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RACING PROGRAMMES



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 Lopedell. 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. For four-year-olds and upwards that have never won an advertised race of any description exceeding 25 sovs in value at time of entry. Gentlemen riders. All horses to be nominated by ladies. Entrance, 3 sovs. Weights—4yrs, 11.12; 5yrs, 6yrs, and aged, 12.3. No allowances. Two miles on the flat.

N.B.—Application for election as a gentleman rider must be made in writing to the committees of the Jockey Club in whose district the applicant resides, and must be proposed and seconded in writing by members of the Club. On election the committee shall issue a certificate, which shall entitle the holder to ride as a gentleman rider on any racecourse where these rules are in force, provided that the certificate may be cancelled at any time on sufficient cause being shown. No person having received payment in consideration of work performed in connection with the training or riding of horses shall be eligible to ride as a gentleman rider.

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. Nomination 2 sovs, acceptance 7 sovs. Winner of any Steeplechase Handicap of the value of 200 sovs after declaration of the weights to carry 7lb penalty. About three miles and a half.

2.45 p.m.—Amateur Steeplechase of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Weight-for-age. Gentleman riders. For horses that have never started in a Steeplechase or Hurdle Race. Entrance, 1 sov. Weights—4yrs, 11.6; 5yrs, 12.0; 6yrs and aged, 12.3. About two miles.

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. Acceptance, 1 sov, before the start for the Amateur Steeplechase. One mile and a quarter.

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. Weights—4yrs, 11.6; 5yrs, 12.0; 6yrs and aged, 12.3. About 2 miles.

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.

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—R. Harper, O. Gallagher, J. Price, W. Bailey, D. Hepburn, J. Sistierson, W. Maude, A. B. Newman, A. McPhail. Judge—W. H. Tucker. Starter—Capt. Winter. Treasurer—G. Mathewson. Handicapper—C. D. Bennett. Totalisator Steward—W. J. Quigley. Clerk of Scales—J. Whitty. 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. Foot entry, 10s. No restriction as to qualification.

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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 3½ miles. Nomination, 20s; acceptance, 50s.

6. 3.15 p.m.—Hunters' Steeplechase Cup Handicap of 20 sovs. About 2½ 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 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. No person having received payment in consideration of work performed in connection with the training or riding of horses shall be eligible for election as a gentleman rider.

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 Handicap of 30 sovs., 2 miles ... 10s.
2. Open Hurdle Handicap of 45 sovs., 1½ miles ... 1 sov.
3. United Hunt Club Steeplechase Handicap of 60 sovs., 3½ 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., 1¼ miles, flat ... 10s.
7. Farewell Hurdle Handicap of 40 sovs., 1½ miles ... 1 sov.

CLOSE ON

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

H. M. LYON,

Honorary Secretary.

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

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.

Dundas has at last won a race. He secured first honors at the Tasmanian Racing Club's Queen's Birthday Meeting. The son of Newminster and Mowrina (who was well backed for the Caulfield Cup) made many appearances during his stay in Victoria but never ran up to expectation.

Music, Drama.

[BY "ORPHEUS."]

Spectatum admissi risum teneatis amici?

MR HAROLD ASHTON'S WEDNESDAY POPS.

THE grand 'English' night of Mr Ashton's national series drew another packed house. Mr Hunter's excellent quintette of cornet, violin, 'cello, piano and double bass opened the concert with a lively and tuneful overture played in capital style. Mr George Reid, in his best form, sang 'The good-bye at the door,' displaying admirable phrasing and management of breath in a taking *cadenza*. In response to an imperative encore Mr Reid repeated the last verse. Miss Lorrigan showed her taste and finish in the *cantabile* with the smooth and simple ditty 'Sing me an English song.' Mr Horace Stebbing exactly hit the taste of his audience with 'The Englishman,' receiving quite an ovation for his dashing interpretation. Miss Ruby Clifford was admirable as ever in her recitation 'The Reprieve,' a powerful and pathetic selection which won an enthusiastic encore. Miss Clifford responding with a humorous satire upon the sweet insincerities of lady callers and their hosts. The incongruous asides reminded one of *Punch's* 'Perfect sincerity or thinking aloud.' The last lines, 'Good-bye! I hope next time you'll take your dinners. John, in future I'm not at home to the Skinners,' gave the key-note of the recitation. Herr Zimmerman chose a popular selection in a fantasia on airs from 'Maritana,' rendered in his best style. Being encored the skilful violinist delighted the audience with his own charming Jandler. Messrs Tapper and Reid sang the patriotic duet 'O, Albion,' very fairly despite the tenor's manifest hoarseness. Mrs Walter Daw made her *debut* before a New Zealand audience in Horn's favourite old ditty 'Cherry Ripe,' and at once revealed that Auckland has made a notable addition to her roll of good artists. Mrs Daw is gifted with a pure and sweet contralto of moderate volume, cultivated in a good school. She is free from tricks and makes but a sparing use of the *portamento*. Her attack is a treat to hear, and her execution is crisp and accurate. Here and there her intonation was not quite perfect, but singing in a strange hall and one which is notably defective in acoustic advantages must fully account for any slight lapses. Being vociferously encored Mrs Daw sang the arch little 'Tit for tat,' with charming piquancy. The first part concluded with a most laughable parody, by Mr C. Brown, entitled 'The English Band,' enhanced by the introduction of a new wind instrument which the great composers have hitherto neglected in their scores.

Part II. opened with a selection of 'English airs,' or 'Gems of England,' played by Mr Hunter's quintette. Mr Horace Stebbing gave Jude's stirring song 'Home, Boys Home.' Miss Lorrigan followed with Bishop's 'Tell me, my heart,' taking the *tempo* rather slow, but otherwise singing very well indeed. Herr Zimmerman displayed his powers on that fine instrument the viola in Haydn's 'Hymn to the Emperor,' the double stopping being remarkably clever and effective. His rendering of the 'Prayer from Rienzi' was another fine performance. Mr George Reid sang 'Tell me, Mary, how to woo thee,' with refined taste, smoothness and sensibility. Mrs Walter Daw gave Bishop's 'Home, Sweet Home' in a style which compelled an encore, 'Come, lasses and lads,' another old English ditty, being substituted. Mr A. J. Tapper, whose hoarseness had to a great extent disappeared, sang Bishop's 'Pilgrim of Love,' with

unqualified success. The impressive recitative 'Orynthia, my beloved,' was well delivered, and the smooth aria which follows suited the singer to perfection. Mr C. White caused not a little merriment with his character parody of the 'Dorothy' ballad 'I'm waiting for him to-night' (with a tomahawk). A programme quite up to the high standard which Mr Ashton has set himself ended with Buckstone's comedieta 'Family Troubles,' in which Miss Ruby Clifford and Messrs. Harold Ashton and C. Brown found ample scope for their comic powers, and never allowed the fun to flag for a moment. One young lady in the dress-circle nearly went into hysterics. For last night an Irish national programme had been prepared, which I hope to notice next week.

UNDER the auspices of the Caledonian Society a very successful entertainment was given on Monday evening at the Opera House for the benefit of the family of the late Mr R. G. Sandall. A splendid attendance and an excellent programme combined all the elements necessary to ensure a brilliant success. No less than fifteen items were given, many of which would have been encored, but the rule against repetitions was rigidly enforced, and the lengthy programme terminated at 10 p.m. Among those who kindly assisted were the Misses Clarice Brabazon, Wright, McLeod, and Featon, Professor Carollo and pupils, Herr Zimmerman, and Messrs. Reid, Stebbing, Edwards, Tapper, Worrall, Menzies, Eady, Knight, Queree, Bartley, etc.

THE PEOPLE'S SATURDAY NIGHTS.

MR DORAN again rejoiced in a very good house on Saturday evening at the City Hall, when his minstrel and variety entertainment proved as successful as ever. The wonderful feats of the Tankard Japanese Troupe once more astonished and delighted all beholders. Mr Doran tells me that he intends taking this clever combination for a tour through the country districts, so readers of the SPORTING REVIEW may take 'Orpheus' tip and invest their money on the surest of 'dead birds'!

THE ladies and gentlemen attached to the Post and Telegraph Department in Auckland have formed a society which, judging by its opening entertainment should prove a triumphant success. The society has assumed the title of *Whare Tapere*, which I am tempted to translate into 'The Music Hall,' but, I suppose, must accept the more poetical rendering of 'House of Harmony,' which the promoters have adopted. A very good set of rules have been framed, under which the club meets once a month with an open night once a quarter. On Saturday, at the Y.M.C.A. Rooms, the first open night was held. A large attendance of members and their relatives and friends listened with manifest pleasure to a really capital programme. The department can certainly manipulate other instruments besides the telegraph and the telephone, as their compact little orchestra proved, Messrs. Brown, Hemus, Plummer, Mathieson and Coney playing Rossini's overture to 'Guillaume Tell,' and later on a charming string quartette *Reverie*, by Dunkler, in capital style. Among the gems of the evening were songs by Miss C. Stuart and Messrs. A. Stuart and B. Bollard, recitations by Miss C. Nixon ('The Women of Mumble's Head'), and Mr R. D. Kelly ('The Alarm'); solos on the clarionette and the zither by Messrs Hooper and Heintz; and last, but not least, a most amusing political sketch entitled 'A Maori Member on the Classification Bill,' by Mr Copeland. Light refreshments were served in the interval, good humour

reigned supreme, and the new society starts with every promise of a career as brilliant as those of its brother clubs 'The Savages' and 'The Orphans.'

FILLIS' Grand Circus and Menagerie having established itself on a splendid pitch near the Railway Station, was to give its opening performance last night. Our Melbourne correspondent, 'The Flat,' has frequently bestowed the highest possible praise on the unique merits of the combination, and the Southern press with one voice endorses his commendation. Doubtless the company will enjoy a long and lucrative innings in Auckland.

A WORLD'S WONDER.

THROUGH the great kindness of Mr Pat Finn, of Melbourne, we are in receipt of full particulars concerning the latest and greatest living freak that the world has seen. Some time back there arrived in Melbourne Manager Livalls, who at this time was ahead of Sells' Circus. Livalls expressed the intention of securing 'the Freak of Freaks,' and this he appears now to have accomplished, albeit he has to pay him two hundred pounds a week.

The attraction is a Hindoo boy 22 years of age, named Laloo, who is born with a perfectly formed young lady growing from his breast; the freak is in no way offensive, both being handsomely costumed. There is only one head, two bodies, four hands, arms, and four legs. The *seances* are largely attended day and afternoon.

Austral Memos.

Full particulars have reached us by mail this week of the running at the Sydney Turf Club's Meeting on May 24th and 27th, in which Impulse took part. On the first day the Hurdle Race of 150 sovs, about two miles and a furlong, which opened the proceedings, brought out a field of seven, Escort, 11.9, ridden by the ex-New Zealander Underwood, winning easily. Escort, who ran in the name of "Teddy" Keys, is by Chester out of Richmond's sister Superba. He started second favourite at 4 to 1. The Royal Stakes of 300sovs, six furlongs, brought out a field of 22, and Mr W. Forrester's blk g Bel Giorno 4yrs, 7.9, started favourite at 3 to 1 agst, Buccleugh, 8.11 (who was such a strong tip for the Newmarket Handicap, for which he did not start), being next in demand at 4 to 1 agst. The New Zealander, The Dancer, with 8.4, was among the competitors. We append particulars of the positions, etc.:

THE ROYAL STAKES, a handicap sweepstakes of 550sovs each, with 300sovs added; second 50sovs and third 25sovs from stakes. Six furlongs.

Mr W. Forrester ns blk g Bel Giorno, by Sunrise—Antelope, 4yrs, 7.9, John Gough . . . 1
Mr E. Keys ns b f Melodia, by Goldsbrough—Melody, 3yrs, 6.7, A. Luckman 2
Mr I. Earnshaw ns ch g Shamrock, by Marvelous—Mavounneen, aged, 8.7, Ellis 3

Other starters:—Buccleugh 8.11, Alchemist 8.11, King Olaf 8.9, Hurrh 8.7, The Dancer 8.4, Latonia 8.0, Salutation 7.11, Kilmore 7.11, Brooklyn 7.9, Glowworm 7.7, La Perouse 7.7, Budgere 7.7, Rockwall 7.7, Tivoli 7.4, Plain Bill 7.2, The Roe 7.2, Chand Bee Bee 7.0, Eucalyptus 7.0, and Montana 7.4. The Dancer's starting price was 14 to 1.

