to Murdoch dealt with various matters of detail concerning the probable personnel of the team, and that he finally wrote requesting Murdoch to state what amount he would require for expenses. That question he avers was never replied to, and when the selection was finally made the committee who chose the Australian players were unanimously in favour of Murdoch's exclusion.

Wallace Ross, the oarsman, who is now thirty-six years of age, has arrived in England in company with Captain Paul Boynton, who was under engagement to

control a great water carnival that was to be opened at Earl's Court in May. Ross states that he is unable to say whether he will row a race in England.

The Dunedin case alluded to by Mr Justice Conolly in his charge to the Grand Jury in the case of manslaughter against Nicholson and others, came before Mr Carew, R.M., at the Dunedin Police Court on May 20. John William Dix and Sidney J. Williams were charged with unlawfully intending to fight at the City Hall on Saturday night, May 20, and the informant prayed that they be bound over to keep the peace. Mr Carew asked the accused if they consented to be bound over to keep the peace, or if it was their wish that the case be heard? Accused Williams said: "I wish to state that we did not intend to fight to a finish. The person who published the bills made a mistake."—Mr Carew: Have you any objection to be bound over to keep the peace? If you object the case will be gone into.—The accused: We are satisfied to be bound over.—Mr Carew: You quite understand. If you say you're content to be bound over to keep the peace you will have to enter into a bond to keep the peace. If you object the case can be heard, and then we will see whether you should be bound over to keep the peace or not. If you are bound over to keep the peace for six or twelve months, whichever we decide, and if you commit any offence during that period the bonds will be estreated.—Accused Williams: We did not intend to fight to a finish. The bills were worded wrongly.—Inspector Parry said he would be satisfied if the accused were bound over in their own recognisances. He simply wished to prevent the fight taking place.—The Bench decided not to hear any statement from the accused if they consented to be bound over. They would be bound over in the sum of £25 to keep the peace for 12 months.

W. Bates, the old Yorkshire cricketing professional, does not seem to have got on very well with the cricketers at Johannesburg, South Africa. He was engaged by the Wanderers C.C. at a salary of £300 a year, but owing to some disagreement he has been paid off.

A writer to Cricket of April 13th sums up the performances of the various Australian teams that have visited England, and gives a complete table of the averages, reckoning in the whole of the matches played by all the teams, together with the match Smokers v. Non-smokers at Lords, in 1884, in which several of the Australians took place on each side, and which was indeed arranged chiefly in order to see them pitted against one another. W. L. Murdoch heads the list of batting averages with 26.3 runs per innings, having scored 5385 runs in 225 innings (18 times not out). The others who have averages of over 20 runs per innings are:—H. H. Massie 24.37, C. Bannerman 24.2, J. E. Barrett 22.51, G. Giffen 21.124, H. J. Scott 21.70, P. S. M'Donnell 21.72, T. Horan 20.63. The leading bowling averages are: C. Turner 11.398, F. Spofforth 12.368, H. F. Boyle 13.103, J. J. Ferris 13.286, T. Garrett 14.278, G. Palmer 15.266, G. Giffen 18.143.

Ryan, of Chicago, and Dawson, of Australia, fought half-a-dozen rounds at Chicago on April 8th. Ryan weighed 10.2 and Dawson 10st 4lb. No decision was given as to the result, but it was generally admitted that Ryan had a shade the best of the fight. The outcome of the meeting was that a sportsman named Daly deposited 1000 dols (£200) to back Dawson against Ryan for 5000 dols (£1000) aside and the largest purse offered. The deposit was covered by Ryan's backers.

In view of the definition of the law re glove fighting laid down by Mr Justice Conolly in connection with the Nicholson-Forgie case, the Premier has issued a circular to the police authorities throughout the colony instructing them to suppress all public glove contests in future. The Minister gives it as his opinion that more deaths have resulted from glove fights than fair stand-up fights with bare fists. The Premier explains in his circular that this is so because in the glove fights the combatants endeavour to strike at a vital part to check circulation or give a shock to the nervous system by a blow, indirectly but immediately reacting on the spine, whereas, in the ordinary English prize fight, the object was to close up an opponent's eyes or to knock him out of wind, and so disable him. After this lucid explanation one may well ask the Premier "Who made thee a judge over Israel?" in these matters.

# Volunteer News.

(BY RIFLEMAN.)