Commenting on the race "Verax" in the Sydney Referee says:—"When the flag was lowered the first to jump off was Buccleugh, with Melodia and Montana handy. Others that got away well were Bel Giorno, Chand Bee Bee, Tivoli, and Eucalyptus. It was surprising to see the way in which Buccleugh shut up. After they had gone a furlong he declined to race, and Gainsford had to be content with looking on from the rear. The lot first off kept their positions pretty well until the bend. Fairly in the straight, Tivoli and Eucalyptus could be seen in front; but at the distance they gave way to Melodia, who shot out looking all over a winner. In the Leger stand several bets were laid on her winning, and she looked to have the race in hand. Chand Bee Bee, Dancer, Bel Giorno, and Shamrock were, however, all going well. At the half distance Melodia had increased her lead, and Alderman Keys must have felt comfortable until he saw Mr Forrester's familiar colours come rapidly to the fore. Bel Giorno, well ridden by John Gough, came along with sweeping strides, and responding to every call made on him, gradually overhauled Melodia, and won a splendid and exciting race by about three parts of a length, while Shamrock was a good third. The Dancer, Budgere, and Chand Bee Bee were close up. The victory was well received, and both horse and rider were loudly cheered as

they returned to scale. Mr Forrester also came in for hearty congratulations on all sides, and he made no secret of it to his numerous friends that he though Bel Giorno would win. Bel Giorno is owned by Mr Oatley, the proprietor of Warwick Farm racecourse, and who is at present much nearer England than Australia. He bought the son of Sunrise—Antelope in Melbourne for a good round sum, I believe a "a monkey" or more. Melodia ran a great race, and displayed very different form to what she has shown at suburban meetings lately. Mr Keys does not make many mistakes when he fancies he has a good thing on, but Bel Giorno was one too many for him on this occasion. * * * The Dancer ran forward as I expected he would, and he is a far better horse than some people think.

The New Zealander Underwood was again to the fore in the First Handicap Steeplechase of 150sovs, about two and a-half miles, with Leap Year, 9.0, whom he piloted home an eight lengths winner from Criterion, 10.7, who was favourite. Grosvenor, the sire of Leap Year, is full brother to Chester. No less than fifteen two-year-olds were saddled for the Nursery Handicap of 150sovs, five furlongs, which resulted in an easy victory for Mr J. R. Anderson's ch c Solon, by Martini Henry—Solent, 7.11, with Mr W. Brennan's ch c The Trier, by Trident—Ladybird, 7.3, second, and Mr W. F. Cousins' b f Carnation, by Kingsborough—The Pop mare, 7.0, third. New Zealand showed up well in the Turf Club Handicap of 150sovs, 1½ miles (for which 15 started), for Mr Hungerford's colt Wyvern carried 7.0 into third place behind Brolga, 6.10, and Cardoness, 7.10. Aster, 7.4, was favourite at 5 to 2 agst, Wyvern coming next at 3 to 1. Brolga won by a length from Cardoness, who was only a head in front of Wyvern.

On the second day of the meeting Escort, with 12.7, only managed to get third to Anarrow, 10.11, and Alarm Bell, 10.3, in the Second Hurdle Handicap of 150sovs, about two miles. Escort started favourite at 5 to 2, 7 to 2 being Anarrow's price. Juan, by Neckersgat—Juanna, 11.5, had the best of 15 opponents in the Corinthian Plate of 150sovs, one mile, amateur riders, Corinth, 10.3, second and Cardoness, 10.11, third. Corinth was favourite. Then came the principal race of the day, in which Impulse figured and which resulted thus:—

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CUP, a handicap sweepstakes of 100sovs each, 3 ft, with 500sovs added, second 75sovs, and third 25sovs from stakes. One mile and a half.

Mr J. Mitchell's b g Cremorne, by Glorious—Nea, 4yrs, 9.9, J. Fielder 1
Mr A. E. Cornwell ns b f Gingham, by Grand Flaneur—Mother Gamp, 3yrs, 7.4, Hatch . . . 2
Mr T. Sampson's b m Bodkin, by Hastings—Needle, 4yrs, 6.12, Cooke 3

Other starters:—Paris 9.4, Denman 8.10, Impulse 8.8, Sunshine 8.8, Donation 8.6, Florrie 8.6, Hero 8.4, Donizetti 8.2, Jeweller (late Limerick) 7.13 inc 2lb over, Doncaster 7.11, Latona 7.9, Ethelbert 7.9, The Swell 7.9, Warpaint 7.7, Bel Giorno 8.0 inc. 10lb pen., Barnaby Rudge 7.0, Brolga 7.3 inc 5lb pen., Straightfire 7.1 inc 5lb pen., Lancer 6.9, and His Reverence 6.13 inc 6lb over.

Cremorne was favourite at 4 to 1 agst, the other leading prices being 6 to 1 Warpaint, 8 to 1 Ethelbert and The Swell, 10 to 1 Donizetti, 12 to 1 Paris.

As two New Zealanders, Impulse and Florrie, started, the following comments by "Verax" are particularly interesting to our readers:—"Florrie was saddled close to Cremorne, but she lashed out with her usual freedom and had not the calm confident look of her companion. Mr Watson had some trouble with the field at the start. Paris and Cremorne were on the rails, and seemed determined to keep there, while Florrie, as usual, occupied a position on the outside, with Jeweller and Donizetti handy. There was a good deal of bumping about at the post, but when the flag fell, Barnaby Rudge, Paris, and Bodkin were first to move, with Latonia, The Swell, Gingham, and Bel Giorno well up. As they ran into the back Barnaby Rudge made the pace as hot as he could, with Bodkin and Brolga next. At the head of the others were Florrie, Gingham, Paris, Donizetti, and Cremorne. Bodkin led at the sheds, but before they rounded the bend Florrie was in front, while Warpaint looked dangerous. Florrie led into the straight, with Gingham, Barnaby Rudge, Bodkin, Warpaint, Jeweller, and Cremorne handy. Before the distance was reached it was seen Cremorne had the race in hand, and in a few strides he led the field. Cremorne came on with the greatest possible ease, and Fielder pulling him up before the winning post was reached, the horse simply cantered in by a length and a half from Gingham, who beat Bodkin for third place. Cremorne's

win was one of the easiest I have seen for a long time."

Impulse's name, it may be noticed, is not mentioned in the account of the running, and evidently he cut up very indifferently. Underwood got home on Bushman, 10.9, in the Second Steeplechase of 150sovs, about 2½ miles, beating three opponents, and the Hon. W. A. Long won the Farewell Handicap of 150sovs, 6 furlongs, with the two-year-old Salutation, by Segenhoe—Welcome (imp.), Lady Lovel, 7.8, and Alchemist, 8.10, occupying the other places. The Dancer, 8.8, was among the 19 unplaced ones. The son of Sword Dance started first favourite at 3 to 1 agst and finished fourth.

At their last meeting the Victoria Racing Club's committee decided that in future all horses engaged in races under the auspices of the V.R.C. may be trained on the Flemington track for three days before and one day after each meeting (Sundays not included) free of charge if permission is applied for.

With Vakeel, the Adelaide Cup winner a non starter in the Adelaide Racing Club's Birthday Cup of 800sovs, one mile and a half, Mr Crozier relied upon his other representative Fulham, 7.10, and though he was opposed by a field of 10 he won in a canter from Port Admiral, 8.2 (second), and Lord Grenville, 7.6 (third). Fulham is by Richmond out of Lady Wilton by Countryman (imp.)—Instep (imp.), by Lord Clifden. Port Admiral is a full brother to The Admiral. The winner was (as was the runner-up) bred at Mr W. Blackler's Fulham Park Stud, Adelaide, and Mr Crozier paid 275 guineas for him as a yearling. He only raced once as a two-year-old, but his three-year-old career was remarkably brilliant, as he won five races in succession—all short races.

Before The Doctor won the Mentone (Melbourne) Handicap the other day he was sold by Mr S. G. Cook, but the purchaser agreed to let Mr Cook run the son of Musk Rose in the race he won. It so happened that Mr D. Fountain, the Caulfield trainer, into whose hands The Doctor was to go, had Ægyptus in the Mentone Handicap, and he had the mortification to see his colt run second to The Doctor. He has, it is chaffingly said, advised his patron to take immediate delivery of any horses he may purchase in future.

As an illustration of the amounts paid by owners in entrance fees and nominations in the course of the year Mr S. G. Cook states that during the last twelve months he has paid the Victoria Racing Club alone no less than £711.

Proh Pudor by Goldsbrough—Fie Fie, changed hands at auction in Melbourne, on the 29th ult., Mr Morris Jacobs purchasing him for 255gs.

In a letter to the *Sporting Standard* on the subject of retrenchment by the Victoria Racing Club, Mr S. G. Cook, owner of The Admiral, says:—"I see the officers of the club are receiving boom salaries. These are not boom times, and I think these high emoluments could be cut down to advantage and a good day's racing saved in this way. Instead of that, however, every obstacle is put in the road of the racehorse owner. There are not many that race well—I will say decently—and I think this season will see them thinned out. * * * If an owner runs six or seven horses in one day he requires more than two attendants for them, yet the committee makes that owner pay 15s 6d per day for his men to go on the course to attend to those horses. At the same time a member who requires six waiters to attend to his luncheon table in the reserve can get tickets for them without paying."

Some time ago there was quoted in the *Sporting Review* an interesting par. from the *Sporting and Dramatic News* discussing the ages at which horses have won races, and in which reference was made to a Queensland horse, Prodigal, who was said to have won repeatedly after he had passed a score of years. A lively controversy has since taken place in the columns of our contemporary concerning the performances of Prodigal. The notes happened to be read by Commander Cumming, of H.M.S. Dreadnought, and he wrote to the *News* stating that he remembered the horse well, having ridden him when a midshipman on the Australian station three years ago. Commander Cumming took the trouble to obtain Prodigal's record from Mr J. T. C. Rankin, a gentleman who is still alive, and widely known in Queensland. Mr Rankin provides some interesting particulars concerning the doings of his wonderful old horse. After Prodigal came into Mr Rankin's possession that gentleman used him for almost every

purpose (except in harness), and he did service from a lady's hack to a packhorse. When 22 years of age old Prodigal was brought by his owner to New South Wales with a droving party, and in 1872 made his *debut* as a trained racer, winning the Tirranna Pionic Cup and Bachelor's Bag. The gallant old horse, who was by an Arab sire called Beeza, his mother being an Antelope mare, continued on the turf till 1876, when he was pensioned off and died on April 3, 1890, at Lockersleigh, at the age of 30 years. As stated before, Prodigal started his career as a trained racer at the age of 22 years, and during the ensuing four years actually won 16 races, including the Autumn Stakes and Forced Handicap at the A.J.C. Autumn Meeting in 1873. The horse was never "physicked" during his training, his trainer being greatly opposed to this treatment, and to this cause he attributes, in a great measure, the horse's wonderful stamina at such a time of life.

The Victoria Racing Club, as usual, held a meeting on Queen's Birthday, when several New Zealanders were numbered among the contestants. Among the five starters for the Handicap Hurdle Race of 300sovs, about two miles and a half, was the New Zealander Wairua, 12.6, who came down at the third hurdle from home when going well. The winner was Stamboul by Newbold (sire of Megaphone)—Galata, who carried 10.3. For the Royal Handicap of 300sovs, 6 furlongs, there was the large field of 18, including the New Zealand bred Ilium, 7.9, and Ægyptus, 7.5. Wild Rose, 9.0 (who won the Newmarket Handicap last year) was favourite at 7 to 2 against, and the next best backed were Proh Pudor, 6.10, and Premier, 7.8, at 5 to 1 against. The nearest of these to the winner was Proh Pudor, as the appended result shows:—

ROYAL HANDICAP of 300sovs; second 60sovs, and third 30sovs from stakes. Six furlongs.
Mr A. S. Chirnside's br h Linburn by Newminster—Sunbeam, 6yrs, 8.13, P. McGowan . . 1
Mr S. G. Cook's br g Proh Pudor, 5yrs, 6.16, C. Lewis 2
Mr J. B. Rennison's br h Driffield, 5yrs, 7.13, Trainor 3

Linburn (who started at 6 to 1 against and was well supported by the Ballarat division) was one of the quickest on his legs, and was leading at the distance post, where he was challenged by Proh Pudor and Driffield. A great race home ensued between these three and Premier and Wild Rose, resulting in Linburn winning by three-quarters of a length from Proh Pudor. Driffield was half a length away, a head in front of Premier. The six furlongs were got over in 1min 15½sec. Old Orangeman, with 11.7, was one of a field of half a dozen in the Handicap Steeplechase of 400sovs, about 2½ miles, and he finished third to Tyro, 11.4, and Trojan, 11.9.

We have already learnt by cable what a good race Mr Gollan's horse Sternchaser ran in the Birthday Handicap, and by all accounts he had bad luck to be beaten—his half head defeat being mainly due to his stumbling when coming round the home turn. Here are particulars of the race:—

BIRTHDAY HANDICAP of 500sovs; second 100sovs, third 50sovs from stakes. One mile and a half.

Mr A. S. Chirnside's bl g Newton, by Newminster—Benzine, aged, 7.0, McGowan . . . 1
Mr S. H. Gollan's b h Sternchaser, 4yrs, 9.3, White 2
Mr S. M. Wilson ns ch g Graduate, aged, 8.9, Cripps 3

Swordbearer 9.2, Malolo 8.11, Sainfoin 8.6, Beverley 8.4, Cooya 8.1, Ducrow 8.1, Marco 8.0, John S. 7.11 inc 3lb pen., Little Maid 6.13, Knight of the Garter 6.10, Polonius 6.7, Emancipation 6.10, also ran.

Malolo, who will be remembered as runner-up in the last Newmarket Handicap, went out favourite at 4 to 1, 5 to 1 being taken about Newton and Graduate, 6 to 1 about Sternchaser, and 7 to 1 about Mr W. R. Wilson's representative, the Nordenfeldt—Radiance mare Cooya. Cooya and Sternchaser were the first to move when the flag fell, with Malolo, Knight of the Garter, Little Maid, and Emancipation next. Up the river side Cooya was leading Knight of the Garter, Malolo, Beverley, and Little Maid. Little Maid went to the front as the bridge was passed, Knight of the Garter and Cooya being on even terms just behind her, then Malolo, Ducrow, and Emancipation. Little Maid showed the field the way along the back at a merry pace, Knight of the Garter, Cooya, and Emancipation next. At the abattoirs Emancipation took command, Cooya and Little Maid being in close attendance, Newton, Graduate, Malolo, and Sternchaser just behind them. Swordbearer, who was about third last and seemed to be tiring, came down at the five furlong post, where

Emancipation was done with, and Cooya went on from Little Maid, while Newton, Sternchaser, and Graduate improved their positions. Cooya led into the straight, but Graduate and Newton passed her below the distance. The latter quickly drew away from his companion, but 100 yards from home Sternchaser, who had stumbled rounding the turn, came with a great run and rapidly made up his leeway. A great finish between the pair took place, Newton securing the judge's verdict by half a head. Graduate was third, two lengths and a half away. John S., who came with a late run, and Marco were together next, with the favourite sixth. Time, 2min 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec.

Mr Gollan's filly Bessie Macarthy, 9.7, was started for the Two Year Old Handicap of 300sovs, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ furlongs, and the strength of her form in the earlier part of the season caused backers to support her down to the position of first favourite but to the cognoscenti it was evident that she had been a "waster" lately, so it was hardly surprising that she did not get a shop behind La Gloria 8.7, Valala 7.13, and Excel 8.0. La Gloria, who belongs to Mr. M. Jacobs, the bookmaker, is by Glorious (sire of Cremorne) out of the Lucifer mare Hope.

What an unlucky horse Swordbearer seems to be! When taking part in the V.R.C. Derby the son of Grandmaster and Cerito fell. Then in Malvolio's Melbourne Cup he was interfered with when Megaphone, Cobham, Prelude, and G'Naroo fell. Then again, on Queen's Birthday he had the misfortune to come to grief when taking part in the V.R.C. Birthday Handicap. The accident occurred at the five furlong post, and his rider T. Brown is of opinion that the horse was tiring at the time, and no wonder, seeing that the first six furlongs of the journey were left behind in 1min 17sec.

"Freelance," in the Melbourne Sportsman, alluding to Sternchaser's running in the V.R.C. Birthday Handicap, says:—"After being badly blocked more than once he pulled around his field, and coming on the outside, was only just beaten by the shortest of short heads by Newton, who was favoured with a clear run right through. White is, unquestionably, a vigorous horseman and a powerful finisher, but I fancy that even he will agree with me in my assertion that with better luck he or Cusdin could have managed to get home on Sternchaser in both the Australian Cup and V.R.C. Birthday Handicap.

Kallistos, the two-year-old son of Robinson Crusoe and Bellissima, carried 8.7 to the front in the Kensington Stakes, 5 furlongs, at the Adelaide Racing Club's Birthday Meeting. This colt's dam Bellissima was bred by the N.Z. Stud Co., and is a full sister to the Hon. G. McLean's stallion St. Clair, being by Musket out of Pulchra.

Bushman, who won the Steeplechase at the Sydney Turf Club's Meeting, not long since appeared nightly on the stage of Her Majesty's Theatre in "The English Rose."

Another of the progeny of Trenton figured as a winner at the Newcastle Jockey Club's Queen's Birthday Meeting, Lady Trenton, by Trenton—Black Swan, 7.7, showing her heels to 11 others in the Birthday Handicap, one mile.

The Richmond Pony Club (Vic.) has passed the following rule:—"That an owner of any pony running in any race shall have the power of calling up any pony in such race to be remeasured, providing notice of such intention be given to the secretary before 12 noon on day of race, and upon depositing the sum of £1 sterling for each such pony. Should the pony called up measure its registered height, one-half of the amount deposited shall be given to the owner of the pony called up, the other half to be retained by the club. Should such pony measure above its registered height, such pony to be prohibited from running in the race for which it was nominated, and the deposit to be refunded."

The peculiarly-named Chaund Bee Bee, who has been running in Sydney and the neighborhood, is an English-bred mare, by Royal Hampton from Missy Baba, by Springfield.

Racing men generally will be sorry to hear that amongst the latest victims to Melbourne financial depression is Mr A. F. Bradshaw, of Mordialloc, who has been compelled to file his schedule. "The Professor," otherwise "Sterling" or "old Brad," is one of the best known amongst Australian turfites, having been identified with racing in various capacities for many years. For several years he fought a hopeless task in trying to keep on racing at Richfield, near Melbourne, but the

picturesqueness of the spot and the beauty of the surrounding country were not sufficient recompense for the unpleasant drive over bad roads from Mordialloc station, and racing at Richfield at length became a thing of the past, the proprietor, by permission of the V.R.C. committee, very wisely holding his last couple of meetings on the more conveniently situated Aspendale Park course of his neighbour, Mr J. R. Croke. Mr Bradshaw was a heavy loser by the flood of 1891, the severity of which cut him off from communication with Mordialloc for some time, and for a couple of days great fears were entertained for his safety. The devastation of his farm at a critical time was, however, a blow from the effects of which he never recovered financially, and it is cited as the primary cause of his having to seek the protection of the court. Mr Bradshaw's liabilities are set down at £11,042 and his assets at £5,564.

Foreign Items.

Formerly it was the custom in England for any jockey or trainer or anyone connected with the stable to enter horses belonging to other owners in the stable and the entries were taken as good. Now, however, not even a trainer can enter a horse trained by himself belonging to an employer unless that employer authorises, in writing to Messrs Weatherby, the trainer to act in his behalf.

The New York Spirit of the Times for April 15 contains the following pretty piece of poetry concerning Mr "Abington" Baird:—

A flash of life. Riches untold;
A youth misspent—a glitter of gold;
A winning mount, a two-ounce glove,
An actor's rôle, a woman's love;
A luckless trip to a foreign shore;
A ring, a chill—the Squire's no more.

The Derby winner Sir Hugo landed the odds of 11 to 8 on him for the 34th Biennial Stakes, 1 mile 7 furlongs and 203 yards, run at the Newmarket Spring Meeting. He carried 9.5 and won in a canter by three lengths. Bushey Park, 9.0, was second, and Babrow, 9.0, third.

It is not often that a horse starts in a hurdle race at 3.10 p.m., gets beaten a head, and then comes out again at 4.15 p.m. and wins a £1000 steeplechase over three miles and a half. But this is what Horizoandid at Sandown Park in April. His win was in a weight-for-age steeplechase, for which a supporter of Cloister laid 2000 to 100 on the National winner bar a fall.

At the Newmarket Craven Meeting, which commenced on April 18, Ravensbury (who subsequently ran up in the Two Thousand and Derby) was second with 9.5 to Watchtower, 9.5, in the 35th Newmarket Biennial Stakes, Rowley Mile. Lord Rosebery's Tressure, 8.5, was third, with a quintette behind her. Odds of 6 to 4 were laid on Ravensbury, who was beaten by only half a length. Watchtower is by Muncaster (son of Doncaster) out of Mizpah, a daughter of Macgregor.

Particulars are to hand of the race for the Claygate Handicap, run at Sandown Park on April 14, and which was annexed by the Australian-bred Martindale, a son of Martini-Henry and La Princesse. The starters numbered five, and Martindale, who carried 9.5, won easily by three parts of a length from Raglan, who started favourite. The Australian horse was steered by Mornington Cannon.

In referring to the marked falling off in heavy betting that has taken place in the old country of late years a well-known English writer says he can call to mind eight or ten men who annually made books extending from £10,000 to £50,000 each on the Derby—indeed in the year 1856 the late Mr Davis laid Mr Clark £100,000 to £1000 against each of the three horses he had in that race. The combined books of all the members of Tattersall's over this year's Derby probably did not amount to what was laid by one man in 1856.

There lately died in America a gelding named Monitor, who ran for eight successive seasons, and shared with Parole, who won so many good races in England for the Yankees, the reputation of being the best gelding ever reared in the States. Monitor was bred at the Preakness stud by the late Mr M. H. Sandford, and was sold as a yearling to Mr George L. Lorillard, who retained him until the day of his death. He was by Glenelg from a Lexington mare, and as the Glenelgs had a reputation for temper Monitor was gelded. During his early career he was only a fair performer, but he improved with age, and at four years the celebrated

Luke Blackburn was his only superior. Next year he could beat everything bar the three-year-old Hindoo, who succeeded, like Luke Blackburn, in keeping him in second place for the Champion Stakes. At seven years he was better than ever, and at this stage of his career he met and defeated such good animals as Eole, Miss Woodford, Drake Carter, Parole, and Iroquois. Finally he won the Champion Stakes, beating Eole and Parole after one of the grandest races ever seen at Monmouth Park. He did fairly well in 1884, but in 1885 his powers were plainly waning, and Mr Lorillard decided to pension him off. Altogether he ran 117 races, of which he won 42, was second 38 times, and third 19 times.

Coming Events.

[By Sir Launcelet.]

V.R.C. WINTER MEETING.

I FANCY that I was the first turf scribe in New Zealand to give publicity to the fact that Mangere would be entered for the Victoria Racing Club's Grand National Steeplechase. The full list of entries is now to hand, and reads thus:—Mangere, Royal Oak, Brodie, Carlisle, Coral, Confidence, Kalydor, Medicine, Rebecca, Clarion, Macduff, Frantic, Busaco, Dondi, Expectation, Tyro, Ernie, Mikado II, Tayforth, Raven, Ouida, Waterloo, Quilp, Lonnen, Password, Schoolboy, Kremlin, Puzzle, Redleap, Sir Wilfred, Trojan, Acrobat, Shylock, Wellington, Albert, Leap Year. Of these Mikado II. and Tayforth rank with Mangere as New Zealanders. In the Grand National Hurdle Race are to be found the New Zealand-bred Pygmalion, Omaha, Captain Webb, Satyr, Kapo and Donald. There is a falling off in the entries as compared with the previous years. The figures are:—Hurdle Race: In 1889, 35; in 1890, 38; in 1891, 64; in 1892, 53; and in 1893, 33. Steeplechase: In 1889, 26; in 1890, 37; in 1891, 44; in 1892, 49; and in 1893, 36. The weights were due on Monday last, but had not come to hand at the time of writing.

MELBOURNE CUP.