Very serious dissensions have arisen in the ranks of the Hamilton Light Infantry, and one man went so far as to ask Captain Reid to resign. Strange to say the officer not only overlooked this wilful piece of insubordination, but actually complied with the request. After events went to show that Captain Reid was very popular, and the discontented one stood alone. The regulations contain a special clause dealing with this affair, and if Captain Reid knows his duty he will enforce it.

I understand that things are not going quite smoothly in the Auckland Navals. Lieutenant Little is a most capable officer, so the fault is not quite clear.

Major Banks takes more than ordinary interest in the Volunteer movement.

Captain Reid, of the Hamilton Infantry, is now practically without officers.

Lieut. Jackson Palmer very seldom appears on parade now with his corps, the Engineers. He seems to be thoroughly sick of it.

The Rifle Club system is slowly but surely killing the Volunteer movement.

Lieut. G. Watson, of the Ponsonby Navals, is putting in a good deal of time over at the forts learning gunnery.

Capt. Miller, of the Ponsonby Navals, is one of the very few officers who set their face against shooting men who are bad attenders competing for company prizes.

Nothing further has come to hand in reference to the New Zealand team of shooting men visiting Australia.

Mr Whitney was a little too premature writing about those ball cartridges which were found amongst the blank at Pukekohe. It would have looked more decent to await the result of the inquiry.

Men who have never served a day in the Volunteer force continue to be taken on in the Permanent Force. More political influence.

The Defence Minister has intimated that any corps under the strength will not only be debarred from capitating, but run a big risk of disbandment.

The Retired and Unattached Lists are now so crowded as to be quite unwieldy.

Despite the wretched weather on Saturday last the Ponsonby Navals fired their match with the Katoomba men, which ended in a draw.

Poor musters are still the order of the day, but the shooting men roll up in strong force for prize shooting on the rifle range.

# Weights, etc.

### VICTORIA RACING CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

**NOMINATIONS.**  
MELBOURNE CUP HANDICAP of 10,000 sovs, and a trophy value 150 sovs added; second horse to receive 2000 and third 1000 sovs of the stake. After the declaration of the weights for this race, the winner of any handicap flat race, value over 100 sovs, shall carry such additional weight the handicapper may impose, provided that the winner of the A.J.C. or V.R.C. Derby of 1893 shall carry in this race not less than 7st 6lb. Two miles.—Strathmore, Malvolio, Tridentine, Swiveller, Enuc, Elswick, Viola, Pilatus, Lord Hopetoun, Duplot, Sailor Prince, J.S., North Australian, The Possible, Dorister, Ilium, Swordbearer, All There, Gaillardia, Malolo, Miraculeuse, Excel, Retreat, Pauline, Redleap, Fairfield, Grenville, St Albans, Corinth, Jeweller, Emin, Climax, Sunshine, Pharamond, Panoply, Projectile, Dickens, Donizetti, Tranby, Mabel, Carando, Pippin, Zalinski, Coroze, Gala, Golden King, Splendide, Newman, Carnage, Stadfast, Greygowan, Ayah, Aquarius, Light Artillery, Pensive, Pounamu, Sainfoin, Metai, Jonathan, Scrip, Vendetta, G'Naroo, Tarcoola, Glenloth, St. Kilda, Harefield, Vakeel, Salient, Lunceston, Delaware, Colossus, Grenadier, Trenchard, Blazes, Fulham, Fernando, Camoola, Donation, Tourie, Bel Gorum, Gingham, E.K., Realm, The Admiral, Sternchaser, Biskhoff, Zealous, Hopetoun, Idolator, Havoc, Hartington, Etra-Weenie, The Rebel, Carrington, Day Dream, Culloden, Wolf, Ascot Vale, Gloria, Prime Minister, Megaphone, Fortuna, Buncageh, Lemnos, Playmate, Little Bernie, Fulham, Robinson, Tridentine, Cressy, Elswick, Freedom, Stadfast, Rindfield, Lord Hopetoun, The Admiral, Azim, Carrington, Beverley, Somniloquist, Sternchaser, Pounamu, Titan, Swordbearer, All There, Strahan, Redleap, Fortunatus, Happy Jack, Wolf, Ascot Vale, Ilium, Alexander, Brockleigh, Panoply, Oxide, Corinth, Oak, Paris, Dickens, Penance, Gingham, Blazes, Cremorne, Sunshine, Vakeel, Grenville, Splendide, Golden King, Newman, Idolator, Repudiation, Hartington, Greygowan, Ducrow, Ayah, John S., Marco, Pensive, Culloden, The Possible, Gaillardia, Jonathan, Tarcoola, Retreat, Little Maid, Swiveller, Wild Rose, Mac, Pauline, Bel Gorum, Hurrah, Lady Trenton, Willalot, Delaware, Curran-dooley, Sindial, Anteus, Kippaloe, Tranby, Realm, St. Albans, Pippin, Despised, Fairfield, Port Admiral.