INSTEAD of 128 entries for the Melbourne Cup, as cabled over, there were 129, the one not telegraphed being John S. Only on eight occasions has this entry been exceeded, the figures being—1875, 88; 1876, 98; 1877, 113; 1878, 109; 1879, 122; 1880, 109; 1881, 120; 1882, 128; 1883, 150; 1884, 134; 1885, 160; 1886, 143; 1887, 128; 1888, 139; 1889, 127; 1890, 149; 1891, 163; 1892, 135; 1893, 129. Weights are due on Monday week, the 26th.

CAULFIELD CUP.

THE entries for this event, received on the same day as the Melbourne Cup, totalled 117, which is 17 less than in 1892, 37 less than in 1891, and 23 less than in 1890. The weights are due on the same day as the Melbourne Cup, Monday week, the 26th inst.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

FOLLOWING on the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's gathering, the Wellington Racing Club will hold their annual steeplechases on July 8th. The nominations received on Tuesday night are very satisfactory, there being 15 in the Trial Steeplechase Handicap, 24 in the Hurdles, 26 in the Wellington Steeplechase, and 17 in the High Weight Handicap on the flat; but there are only 7 in the Ladies' Bracelet? Can it be that we are short of gentlemen riders nowadays? Perish the thought! The South Island horses engaged are not remarkable for number, and I am sorry to see that neither Norton nor Kulnine have been nominated. The pick of the North Island nags are, however, in the Hurdles and Steeplechases. The weights are due on the 26th inst.

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB.

THE weights for the Hurdle Race of 100 sovs, 2 miles, and Hawke's Bay Steeplechase of 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles, were due according to the advertised programme on or about the 8th inst, and considering that the Auckland Racing Club had to postpone their Grand National Hurdle Race and Great Northern Steeplechase, the H.B.J.C. might as well have waited till after the Auckland running for Mr Evett's handicaps. Mr Evett tells me that he made strong representations to the Club on the subject, but they declined

to wait for the handicaps till Monday, though that would only have involved a delay of one publication in a morning daily, while it would have given the weight-adjuster every opportunity of forming his calculations as to the running in the Great Northern Steeplechase. As the acceptances do not close till tomorrow, I fail to see where the necessity for the quick declaration of the weights came in.

Mr Evett starts his Hurdle adjustments with 12.0 on Couranto, which he is quite entitled to do, considering the time that this nag has been in retirement. Kulnine, 11.10, is dropped 2lb on his Grand National weight, never the less he meets Tiritea on the same terms, viz., giving the Napierite 7lb. Mr Evett is consistent herein, but why does not Aorere get taken down in the scale accordingly? In the A.R.C. Grand National Hurdles Aorere had 10.9, but with Kulnine and Tiritea lowered, why should not similar treatment have been dealt out to the son of Castoff? Waterbury's running here was so bad that I must pass him by. Gondolier has been under a cloud for some time past, but I like Kapua at 10.0, and I think, considering his victory in the Maiden Hurdles at Ellerslie that Mr Evett might have given him a few pounds more. Glenelg, 9.12, has a reputation, but he has not run up to it. Criminal, 9.10, had to be handicapped before the second day of the A.R.C. Meeting or otherwise he would have had a bit more weight to carry after his victory in the Hurdle Race on that day. The Hawke's Bay correspondent of the SPORTING REVIEW, who knows more about Jack, 9.7, than I do, seems to regard him as having a chance. Chester, at 9.7, reads well, and should beat all those below him, and I hardly understand how Mr Evett arrives at the conclusion that he is so much inferior to Kapua and Criminal.

Mr Evett starts the handicap for the Steeplechase at 12.8, the same as he gave Norton at Auckland. Whalebone, with 6lb below the Southerner, has his full deserts, and I do not fancy Couranto at 12.0. Tiritea, 11.4, did not sample the heavy going at Ellerslie under the same weight as he has now got. Bootles ran unplaced in that race, and yet he is raised 3lb on what he then carried, while Tiritea is left at the same weight. Why is this? Then again, neither Aorere nor Gondolier started in the Great Northern Steeplechase in which Mr Evett gave them 10.7 and 10.5 respectively, but according to this, his most recent adjustment, Aorere meets Gondolier on the same mark. Parnell is kept at 10.0, and then comes Otakeho at the same weight, and this I am told is a good horse of his class. I must again express an opinion that Chester has a bit the best of the weights, but the only one of those below him that I have a liking for is Worth. When, however, the acceptances see the light there will be more opportunity of discussing probabilities.

Weights, etc.

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE OF 100 SOVS. About 2 miles.			
		WEIGHTS.	
	st lb		st lb
Couranto	12 0	Chester	9 7
Kulnine	11 10	Disturbance	9 7
Tiritea	11 3	Free Lance	9 5
Aorere	10 9	Tontine	9 3
Waterbury	10 8	Spinfeldt	9 3
Gondolier	10 7	Zanzibar	9 3
Kapua	10 0	Auroa	9 0
Glenelg	9 12	Pomoana	9 0
Criminal	9 10	Unity	9 0
Jack	9 7	Inanga	9 0

HAWKE'S BAY STEEPLECHASE OF 300 SOVS. About 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

Norton	12 8	Scaltheen	9 10
Whalebone	12 2	Disturbance	9 9
Couranto	12 0	Auckland	9 9
Tiritea	11 4	Criminal	9 8
Bootles	10 11	Gladius	9 8
Waterbury	10 8	Woi-hi	9 7
Aorere	10 7	Shearer	9 7
Gondolier	10 7	Pomoana	9 7
Parnell	10 0	Zanzibar	9 7
Otakeho	10 0	The Dromedary	9 7
Chester	9 12	T Rose	9 7
Glenelg	9 10	Manaena	9 7
The Master	9 10		

J. O. EVETT, Handicapper.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB'S STEEPLECHASES.

NOMINATIONS.
TRIAL STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP OF 70 SOVS, two miles.—Worth, Active, Oakland, Cleveland, Flywheel, Rex, Nanika, Warlock, Liberty, Mutineer, Moonraker, Review, Judas, Union Jack, Allegretto.
HURDLE HANDICAP OF 100 SOVS, one mile and three-quarters. The Idler, Bideaway, Freelance, Worth, Auroa, Oakland, Otakeho, Langley, The Devil, Chester, Iroquois, Unity, Empire, Viola II., Houpla, Disturbance, Manga, Sir Gurney, Gondolier, Jacob, Wanderer, Karawa, Kapua, Mutiny.
WELLINGTON STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP OF 200 SOVS, three miles.—Cytus II., Bide-away, Worth, Active, Rex, Auckland, Dromedary, Aorere, Whalebone, Bootles, Disturbance, Sir Gurney, Empire, Gondolier, Jack, Victrix, Parnell, Waterbury, Couranto, Union Jack, Allegretto, Otakeho, Flywheel, Chester, Caloola, Iroquois.
LADIES' BRACELET HANDICAP OF 50 SOVS, two miles on flat.—Waikawa, St. Anthony, Cleveland, Mariner, Margrave, Joker, Novice.
HIGH-WEIGHT HANDICAP OF 60 SOVS, one mile and a quarter, on flat.—Thalia, The Idler, St. Anthony, Auroa, Auckland, Langley, The Devil, Dromedary, Houpla, Manga, Stockfish, Jacob, Prince Cole, Margrave, Waterbury, Couranto, Joker.

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 names 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 Hui: Black jacket, old gold collar, white armlets, black cap, white peak. Second colours—Pink jacket, black cap. Mr. J. Forth ... Blue body, white sleeves and sash, blue and white cap. Mr. J. Malcolm ... Black body, pink sleeves and cap. Mr. A. J. Wilson ... White jacket, yellow sash, and white cap, yellow tassels. Mr. B. Thompson ... Chocolate jacket, gold cap. Mr. John Dennis ... Blue jacket, white sleeves and cap. Mr. J. Lowther ... All black. Mr. J. Marshall ... Black and amber stripes, black cap. Mr. T. Morris ... Black jacket, amber sash, white cap. Mr. W. Bobbett ... Black body, gold sleeves and cap. Mr. B. Burke ... Black and white stripes. Mr. A. Buckland ... Black and white hoops. Major E. N. George ... Blue and white hoops, blue cap. Mr. N. Dickie ... Pale blue jacket and cap, black sash. Mr. L. D. Nathan ... Sky blue and white stripes, white cap. Mr. W. Robertson ... Chocolate body, gold sleeves and Terra cotta and blue cap. Mr. T. B. Bell ... Maroon body, gold sleeves. Mr. D. McKinnon ... Salmon and blue hoops. Mr. H. H. Hayr ... Rose and white stripes. Mr. W. Walters ... Primrose jacket, blue sash and cap. Mr. S. Cotton ... First colours—Blue body, gold sleeves and blue cap. Second colours—Blue jacket, white sash and blue and white cap. Mr. A. Davis ... Old gold body, crimson sleeves and cap.

PROGRAMMES PASSED.

Gisborne Park Steeplechase—July 14

DISQUALIFICATIONS.

The following disqualifications by the Te Aroha Jockey Club have been entered by the A.R.C.—That the horse Arava or Emmet, 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 Morrison, Ellerslie; A. ex. 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. Katterns, W. McMinamin, H. Priest, W. Quartermain, W. Smith, F. Dodd, J. Pennel, J. Payne, 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.

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Sporting Review.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 1893.

THOSE horseowners who feel themselves aggrieved at the new policy of retrenchment, &c., proposed by the Victoria Racing Club were to tackle the august committee of that body on the 1st inst. but as our latest sporting news from Melbourne only takes us to May 30 we shall have to wait till next week before knowing the outcome of the deliberations. By our files, though, we note that the horseowners met on May 26, and sketched out a plan of action for their conference with the Victoria Racing Club's committee. The first motion to be brought before the V.R.C. urged the committee to do away with the new system of handicapping winning horses, and to adopt some system of fixed penalties on such graduated scale as the committee may see fit. The horseowners in their second resolution cordially agree with the V.R.C. committee as to the necessity for retrenchment, but differ with them as to the method by which such retrenchment should be achieved. Instead of the club annexing acceptances and nominations the horseowners suggest that a very considerable saving should be effected in the expenditure of the club in respect of maintenance, salaries, and improvements, and that the balance of any deficiency should be made up by taking the sum required from the added money. The horseowners strongly support the idea that the nominations and acceptances should remain intact, even if the committee had to sacrifice the entire £15,000 added to the stakes. It will be interesting to watch how the horseowners fare in their Conference with the V.R.C.'s committee. There is no doubt in our mind that they have a

good deal of right on their side, especially as regards their argument that while they are taxed extra by the club the "salaries and maintenance" account does not diminish. This latter has been a big bone of contention for some time, but we fancy that the V.R.C. committee will be compelled to make the account show a material diminution next week.

THE Canterbury Times, which, like this journal, has been a strong advocate of the country clubs being represented at the Metropolitan Clubs' Conferences, threshes out the question in alluding to the Conference which the Ashburton Racing Club have already convened, and says:—

Few of the country clubs have yet met to consider the course of action to be taken by their delegates, but individuals who have a leading share in guiding the affairs of their respective clubs have indicated that they have other aspirations besides mere representation on the Racing Conference, or New Zealand Jockey Club, into which they believe the Conference will before long develop. They claim that the country clubs should also be represented on the provincial Metropolitan Committee, so that they may have a voice in the decision of the many questions and appeals which are from time to time referred to the Metropolitan Clubs by the country clubs. It must be distinctly understood that they have no wish to interfere in the internal affairs of the Metropolitan Clubs as clubs—in the affairs of the Canterbury Jockey Club for instance—but they wish to have a say in matters in which the country clubs and racing generally are interested. * * * The country clubs disclaim any wish for separate jurisdiction. They desire and are determined to have their claims and rights duly considered in turf legislation and administration, and if this desire be acceded to, there will be no conflict of authority. They are, however, resolved that rather than submit longer to what they regard as 'class' legislation and government, they will set up a tribunal of their own. That is their position, but it is improbable that they will be forced to take the ultimate step.

THE Auckland Racing Club, we are glad to hear, will not, in spite of the wretched weather they experienced for their Winter Meeting, come out on the wrong side of the ledger over that gathering. On the contrary a profit of about £150 falls to them, but this is but a drop of comfort in the hard luck they have experienced during the season. They opened the season most auspiciously, the weather for their First Spring Meeting seeming, as we mentioned at the time, to have been made to order. But some "Jonah" turned up between that time and the Club's Second Spring Meeting, for the rain was so heavy on the morning of the second day originally fixed for that meeting that it had to be postponed. And as soon as the committee had decided on a postponement the weather changed and the sun came out! The sun beamed on them for the first day of their Summer Meeting—which is the meeting the club always look to as their "boom" time, and Boxing Day, when they commenced their proceedings, was lovely enough, but just when they thought they had got the New Year holiday makers in town for the Derby and Steeplechase days, the rain came down and consequently the profit usually looked forward to by the club did not reach their coffers. There was fine weather for the Autumn Meeting, but counter attractions of Easter Monday militated against the attendance, so the club did not come out financially as well as was anticipated. But they looked to the Steeplechase Meeting for their "boom" of the season, and they would not have looked in vain, we are sure, had the weather been at all favourable. The 3rd and 7th insts. were the dates originally fixed, but a postponement had to be made owing to the attentions of Jupiter Pluvius, and the consequence was that the Grand National Hurdle Race day came on the Wednesday instead of the Saturday. The weather was all right, then, with the exception of one or two slight showers during the afternoon, but the Wednesday half-holiday did not draw as many as was expected. With a Saturday for their big Steeplechase—a species of race which is intensely popular in Auckland—the A.R.C. were justified in expecting a bumper attendance, but, though the night preceding was beautifully fine, the rain came down in torrents early in the morning, and, as our contributor "Sir Launcelot" puts it, few, if any, race-meetings have been carried out in New Zealand under more disadvantageous surroundings. This being so, it is the more surprising that the attendance was by no means bad and that the club came out with a slight profit. It is not their own fault that they have not been more successful during the season. Their meetings have been well conducted; the handicapper's adjustments have provided some close finishes; and all their bad luck has been due to

the vagaries of the weather. In that respect they are not the only Metropolitan Club that have suffered. We wish them better fortune during the next racing year.

ANOTHER Metropolitan Club that has been in almost a similar position as regards the weather affecting its finances is the Dunedin Jockey Club. Like the Auckland Racing Club, it is an open secret that they have a "leettle" interest to pay on a mortgage, and therefore a bad season presses harder on them than it does on other clubs. More than one of their meetings was marred by bad weather. Hail, rain and snow are by no means uncommon accompaniments to racing in the Southern capital about Queen's Birthday time; but, strange to say, the Dunedin Jockey Club were not troubled in that way this year, while Auckland, at the extreme end of the colony a fortnight later had most tempestuous weather.

WITH the conclusion of the Dunedin Jockey Club's Birthday Meeting the curtain may be said to have been rung down on the flat racing proper of this colony for the season of 1892-93. True there have since been small flat races on the Auckland Racing Club's winter programme and there are a couple on the bill of fare provided by the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club on June 23rd, but with the Dunedin meeting the doings of the cracks of the season have terminated. Let us, therefore, take a brief glance at the most salient features of the racing season of 1892-93.

It may at once be said that the season has been by no means devoid of incident, more especially as there has been some very pronounced record smashing. The palm in this direction undoubtedly belongs to Merganser, whose mighty performance in winning the Great Autumn Handicap under 9.8 (the highest weight ever carried to the front in that race) and lowering the mile and a half record to 2min 35½sec, will not be soon effaced from the memory of turfites. At the same meeting another record was lowered when Loyalty got over the six furlongs of the Challenge Stakes in 1min 14sec. Earlier in the season than these records were established, two "saints"—St. Hippo and St. Katherine—had put up sterling times in the New Zealand Cup and Wanganui Cup respectively, and Merganser had covered the fastest mile ever accomplished in New Zealand. The performances to which we allude were St. Hippo's New Zealand Cup, 2 miles, 3min 30½sec; Merganser's Jockey Club Handicap, 1 mile, 1min 41½sec; and St. Katherine's Wanganui Cup, one mile and three quarters, 3min 5sec, this latter being a tie for the record for the distance with that put up by Waitiri in the Auckland Racing Club Handicap during the season of 1886-87. In none of these cases do the times recorded beat the Australian records, but Loyalty's 1min 14sec ties with the time made for six furlongs in Australia by both Volcano and Ascot Vale.

DESPITE the croakings of a lot of pessimists there did not seem to be much, if any, deterioration among the two-year-olds of the season, and we should see some fine three-year-old racing next season. With the Auckland two-year-olds, such as Pegasus, Eve, and Royal Rose not meeting the Southern cracks (except when Eve ran against Strowan at Wanganui) it is hard to say who is really "boss" of the two-year-old division, and this will render the problems of the Hawke's Bay Guineas, Canterbury, Auckland, and Dunedin Derbies more interesting. There can be no doubt from their performances that Strowan, Skirmisher, and Loyalty are colts a good deal above the average, and among the Southerners we might add Outpost and Response. Then, among the Aucklanders, Pegasus, Royal Rose and Eve stand out most prominently, while Wanganui can claim a smart colt in Westmer, and Hawke's Bay a smart filly in Noyade. Two Hawke's Bay owners also possess a decent pair in the fillies St. Cecilia and Zanella. Nor must it be forgotten that Mr. Stead has a couple of two-year-olds, besides Strowan who have scored this season, namely, Geraint and Reflector, and though he has not entered either for the New Zealand Cup they may be equal to following up their two-year-old records by earning some winning brackets as three-year-olds. Gitano and Beadonwell are a couple of Dunedinites that scored in minor races, and gave promise of better things. On the strength of his being a half-brother to Pygmalion and Cynisca, in addition to the fine quality he

shows Mr. E. Cutts' colt Lake Shell attracted a lot of attention in all the races he ran in, but though well backed for nearly all of them, and placed in some, he hardly ran up to the expectations formed of him. We shall be quite prepared to see him exhibit improved form next season. There is more than one two-year-old that has run in Auckland this season improvement by whom may be reasonably looked forward to next season. There are also a lot of untried ones, notably Merganser's sister, and some of those owned by the Hon. J. D. Ormond. The meeting of the proved cracks with some of these may find the colours of the cracks lowered, for we all know how some horses improve while others deteriorate from two to three years old, but in any case the battles between those who figured in the front ranks this season shows every probability of being of the highest interest.

AMONG the three-year-olds there can be no manner of doubt as to which stood out as the best of his year. To St. Hippo must be awarded the honour, and his victories in the Hawke's Bay Guineas, Hawke's Bay Spring Handicap and New Zealand Cup were worthily capped by a triumph in the Auckland Cup under the big weight for a three-year-old of 8.9. No one who saw him run as a two-year-old could have predicted that he would blossom into the colt he did. His pilgrimage to Australia unfortunately came to naught, so we got no line as to how the Australian three-year-olds compared with him. We shall always hold the opinion that had he started in Australia he would have had no phenomenal three-year-old to meet, and he would, at least according to our idea, have "shaken" both the V.R.C. St. Leger and Australian Cup without saying what he might have done at Easter time in Sydney. Next to him Stepniak certainly stands out as the best of his year. Though he started second favourite in the Hawke's Bay Guineas he was beaten out of place, but he came out in different form at the Canterbury Jockey Club's Spring Meeting a month later, when he won the six furlongs Stewards' Stakes Handicap, and put the D by to Mr Stead's credit. It was a great performance for him to run second to Merganser in the Great Autumn Handicap, for he was carrying 8.13, which is no light impost for a three-year-old to tackle even at the back end of the season. A three-year-old that was missed from the ranks in the big events was North Atlantic, who does not seem to have trained on as he should have. This colt was quite up to the level of Stepniak and St. Hippo last season, according to "the book," and we expected him to run a lot better than he did. We trust he will do the Hon. J. D. Ormond better service next season. Another colt who seemed to have deteriorated from a two to a three-year-old was Vogengang, who ran pounds below his two-year-old form in the earlier part of the season, but he brightened up towards the end and showed strong signs of coming on at the Autumn Meeting of the Canterbury Jockey Club. Launceston was an overgrown two-year-old, but in the Spring on the training track he showed such good work that when Mr D. O'Brien declared with no uncertain sound in his favour for the New Zealand Cup he was so well backed that he left off first favourite. He was, however, beaten out of a place; he got third in the Derby and would doubtless have been close handy at the finish of the Canterbury Cup had he not put his foot into a hole and come down. At the Canterbury Jockey Club's Summer Meeting he annexed the principal handicap on the card, the Midsummer Handicap, and as he is a colt of a conformation that should be served by age, he is likely to run better the older he gets. As a five-year-old we should be inclined to pick him to beat any of those who were his contemporaries this season. In the early part of the season he had Captive as a stable companion at Mr O'Brien's, but the running of the brother to Freedom was so unsatisfactory that after taking him down to the Dunedin Cup Meeting, Mr O'Brien was glad to lease him to Mr S. Waddell, who trained Occident and other horses for Mr J. Stephenson, but is now working on his own account. Waddell had a bit the best of the deal as things turned out, for after he had picked up a small stake or two with the colt he showed such improvement that he made a dead heat of it with Melinite in the Birthday Handicap at Dunedin last month. Saracen was none too good tempered as a two-year-old, nor did he appear to have amended his ways in the

spring time of his three-year old career, but he came on apace at the back end, and had shown himself a good deal improved before he won the valuable Great Easter Handicap at the Canterbury Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting. Mr R. Allen well deserved to get a substantial return for the big price he gave for Saracen as a yearling, but even with his performances this season given in the son of St. George and Fair Nell must owe his owner a tidy sum. We always regarded him as a 'Sunday horse.' Another son of St. George, Au Revoir, has won some good races for Mr P. Butler, and Ua and Chris have been a useful pair for Mr W. Douglas. Rangiatea has performed well in the North Island, and his owner has deemed his form so good that he has entered him for the New Zealand Cup. Bar him, Frivolity and Foresight, we think that in the names mentioned above we have particularised the best of the season's three-year-olds.

ALL the four-year-olds that ran were completely overshadowed by Merganser, and it will take a good many years before we see a four-year-old put up such records as she did. From 7.5 in the Jockey Club Handicap at the Canterbury Jockey Club's Spring Meeting she rose in the estimation of the various handicappers throughout the colony till she won the Napier Cup under 9.9, and the C.J.C. Great Autumn Handicap with 11b less. Next to her, among the four-year-old division, we must decidedly class The Workman. He has indeed proved himself a "workman" in all the races he has taken part in, and it was very hard fortune for him to have to act as runner-up to Loyalty in the Challenge Stakes. His performance under the weight was one that was good enough to win nine such races out of every ten. The Workman is bred on stout staying lines, but somehow he does not seem to have developed much staying ability so far, but there can be no gainsaying the fact that it takes a good 'un to lower his colours at any distance up to a mile and a quarter. Hippomenes wound up the season well, but did not do much in the early portion thereof. Rosefeldt was a very hard-worked mare right throughout the season, and went very stale towards the end, but her gameness carried her through, and in her we are sure Mr. W. Douglas owns a good one. Another Napier owner who follows the sport with keen zest—the Hon. J. D. Ormond—had bad luck with Thame. A second in the New Zealand Cup to an outsider, British Lion, had been recorded against her in a previous season, and after her being taken all the way to Dunedin to fight for the possession of the Dunedin Cup it was very bitter for Mr. Ormond to find himself beaten by another rank outsider, Tempest, and that such a result was mainly owing to Thame's jockey losing his stirrup-iron. These *contretemps* are liable to occur, however careful an owner or trainer may be, and in this case the verdict was that it practically lost Thame the Dunedin Cup. The best we should say of the other four-year-olds—and no wonders are they either—are Melinite and Musket, the former of which divided the Dunedin Queen's Birthday Handicap with Captive, and Musket showed up creditably in several races in the North Island. With the elder contingent and those who devoted themselves to the 'illegitimate' game we shall take an opportunity of dealing in our next issue.

At last the revised code of racing rules, which has been under the consideration of a sub-committee of the Victoria Racing Club for nearly two years past, has seen the light. They have to be placed before the annual meeting of the members of the Club, which will not be held till August, and meanwhile they will be thoroughly threshed out by all turfites in Australasia, in which term we, of course, include New Zealand. Without now venturing any opinion as to whether the alterations proposed by the V.R.C.'s sub-committee are beneficial or otherwise, we may say that we wish that the Metropolitan Clubs of New Zealand would at as early a date as possible authorise the printing of a set of rules now in force. In the way they have been cut about lately a secretary of a country racing club—let alone one of the Metropolitan Clubs' officials—can well be pardoned for making a *faux pas*.