### VICTORIA AMATEUR TURF CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

**NOMINATIONS.**  
CAULFIELD CUP, a Handicap of 3000 sovs, 2000 sovs of the said sum to go to the first horse, 700 sovs to the second, and 300 sovs to the third. The winner of any handicap flat race of the value of 100 sovs after the declaration of the weights, to carry 3lb extra; of 200 sovs, 5lb; of 300 sovs, 7lb; of 500 sovs or upwards, 14lb; provided that the winner of the A.J.C. Derby of 1893 shall carry in this race not less than 7st 7lb. Penalties not cumulative, except where expressly stated. One mile and a half.—Gala, Enuc, Newton, Linburn, Cooya, Pilatus, Moss Rose, The Rebel, Duplot, Halifax, J.S., Coroze, Derision, Captain Webb, Beste McCarthy, Vendetta, Scrip, Graduate, Hopetoun, Moscow, Malolo, Miraculeuse, Sainfoin, Harefield, Buccleugh, Grenadier, Rindji, Ulric, Donizetti, Mahee, Jeweller, Donation, Boring, Bungebah, Lemnos, Playmate, Little Bernie, Fulham, Robinson, Tridentine, Cressy, Elswick, Freedom, Stadfast, Rindfield, Lord Hopetoun, The Admiral, Azim, Carrington, Beverley, Somniloquist, Sternchaser, Pounamu, Titan, Swordbearer, All There, Strahan, Redleap, Fortunatus, Happy Jack, Wolf, Ascot Vale, Ilium, Alexander, Brockleigh, Panoply, Oxide, Corinth, Oak, Paris, Dickens, Penance, Gingham, Blazes, Cremorne, Sunshine, Vakeel, Grenville, Splendide, Golden King, Newman, Idolator, Repudiation, Hartington, Greygowan, Ducrow, Ayah, John S., Marco, Pensive, Culloden, The Possible, Gaillardia, Jonathan, Tarcoola, Retreat, Little Maid, Swiveller, Wild Rose, Mac, Pauline, Bel Gorum, Hurrah, Lady Trenton, Willalot, Delaware, Curran-dooley, Sindial, Anteus, Kippaloe, Tranby, Realm, St. Albans, Pippin, Despised, Fairfield, Port Admiral.

### DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

**NOMINATIONS.**  
DUNEDIN STAKES of 10 sovs each, with 200 sovs added; second horse 20 sovs and third 10 sovs from the stake; For two-year-olds. Colts, 8.5; geldings, 8.2; fillies, 8.0; with certain penalties and allowances. Five furlongs.  
Mr L. D. Nathan's ch f Campania, by Robinson Crusoe-Campanela  
Mr L. D. Nathan's br f Stepfeldt, by Nordenfeldt-Steppe  
Mr L. D. Nathan's m c Three Star, by Castor-Vivandiere  
Mr D. Rutherford's b f, by Chainshot-Nautilus  
Mr H. Lunn's b g Wedlock, by Chainshot-Adulation  
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Mr M. Sherwin's b c Barnby, by Vanguard-Miss Lucy  
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Hon J. D. Ormond's b g Daniel Deronda, by Daniel O'Rourke-Lullaby  
Hon J. D. Ormond's ch c Bugler, by Nordenfeldt-Lyrelinus  
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Mr J. Meikle's br f, by Chainshot-Miranda  
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Mr T. Sheenan's ch c, by St. George-Psycbe  
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Sir G. H. Clifford's ch f Golden Fleece, by Stonyhurst-Golden Crest  
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Mr E. Cutts' b c, by King Cole-Wainui  
Mr M. Allan's ch f Leona, by Le Loup-Iona  
Hon G. McLean's br c Maremma, by Rubenahl-Lady Emma  
Mr H. Goodman's b c, by St. Clair-Mountain Lily  
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Mr J. Stephenson's b c, by Australian Peer-Tornado  
Mr G. Smith's ch g Alpenstock, by Gorton-Lass o' the Hills  
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Mr L. D. Nathan's br f Ellerslie, by Trenton-First King-Lady Granville  
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Mr G. G. Stead's b f Bluelight, by Maxim-Sapphire  
Mr G. G. Stead's b f Searchlight, by Maxim-Iris  
Mr G. G. Stead's b f Catherine Wheel, by Maxim-Miss Kate  
Mr G. G. Stead's b g Guardsman, by Vanguard-Titania  
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The Apremont-Waterwitch horse, Aquarins, who has done good service under welter weights down South, has been sold to a Melbourne racing man and shipped thither in charge of H. Cusdin, the jockey. The price paid for him was 150gs, and he goes into C. Rudings' stable.