This by the way, though. The sub-committee appointed by the Victoria Racing Club to frame a new set of rules have certainly taken due time about it, for it is now nearly two years since they commenced their labours. Their proposed alterations and amendments have, as we have said, to be brought up for

confirmation at the annual meeting of the Club's members, but the leading amendments—especially in view of our own Conference at Wellington next month—are particularly interesting. This is the spirit of them:—

In the "interpretation" clause it is provided that when 'stewards' are mentioned in the rules in connection with their duties it shall mean a majority of the stewards, of whom there shall be not less than four; a 'retainer' is defined to be a fee or salary paid by an employer to a jockey to retain that jockey's services when required, and shall terminate at the end of each racing season, *i.e.*, on 31st July in each year; 'owner' also means part owner or lessee; a weight-for-age race is to be still a weight-for-age race even if there are penalties and allowances; 'apprentice' means a lad who, not being under 12 years or over 18 years of age, has been bound to an owner or trainer for at least three years, and has, within the first three months of his apprenticeship, lodged a certified copy of his articles of apprenticeship with the secretary of the V.R.C.

Clubs registered to race under the rules of the V.R.C. will have to pay an annual fee of £2 2s, the V.R.C. committee retaining the right to deal with any application for registration, and to grant or refuse same. The minimum amount to be given away in stakes at each day's racing held within the metropolitan radius is to be reduced from £400 to £300, but not more than £100 of this amount can be added to selling races. The metropolitan radius is again extended to 20 miles. It is also provided that there shall be no races for two-year-olds under four furlongs.

The question of an unregistered racing club's operations is to be dealt with in the following stringent manner:—

Each and every person, unless registered as a club within the meaning of these rules, concerned or interested in the holding of any race meeting or race without the permission of the committee of the Victoria Racing Club shall be perpetually disqualified. If a horse run at any race meeting or in any race in Victoria which is not advertised as required by rule 5, and which race meeting or race is not held under the management of the Victoria Racing Club, or some club whose name is then on the aforesaid register of clubs, or with the permission of the committee of the Victoria Racing Club, such horse and the rider thereof shall be perpetually disqualified for all races or race meetings to which these rules apply, and the owner, trainer, and every other person having an interest in such horse shall not be qualified, either on his own behalf or acting as an agent or otherwise, to subscribe for or to enter or run any horse for any race either in his own name or in that of any other person, or to ride any horse in any race, and every horse of which any such person is wholly or partly the owner, or which shall be proved to the satisfaction of the stewards or committee of the Victoria Racing Club to be under his care, training, management, or superintendence, shall be perpetually disqualified. Provided always that the stewards or committee of the Victoria Racing Club may at any time remove any such disqualification, such removal to take effect absolutely as if it had never been imposed, or as from such other time as the stewards or committee of the Victoria Racing Club shall decide, and upon every application for removal of any disqualification a fee of £2 shall be paid to the Victoria Racing Club.

The duties and powers of stewards are altered so that there "must be at least four stewards acting for and at every race meeting. The stewards may appoint a deputy or deputies at any time, and if there be only one steward present, he shall, in the absence of the other stewards, appoint three or more persons to act as deputy stewards with him. If there be no steward present the secretary of the club shall nominate four or more persons to act as deputies during the absence of the stewards. No paid official shall be qualified to act as steward." Some owners of horses may well quake in their shoes if this proposal of the sub-committee comes into force:—

If at any time the stewards of any race meeting, or the stipendiary steward of the Victoria Racing Club, report to the committee of the Victoria Racing Club that the running of any horse is inconsistent with previous performances or any of them, such committee may thereupon require the stewards of any race meeting at which such horse shall have so previously performed in manner appearing unsatisfactory, to enquire into the running of such horse at such last-named race meeting. And if such stewards shall not be satisfied with the performance of such horse at such race meeting they may inflict such punishment by way of disqualification of the horse, jockey, rider, owner, trainer, or other person connected with, or interested in, such horse as they think proper.

Stewards cannot only postpone any races from day to day or week to week as heretofore, but the words from hour to hour are now added. Not only jockeys but also trainer's licenses must be taken out, and it is proposed that the committee of the V.R.C. shall have power, at their discretion, to grant yearly licenses to jockeys, trainers, and other officials, and to at any time cancel or withdraw such licenses, which otherwise expire on the 31st July in every year. No horse trained in Victoria by any person for fee or reward shall be eligible to be entered or run for a race unless such person be licensed or registered as a trainer. It is provided that the top weight in any handicap on the flat in future be not less than 9st, and in hurdle races and steeplechases not less than 12st. The means

proposed to get at the actual ownership of all horses nominated is embodied in the appended proposals:—

The entry shall state, not necessarily for publication, the name of the *bona fide* owner, or, if more than one, of all the *bona fide* owners, of the horse and of every person who, directly or indirectly, has any right or interest therein, or in the management or control thereof; also the name and description of the horse, and, if the race be for horses of different ages, the age of the horse at the time of entry. And if such entry do not contain all the above particulars, or it be proved that any of the particulars given are untrue (unless it be proved to the satisfaction of the committee or stewards that such omission or misdescription was made without any fraudulent intention), then the entry shall be deemed invalid, and the stakes, entrance money, or fee paid on such entry be forfeited for the benefit of the club, and the person making such entry, or any other person interested in or connected (herewith) may be fined or disqualified at the discretion of the committee of stewards.

It is provided that no entry shall be accepted in respect to any horse unless described by name; every person shall race either in his real name or his registered assumed name; every partnership shall register a name under which the said partnership shall race and no trainer, jockey, or bookmaker shall be allowed to register an assumed name. The prohibition of running or flying starts now in force is withdrawn, so that the matter is left entirely to the discretion of the starter. At present objection on the ground of fraudulent entry or wrong age may be made within twelve months after the race, but the new provision is that any such objection must be made within one month. It is proposed that jockeys be prohibited from owning or having an interest in a racehorse or from betting. The V.R.C. committee, however, may allow jockeys who are also trainers to own horses provided they are trained in their own stables, but it is also proposed that "no jockey or rider shall have any interest, directly or indirectly, in any wager on any race. Any jockey or rider offending against this rule may be disqualified or suspended. And any person betting with or for any jockey or rider, or interested in any such wager or bet, may be warned off the course." A sliding scale of fees for jockeys in all races is mooted by the sub-committee, and on their proposal in this direction especially we shall take the opportunity of commenting on a future occasion, as well as on some of the other rules they propose to bring into force.

Auckland Racing Club's Winter Meeting.

A RETROSPECTIVE GLANCE.

[BY SIR LAUNCELOT.]

SECOND DAY.—SATURDAY, JUNE 10.

CRUEL was the luck again meted out to the Auckland Racing Club on Saturday last, the second day of their North New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase Meeting. Friday night looked promising enough, but the wind got up, and early on Saturday morning it blew a hurricane, rain descended, and it became bitterly cold. Throughout the forenoon it was showery, and though it cleared again a bit just before the time of starting the first race, such a heavy downpour of rain then came on that the race had to be put back for a few minutes, for neither horses nor jockeys could withstand the pitiless force of the tempest. All the afternoon it rained off and on, the consequence being that the saddling paddock was a perfect sea of mud and slush, and few racemeetings in the colony have ever been carried out under more disadvantageous circumstances. Considering the state of the weather the attendance must be accounted satisfactory, there being about 2000 present, which was in excess of the number present on the Grand National Hurdle Race day. Of course the heavy going caused more than one upset of form, but there was some capital racing, and the big event of the day furnished in the victory of the aptly-named Despised one of the greatest surprises of the season. Though greatly hampered by the unfavourable surroundings the officials worked with their usual *vim*, and though the first race was, perforce, started a bit later than should have been the case Mr Percival, the secretary, and his assistants, kept the ball rolling so merrily that the programme was got off in good time. Mr W. Blomfield and his staff efficiently handled £3664 at the totalisator, making a total of £6809 for the whole meeting.

Only three out of the half-dozen whose names appeared on the card came to the post for the Hunters' Welter Handicap of 40sovs, one mile. Ida and Lottie, who were weighted at 11.10 and 10.11 re-

spectively, each claimed 7lb allowance for a gentleman rider, and it was this that probably frightened out all the opposition but Ingorina. Ida was made an odds-on chance, and she landed them but only after a capital set-to between the whole three coming down the straight. Ida and Ingorina led on even terms for most of the journey, but Lottie came up rounding the bend, and appeared to have slightly the best of it at the home turn. Here Ingorina put in a strong claim, and headed her by the time they reached the Derby stand. Then Ida put in some strong work, and coming on with, seemingly, a bit in hand beat Ingorina at the finish by a length, and Lottie was only slightly more than that distance behind Ingorina. The dividends were—Inside, £1 12s; outside, £1 11s.

Though the rain continued to beat down, the interest in the *piece de resistance* of the meeting—the Great Northern Steeplechase Handicap of 400sovs, about three miles and a half—did not flag, and under cover of the stand and the booths could be seen eager knots of spectators discussing the chances of the various competitors. When the numbers were hoisted it was seen that there were half a dozen absentees, viz., Mangere 12.4, Tiritea 11.4, Waterbury 10.7, Parnell 10.0, Isidore 9.7, and Bombardier 9.7. Of these adverse rumours had been afloat for some days regarding Mangere, and his defection did not therefore come much in the light of a surprise. Tiritea could have had no show at the weight in such heavy going; Parnell's stable had something better to rely on; Waterbury was kept back for something better later on, and Isidore and Bombardier, though both having the minimum, were not class enough in such company. The state of the atmosphere prevented the *cognoscenti* from having much of a look at the eleven competitors, of whom, by the way, Shillelagh, 11.4, and Scaltheen, 9.10, were the only ones that figured in last year's field. Under ordinary circumstances the top weight Norton would have attracted a big *levee*, but he had been off his feed for a few days previous to the race, and he was certainly a bit on the light side. To the last the Taranaki contingent were very sweet upon Bootles, 10.8. He certainly had none the worst of the weights, and those who knew him best averred that the heavy going was, if anything, much in his favour. It had been freely hinted about that Shillelagh had broken down when being exercised at Hawera prior to the Egmont Steeplechase, but though he had bandages on both fore-legs we failed to detect much of a "break-down," and those connected with him did not hesitate to back him, while the public, remembering that he won the same race last year, supported him in such earnest that he left off second in demand. A good many remembering that Marechal Neil, 10.0, had not shown his true form in the Grand National Hurdles owing to his running outside the course at an early stage of the race and that his owner supported him to win the double of Hurdles and Steeples just after the weights appeared, made such a strong order of him that he was next in favour after Bootles and Shillelagh. The rest were pretty evenly backed except Despised, 9.7, who was the absolute outsider of the whole party, and whose victory, as I have said above, furnished one of the greatest surprises ever recorded in the annals of the New Zealand Turf. With some horses riding in wrong colours and the weather none too propitious, it was hard to see what moved away first, but Deceiver drew out and led over the first obstacle, Scaltheen, Shillelagh, and Flukem being close handy, Nero last. Deceiver went on with the lead till they got to the bottom of the hill where Bootles assumed command, but a sheet would have covered him, Deceiver, Shillelagh, and Despised, the others being in a ruck not far away. Flukem soon took up the running, and Marechal Neil refused the next obstruction, while Shillelagh's leg gave away. Flukem led Bootles down the hill, and they ran together till the sod wall, where Flukem was first, Deceiver second and Bootles third, Despised, Scaltheen, and Norton heading the others. Deceiver led over the water with Bootles second, Flukem third, and Despised and Scaltheen next. The leaders kept their positions till the back of the course, where Bootles joined Deceiver, Despised being seen in third place about a couple of lengths away, Flukem and Norton a bad third and fourth respectively. Bootles again asserted himself as they ran through the trees, and at the post and rail fence on top of the hill he had about three lengths advantage of Despised with Deceiver third and the others, to all appearances,

tailing off. Auckland stuck up here. Koss Heaton evidently now considered it time to send Despised along, so he livened up the pace, and the son of Cap-a-pie, going to the front, took the sod wall with a good lead from Deceiver. The favourite was running third, but it was evident that he had had enough of it. Despised led over the double in front of the stand, with quite half-a-dozen lengths lead of Deceiver, and here Flukem blundered and Norton was pulled up in obedience to instructions from his owner. Despised, keeping going, increased his advantage as they ran to the back of the course, Nero (who had been steadily plodding on) being by this time second, Scaltheen third and Chester fourth, Deceiver and Bootles going on a hopeless sternchase behind them. Despised drew away a bit further going up the hill, but he came down at the first fence of the double on the top of the hill, which left Scaltheen with a good lead of Nero. Deceiver and Chester being next at a long interval. Despised was quickly remounted, but Scaltheen was about a furlong in front of him as they ran towards the stone wall, where Nero was about a dozen lengths behind Scaltheen. But Despised had been creeping up and getting on level terms with Scaltheen at the next obstacle he had the best of the run home by three lengths from Scaltheen, who finished third in the same event last year with 3lb less than he now carried and with the same jockey up. Nero was third now, about half-a-dozen lengths away, and Chester and Deceiver were a long way ahead of Flukem and Bootles, who were the only others that finished. The time was, as was only to be expected, terribly slow, 9min 58sec, which is 1min 44sec slower than the journey occupied last year. Despised paid the large dividends of £37 12s inside and £93 5s outside.