"Random," in the Canterbury Times, in commenting on the Canterbury Jockey Club's annual meeting and the financial position of the Club disclosed thereat, says:—"I cannot think that the large profit of £2660 odd is altogether a matter for congratulation. It is too much for the club to make out of its patrons in one year. The club cannot, I know, estimate its receipts and expenditure to a few hundred pounds and arrange to pay away exactly the amount it is likely to receive. But when it retains a profit of nearly £3000 wd be sure that the expenditure has not been nicely adjusted to the receipts. In this case it seems that the subscribers to the First Challenge Stakes have suffered to a considerable extent. The club has made a large profit out of the sweepstakes over and above the advertised value of the race. This means — to put it in the plainest language — that the subscribers have received less than value for their money."

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# Personalities.

Mr Barber, of Auckland, is uniting with Dr Scott, of Onehunga, in order to form a branch of the St. John's Ambulance Society.

Mr Brewer, whose death was reported a few days back, was formerly Collector of Customs at Onehunga.

Mr Charlie Hesketh talks of accompanying the New Zealand team over to Australia.

Ask Mr Jack Lambert if he doesn't think Suburbs will yet carry off the Cup Championship?

A few weeks back the Rev Calder was one of the most talked about men in Auckland, and now we never hear a word about him. Poor Scott!

Dr Erson says Mangere boasts of a small boy who for pluck cannot be beaten. Rather than tell on his chum, who was afraid of a thrashing, he went a whole day with a broken arm, then had it set without a murmur.

The Court of Inquiry over the ball cartridge fiasco at Pukekohe is now sitting, and is composed of Major Skinner (President), Captains Robertson and Miller.

It is said that Billy Hodge is thinking of returning to Auckland in time for the general elections.

Detectives Grace and Chrystal have grown quite an inch after all the nice things that have been said and written about them of late.

Since the Waterworks Loan has been floated Mayor Alison is the envy of all his colleagues.

Editor Greene, late of the *Manukau Gazette*, is going farming. He says he is tired of cultivating the mind of people, and intends cultivating the soil instead.

Miss Dervan, of Auckland, has been appointed to the Telephone Office.

Constable Lawry, who is a Papakura boy, has been temporarily transferred to Gisborne.

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From Mr. J. Bray, Manager Invercargill Tramway Company.

Invercargill, March 5, 1892.

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From Messrs. D. and J. Bacon, of the Queen's Livery Stables, Dunedin, by appointment to Lord Onslow.

Dunedin, July 20, 1892.

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31 Mr H. Kuri's b g Huia, 5yrs, Peters . . 2  
20 Mr A. J. Goodwin's b m Secret, 3yrs, Griffiths . . . . . 3

24 Lorna, 31 Vasco, 63 Landscape, 18 Turamoe, 9 Risk, 8 Piana, 10 Peheke, 5 Gladiole, 9 Mayflower, 62 The Parson, also started.  
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219 Mr D. Page's b g Jack, by Foul Play—Queen of Hearts, aged, 7.12, Lindsay . . . . . 1  
6 Mr B. Dennehey's ch m Sunlight, 4yrs, 6.9 (carried 7.0), Hurry . . . . . 2  
62 Mr F. Collins' br m Waterlily, 4yrs, 7.12, Bird . . . . . 3

79 Link, 8.7; 158 Prairie Grass, 8.6; 47 Welcome Nat, 8.4; 22 Brown Bell, 7.2; 9 Moi, 6.7; and 10 Eku, 6.7, also started.  
Won easily. Dividend, £2 7s.

HANDICAP HURDLER RACE of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Two miles.

141 Mr J. Griffiths' b g Warrigal, by Mute, aged, 9.12, Redmond . . . . . 1  
170 Mr J. McLennan's ch g Shearer, 6yrs, 10.10, G. Stowe . . . . . 2  
50 Mr W. Parotene's blk g Pamoana, 4yrs, 9.0, J. Donovan . . . . . 3

56 T Rose, 10.5; 42 Hawaitikurangi, 9.2; and 15 Risk, 9.2, also started. Arawa, 9.7, was not allowed to start, the sum of £5, owing to other clubs, not having been paid up. T Rose fell. Won comfortably. Dividend, £2 19s.

TARADALE HANDICAP of 110 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and the third horse 5 sovs from the stake. 1 1/2 miles.

162 Mr D. McKinnon's b g Scot Free, by Sterlingworth—Dainty Ariel mare, aged, 8.4, Wright . . . . . 1  
41 Mr Armu's b g Eclipse, 6yrs, 6.7, Murphy . . . . . 2  
173 Hon. J. D. Ormond's ch g Free Lance, 4yrs, 8.2, Parker . . . . . 3  
165 Osman, 7.12, also ran.  
Won in a canter by five lengths. Dividend, £2 19s.

MEANSE HANDICAP of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. 6 furlongs.

248 Mr D. Page's b g Jack, by Foul Play—Queen of Hearts, aged, 9.5, inc 7lb over, Lindsay . . . . . 1  
77 Mr Pene Pene's b g Cold Steel, 5yrs, 6.12, Robottom . . . . . 2  
72 Mr T. H. Edwards' b m Link, 5yrs, 8.10, Farrell . . . . . 3  
55 Waterlily, 8.8; 4 Brown Bell, 7.3; 72 Playmate, 7.0; 32 Sunlight, 6.10; 12 Secret, 6.9; 1 Mayflower, 6.7; 10 Kohine, 6.7; and 3 Flotsam, 6.7, also started.  
Won by three lengths. Dividend, £2 1s.

WELTER HANDICAP of 25 sovs. 1 1/2 mile.

83 Mr H. Kuri's b g Huia, by Foul Play—Fairy Queen, 5yrs, 9.2, Lindsay . . . 1  
22 Mr A. Goodwin's br m T Rose, 4yrs, 10.0, Boyle . . . . . 2  
11 Mr J. Griffiths' b g Warrigal, aged, 9.8, Griffiths . . . . . 3  
254 St. Anthony, 10.10; 15 The Parson, 9.11; 11 Moi, 9.7; 147 Inanga, 9.6; 4 Lorna, 9.5; 1 Mayflower, 9.0; and 1 Hawaitikurangi, 9.0, also started.

Huia got home from T Rose, whose rider lost his whip. St Anthony and Inanga fell.  
Dividend, £5 17s.

FLYING HANDICAP of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. 6 furlongs.

205 Mr D. McKinnon's b g Scot Free, by Sterlingworth—Dainty Ariel mare, aged, 8.10, Wright . . . . . 1  
71 Mr A. Lovejoy's ch m Kathleen, 6yrs, 6.10, Ready . . . . . 2  
212 Dr J. Reed's b m Dreamland, 5yrs, 8.4, Morrigan . . . . . 3  
14 Playmate, 6.9; and 32 Eclipse, 6.9, also started.  
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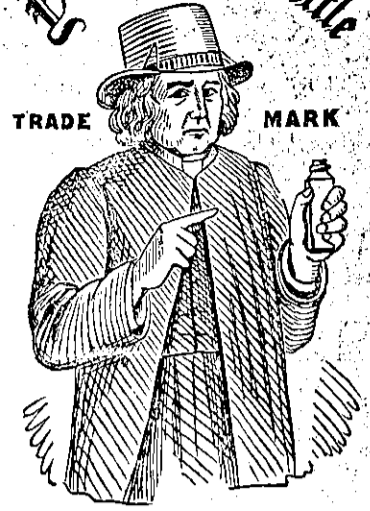
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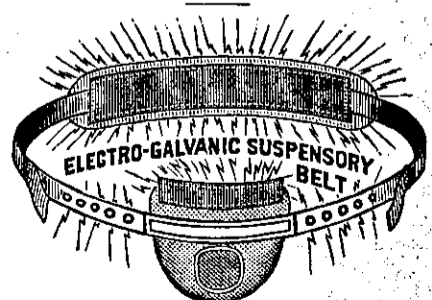
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