Mutiny and Deceiver dropped out of the Handicap Hurdle Race of 100sovs, one mile and three-quarters, so that only a quartette was left to face Mr E. D. Halstead, who, I must not omit to mention, wielded the starter's flag with great proficiency throughout the meeting. Once more did backers rally to the support of Belmont, 10.7, and they made him favourite. They had good grounds—on paper—for doing so, but once more did he have to put up with the unenviable position of runner-up, for he met more than his match in the Poverty Bay representative Criminal, who was getting 7lb from him. Waterbury, 10.12, was second favourite to Belmont—in fact there was little to choose between them in the betting—but Mr Douglas' horse finished last of the quartette. Criminal made play as soon as the flag dropped. Each of his opponents had a dash at him, but though at various intervals of the race they decreased his lead they could never get very close to him, and he led into the homestretch with three lengths advantage, which he held to the finish in spite of a gallant effort on Belmont's part. Ingorina was third. Criminal (who is by the Wellington Cup winner Foul Play out of the Diomedes—Waimea mare Renga) paid dividends of £5 10s and £4 9s, and the Gisbornites present profited accordingly.

Only a trio declined the contest for the Second Winter Welter Handicap of 50 sovs, 7 furlongs, which left the nice field of ten to go to the post. The Grand National Hurdle Race winner Mutiny, who had been withdrawn from the Hurdles just decided, and had that morning been purchased by the Napier sportsman Mr Douglas for 235gs, was installed favourite, and next to him the public evinced most liking for Master Pat, 10 8. Lady Belle was quickest on her legs, with Mutiny and His Worship next. Lady Belle continued to lead round the back and along to the straight, where Ida, 11.12, and His Worship, 10.0, were very handy. Both challenged the North Shore representative at the Derby Stand, and though she responded gamely, Ida was too good for her, winning by a head from His Worship, with Lady Belle only half-a-length behind Mr "B. Thompson's" cast off. It was only the other day that Mr "Thompson" leased His Worship, and this was the first time the colt had run in his new lessee's nomination, and he certainly ran the best race he has run during his three-year-old career. Considering the big form Ida has shown during the last three or four months it is rather surprising that her present victory rewarded her backers with such dividends as £7 2s and £10 15s.

Seven out of 10 acceptors came out for the Tally-ho Handicap Steeplechase of 100sovs, about 3 miles, and a trio were pretty evenly backed, viz., Parnell, 10.3, Long Roper, 9.7, and Bombardier, 9.7, the last named being absolute favourite

when the machine closed. Backers of outsiders had another "flop-up" for Nero, who like the favourite had the minimum weight, got home—a well-deserved win after the way he had finished in the big Steeples. Flukem, 10.0, cut out the work at the start, and was leading when they came on to the course proper, Auckland having meanwhile stuck up. As they came along towards the stand Flukem had a long lead of Bombardier, who was second, Nero lying third. Parnell came down, and the water jump proved fatal to Kate's chance. Nero ran into second place behind Flukem, at the back of the course, but after they had got through the trees, Flukem again drew clear and led down the hill nearly a dozen lengths in front of Nero, Bombardier third, and Long Roper fourth. Flukem had had enough when they got on to the flat again, and Long Roper took the lead, Bombardier blundering at the stone wall and unseating Morrigan. Long Roper kept going right along to the back stretch and up the hill, but Weal on Nero did not allow him to get too far away, and coming down the hill he challenged. The pair ran together and jumped the stone wall in company, but Nero landed first, and it seemed that he had the best of it, but Long Roper came again, and it was all Weal could do to get Nero home by a length. Flukem was a bad third. The dividends were £10 10s and £10 4s, some more nice plums for lucky investors.

Naturally, with the shades of evening falling and the aqueous surroundings everywhere, few could muster up interest over the Novel Race of 30sovs, one mile, especially when there was a field of but three to deal with. Jessica, who is getting rather used to this kind of race now, was favourite, but though she led to the home turn Minnie soon found her measure, and won easily by a couple of lengths. This mare (who was ridden by Nero's trainer Weal) is by Anteros, and is one of those useful sorts that the Loiterer horse left behind him while he served in this colony. The dividends on Minnie were £2 8s inside and £3 17s outside.

After this a "bee-line" was made for the train, and on the homeward journey more than one of the occupants of the same carriage in which I travelled, and who loves the sport of racing for its own sweet sake, expressed a hope that the Fates would be more kind next season to the Auckland Racing Club and would grant them better fortune than they had experienced during the season of 1892-93.

The amounts passed through the totalisators were:—Inside—First day, £1840; second day, £1988. Outside—First day, £1305; second day, £1676. Total for the meeting, £6809.

The following amounts were paid over to the winners at the settling:—

	£	s.
Mr Thos. Wyley—2nd Maiden Steeples, £9 10s; 1st G. N. Steeples, £313 10s	323	0
Mr J. Keswick—1st G. N. Hurdles	204	5
Mrs J. Lennard—1st Winter Welter, £38; 1st Second Winter Welter, £38; 1st Hunters' Welter, £33 5s	109	5
Mr C. Weal—3rd G. N. Steeples, £209; 1st Tally-ho Handicap, £80 15s	99	15
Mr D. Hepburn—1st Hurdle Handicap	85	10
Mr R. Burke—2nd Winter Welter, £9 10s; 1st Selling Steeples, £57	66	10
Mr L. Binnie—1st Maiden Steeples	66	10
Mr W. Douglas—3rd G. N. Hurdles, £9 10s; 1st Maiden Hurdles, £47 10s	57	0
Mr J. Clements—3rd G. N. Steeples	47	10
Miss Lennard—Bracelet	38	0
Mr F. Macmanemin—2nd G. N. Hurdles, £23 15s; 2nd Hunters' Welter, £9 10s	33	5
Mr G. McGlashan—1st Novel Race	28	10
Mr C. Sexton—2nd Tally-ho Steeple	14	5
Mr L. D. Nathan—2nd Maiden Hurdles	9	10
Miss Kean—2nd Bracelet	9	10
Mrs Baker—2nd Winter Welter	9	10
Mr A. E. Byers—2nd Hunters' Welter	4	15
	£1206	10

An Auckland gentleman, who is well acquainted with Despised and who profited by his victory to a substantial amount, having backed him in a double with Mutiny, kindly supplies me with the following history of his career:—He is by Cap-a-pie out of Mavis by Diomedes (imp.)—Victoria (bred in New South Wales by Mr T. Icely about 1849), by Operator (imp.)—Lady Matilda by imported Bay Camerton out of Miss Nettleton, an English thoroughbred mare imported to New South Wales *via* India. Mavis is the dam of Castoff, who sired Tongariro, Ruapehu, Aorere, and other good horses. Despised was bred by Mr J. S. Caverhill, of Hawera. On account of a faulty hock he was sold as a three-year-old to Mr Middleton, of Opunake, who found he had a bit of pace, and having a liking for the breeding he put the horse into training. He was rewarded by winning both hack races at the Egmont Autumn Meeting, and Despised also won

the hack race at Warrengate shortly afterwards. In taking the horse home he caught a severe cold which affected his eyes, with the result that he was practically withdrawn from racing till the season of 1889, when he won the Novel Race at Manaia, and was sold for £15. In Mr Cunningham's nomination he won a Hurry Scurry at New Plymouth and three Hack Hurdle Races this season before coming to Auckland. Since his arrival here he ran second in both Hurdles and Steeples at the Takapuna Jockey Club's Birthday Meeting, and at Ellerslie last week, after being beaten a head by Chester in the Maiden Steeplechase won the Great Northern Steeplechase.

Taking up the history of Despised from where my friend leaves off, I may say that a couple of days after the racing at the North Shore Despised was offered for auction at Messrs. Buckland and Son's yards. The bidding did not reach the reserve, so he was passed in. Private offers were subsequently made for him by Mr T. Wyley, and that gentleman secured him for £60. He went into Williamson's stable, and his victory made the third successive year in which that trainer has led in the winner of the Great Northern Steeplechase, Parnell and Shillelagh having come out of his stable last year and the year before. It was the latter that the stable relied on now, so they profited but little by the triumph of the "despised" one.

Inter-Provincial

[FROM OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

NAPIER.

June 12.

The case of T. Robinson against the Town and Suburban Racing Club for illegal arrest will come on for hearing at the present sitting of the Supreme Court.

Prairie Grass does not shape badly over sticks.

At a committee meeting of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club held yesterday it was stated that no reply had since been received from the Wanganui Metropolitan Club relative to the re-opening of the case of the mare Jewel, who was disqualified at Palmerston North. It was decided to again write regarding the subject, and calling attention to the necessity of hearing evidence that had not been before the Wanganui club. Captain Russell gave notice to move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan delegates the following motion:—"That no person receiving remuneration for his services as official of a club shall be eligible to act as delegate at any meeting of a conference." The following gentlemen riders were elected:—Messrs T. H. Lowry, T. Mulholland, J. H. Kerr, F. Caulton and G. W. Heslop. The disqualification of T. Robinson by the Town and Suburban Racing Club for laying totalisator odds was endorsed. The Carmo-Problem case, which raked up unusual interest some time ago, when that animal was so palpably "rung in" at Taradale, was once again the subject of discussion, an application being made to have the disqualification removed. Remembering the great trouble which was caused racing officials here at the time, and the nature of the fraud practised, the committee could not really see their way clear to remove the ban, and denied the application.

[BY WIRE.]

Tuesday.

The result of the Great Northern Steeplechase was viewed with a considerable amount of disgust here, local sports having backed horses heavily who did not get in the first three. Taking a cursory glance at the adjustments for Hawke's Bay Meeting, I think Waterbury and Jack very well in the Hurdles. The first named is undoubtedly well in with 10.8, and should go very near winning. Jack has won quite a number of hack races lately, and can jump well. Under the circumstances one of this pair in my belief should win. The Steeplechase is of course more open, but I like Bootles, Chester and Worth. The last named will be very well by the day. As he has a light weight and can jump any country, he may be reckoned almost a moral for a place.

Mr Douglas has acquired a good horse in Mutiny, who if well looked after should be a hot candidate over timber when taken to the other side.

Contrary to expectation Mr Douglas has nothing nominated in the Christchurch Grand National Hurdles or Steeplechase. The handicaps for the Hastings Trotting Club's Winter Meeting have been

published. A horse named Mangere was entered from Christchurch for the big trot only, but no performances whatever were sent. The handicapper did not know whether he was a good horse or a maiden only, and as no replies were received to enquiries addressed to the owner, Mr. Danvers declined to handicap the animal.

WELLINGTON.

[BY WIRE.]

Tuesday.

Sporting news in Wellington is at present very scarce, and the entries for the Steeplechase Meeting of the Wellington Racing Club, which are received to-night, are quite a godsend to sporting scribes.

The Racing Club's stewards, I am glad to say, have decided not to allow owners and trainers any ground of complaint at there being insufficient training facilities. In spite of the heavy weather lately the training gallops are fairly good going, and schooling jumps, including hurdles, a ditch and bank, and water jump are in course of formation for general use. The Course Committee were out on Saturday inspecting the work and giving instructions for several improvements in the course over which the races will be run. Several of the local hunters have already taken up their quarters near the course, the latest arrivals being Mr. Hawke's Moonlight, with whom young Walden, the well-known cross-country rider, is busy, and Mr. Lucena's Tally-Ho, who is having the finishing touches put upon him by Hilder.

Mr. J. Freeth, the owner of Rebellion, Violence, Revolution, etc., is at present in Wellington. He tells me he is thinking of leaving the Wairarapa and bringing his team to the Hutt. At present he is undecided whether he will lease stables or buy a piece of ground and build. A good sportsman is Mr. Freeth, and he would be an acquisition to the place as a local owner.

There was a lot of betting done in Wellington on the Auckland Grand National Meeting, and of course the bookmakers had all the best of it. I have ascertained that about four of our local metallicians laid between them no fewer than £350 Kulline in the Hurdles. What price would he have started at had they all been put in the machine? They did not escape altogether in this race for Mutiny was fairly well backed, but not a single one laid the double, Mutiny and Despised, and I have not heard of one who laid Despised straight out. The Press Association telegram which arrived the night before did not include him among the probable starters, and this doubtless put people off. There was great surprise at his paying such a dividend after the form he has lately shown.

TARANAKI.

June 13.

THE success of the ex-Taranaki hack Mutiny in the Great Northern Hurdles did not surprise many down this way, as it was known that the gelding had a capital turn of pace, and was proficient enough in his jumping to negotiate the little sticks with safety. Apart from this he had a light impost on a heavy course, which suited his large hoofs, and he had a good pilot in Percy Johnston. The owner, "Mr Keswick," won the bare stake only. He did intend to have a "five" in the machine, but owing to his instructions, which were sent by wire, being read too literally, the money was not invested. However, he was compensated for his bad luck by the excellent figure Mutiny realised when put up at auction. The sum of 235 guineas is a "sweet" price. It is rather strange that Mutiny was sold to his breeder, who, two years ago, sold him to the New Plymouth medico, whose *nom de course* is "Mr Keswick," for the modest sum of 30 guineas. Of course Mr Douglas has bought him back with a great deal of condition on him, and that is a consideration.

The victory of Despised was a perfect surprise. The old horse has had a very chequered career. He was bred by Mr. Caverhill at Hewera, being by Cap-a-pie out of a mare called Mavis, who was, I believe, imported from Sydney. Despised when a youngster was sold out of the salesyards to Mr. Middleton, of Opunake, who ran him very unsuccessfully for some time, but eventually had one particularly good season, winning the double hacks at Egmont about three years ago, and other hack races along the coast. The horse after this became bad, being afflicted with partial blindness, and he was then turned out, and apparently had left the racing track for good. However,

last Boxing Day he again put in an appearance at Manaia, where he won a selling hack race in a new owner's name, and was unsuccessful in a similar event at Opunake on New Year's Day. Mr. M. Carroll then sold him to Mr. M. Cunningham for something like £20, and his new owner decided to put him to the illegitimate game. Mr. W. Barnard has been in his hands Despised has won Hack Sourry at Taranaki Anniversary Meeting; Hack Hurdles at Pungarehu Meeting; ditto Bell Block; ditto Egmont Winter; and last but not least by a long shot—Great Northern Steeplechase. 'He rose like a bung'

This old horse was a great fancy of Jay Russell's and months ago that distinguished authority used to din in your humble servant's ears that the gelding, with a few month's condition on him, and the minimum weight up, would be capable of winning the Great Northern. There is no doubt about Jay's knowledge of the equine jumper, but then he doesn't profit by it in a pecuniary sense. Therefore, what is the good of knowing in his case?

I notice Mr F. Watson's filly St. Mary is nominated for classic events. The daughter of St. Leger and Miss Laura is going to make a rattling good 'un, or I am much mistaken in her appearance. She is a taking young lady, and should be able "to get" a bit when raced.

The St. Leger—Musket Maid colt belonging to Mr J. J. Russell is being ridden about. This chap has a jumper cut about him, and may develop into a top sawyer at that game.

Union Jack has, I hear, been sold to Mr Russell. At anyrate the Liberal gelding is now in Jay's stable.

"W. Keswick" is giving his three-year-old filly by St. Leger—Brunette plenty of exercise. The filly is rather small, but over sprint courses and under light imposts she ought to do something.

The colt Ionic is to be run in big company next season. The big son of The Dauphin will not disgrace himself if he is properly placed. He is still in Mr Teed's stables.

Turf Topics.

[BY "SIR LAUNCELOT."]

At the customary monthly meeting of the Canterbury Jockey Club's committee, held on the 5th inst., the following transfers of yearlings were passed.—Mr W. C. Webb to Mr J. Meikle, br f, by Chainshot—Miranda. From Mr T. Morrin to Hon. J. D. Ormond, ch c, by Nordenfeldt—Lyrelinus; to Mr B. W. Weston, b c, by Castor—Ariolina; to Mr S. Bradley, b c, by Castor—Queen Cole; to Mr A. Austin, b c, by Telford—Lioness, ch c, by Castor—The Jilt, b c, by Castor or Hotchkiss—Aida, and b f, by Castor—Veneration.

The New Zealanders Mikado II., 11.10, Tayforth, 10.10, and Waiter, 10.7, were all unplaced behind Banjo, 10.7, in the Commonwealth Steeplechase of 100 sovs, two miles, run at Moonee Valley (Melbourne) on June 3. The two big flat races on the card were the Ascot Handicap of 60 sovs, five furlongs, and the Alphonso Handicap of the same amount; one mile and a quarter. The former was won by Mr J. Munroe's two-year-old colt Auster, by Robinson Crusoe—Aurora, 7.10, and the latter by Mr F. W. Purches' five-year-old horse Portland, by Neckersgat—Morra Morra.

E. Keys, the Randwick trainer, was reported at latest advices to be seriously ill from blood-poisoning. On June 2 his life was despaired of, but he has since rallied a bit.

Fuse and not *Fusee* is the name bestowed on Mr W. Dean's colt by Howitzer—Miss Fisher.

A Christchurch metallician who visited the Wangarui and Auckland Steeplechase Meetings tells me that he has laid the following wagers on the New Zealand Cup:—300 to 15 against Thame; 200 to 10 Rosefeldt; 200 to 9 Nordenfeldt—Albatross filly; 300 to 12 St. Hippo; 300 to 15 Westmere; 200 to 8 Lake Shell; 200 to 7 Musket; 300 to 12 Pegasus; 200 to 8 Fraternite, 200 to 8 The Workman; 200 to 10 Stepniak, and 200 to 8 Royal Race.

Kulline and Norton have already been shipped down that way. Their owner, Mr D. Rutherford, has taken advantage of his first visit to Auckland to look to the quality of the Waikato land, and at present he is in that neighborhood. He will be present at the H. B. J. C.'s Meeting.

Mr D. Hepburn goes back to Gisborne to-day, taking Criminal with him. He and the other Gisborne visitors, Messrs M. G. Nasmith, secretary of the Gisborne Park Racing Club, and J. A. Hardiag, secretary of the Waerenga-a-hika Jockey Club, have during their stay here had a look through Mr Morrin's stud, the Plumpton at Avondale, and some of the stables at Ellerslie.

The A.J.C. have fixed the metropolitan racing dates for the season 1893-94, commencing on August 1. The premier club will have 11 days' racing, the Rosehill Club 11, the Warwick Farm, Canterbury, and Moorefield Clubs 10 days each; Tattersall's Club and the Hawkesbury Club will have four days each, and the Sydney Turf Club three days.

The Committee of the Auckland Racing Club held a special meeting on Thursday afternoon, when the deputation appointed by the recent conference of the Auckland Country and Suburban Racing Clubs waited on them. The proposals formulated by the Hon. J. D. Ormond as well as those promulgated by the conference held a fortnight back were discussed at length. With some of them the A.R.C.'s committee expressed their concurrence, but there were several that they decided to remit to the Metropolitan Clubs' conference. The committee stated that they saw no reason to amend Mr. Ormond's proposals as to voting power at conferences. As regarded the proposal that country and suburban club's should be empowered to send at least two representatives to act as members of committee of the Metropolitan Club, the A.R.C.'s committee naturally pointed out that they had no power to do so without altering the rules and bye laws of the club. The proposed amendment in Rule 23 was remitted to the Conference. Re the question of pony racing, the A.R.C.'s committee stated that the matter had been considered and the club had made provision for what they deem sufficient pony racing; that the disqualification had been already taken off ponies, owners, trainers, and jockeys; that the committee will represent to the incoming committee of the A.R.C. the advisability of putting a pony race in their programmes; and that country and suburban clubs will have a like privilege.

A special meeting of the members of the Pakuranga Hunt Club is convened for to-morrow at 2.30 p.m., at the Auckland Racing Club's office. The business to be discussed is the arrangement of the hunting for the season.

Though not able to get out of his house, I am glad to say that Mr John Kirkwood is on the high road to recovery after his recent severe illness.

The Nordenfeldt Frailty horse Zalinski has been sold to Mr A. Chirside, of Camperdown, Vic., and that gentleman will use him as a sire after his racing career is finished. It is hardly likely, though, that he will again face the starter's flag.

According to the *Australasian* Mr W. Allen, who was attending St. Hippo while he was in Melbourne, has received a letter from George Wright that he has followed his instructions in regard to the colt, and is "pleased to say that everything is going on well—in fact, much better than I expected. I expect to get him a perfectly sound horse in a short time."

First Nelson's half brother, Alcinous, who until recently was trained by Kames King at Caulfield, won the Denliquin Amateur Turf Club's Handicap on Queen's Birthday carrying top weight. He will shortly be relegated to the stud in the Riverina district.

Malolo's race in the V.R.C.'s Birthday Handicap caused a return of the old trouble, and he has since been under the care of Mr. Hollingham, the 'vet' who blistered the son of Malua a few days ago. Notwithstanding the generally discredited notions to the contrary, Mr. Hollingham is of opinion that Malolo suffers from a form of nasal disease which affects the horse's knees.

The prominence given to selling races on the programmes of the proprietary racing clubs has attracted the notice of the Australian Jockey Club, which has made a regulation that at all meetings in the metropolitan district (40 miles radius) the added money during the next year shall not be less than £400 per day, given for not more than six races. On each day there shall be at least one race on the flat (not being a selling race) of not less than one mile and a quarter, to which the added money shall not be less than £100, and there shall not be more than one selling race on each day.

At Sydney Tattersall's Grand National Meeting on the 3rd inst., Mr J. B. Clark's Warpaint at last came out on top, for he won the Flying Handicap of 150sovs, six furlongs, with 8.2 up, Bel Giorno, 8.4, being second and Plain Bill, 7.4 third. There were 14 starters, and Hero, 9.0, divided favouritism with Warpaint, 3 to 1 being the price about each. Warpaint won all out by a length and a half from Bel Giorno, who was a length in front of Plain Bill. The time recorded was 1min 16½sec. The New Zealander Nolan had the satisfaction of riding the Grand National Steeplechase winner Albert, 11.9, who won in a canter from Bushman, 11.2, and Recruit, 9.0. The last-named is, I presume, the old Auckland rider that J. B. Williamson took to Australia. Albert was opposed by a field of half-a-dozen. Trenton's daughter Lady Trenton, 7.5, was second to Gingham, 7.11, in the Winter Stakes of 200sovs, one mile and a quarter, in which Florrie was unplaced with 8.9 on her back. Warpaint, 8.4, and Wyvern, 7.3, were among the 19 unplaced ones. Both Florrie and Wyvern ran well up to the home turn, but were beaten at that stage of the race. Florrie started favourite at 7 to 2 agst.

In North Queensland the bank suspensions have had a serious effect, and the Charters Towers Race Club Committee has given owners of horses engaged at their next meeting the choice of three alternatives, viz.:—(1) Postponement of the races until August; (2) payment of prizes *pro rata*, the club not to be held responsible for the difference between the actual and advertised amounts; and (3) abandonment of meeting and return of nomination fees.

Mr Gollan's horse Captain Webb, on whom a good many people are keeping an eye in connection with the V.R.C. Grand National Hurdle Race, injured one of his legs when training at Caulfield the other day, and has since been an absentee from the track.

The Victoria Racing Club's Champion Stake attracted 57 nominations, included in which are Zalinski, The Admiral, Portsea, Malvolio, Ascot Vale, Light Artillery, Megaphone, Fortunatus, Glenloth, Cremorne, Jeweller, St. Albans II., Vakeel, Fairfield, Port Admiral, St. Hippo, Merganser, Loyalty, Culloden, Camoola, Projectile, Pulvil and Sternchaser.

In 1887 the salaries paid to the V.R.C. officials amounted to £2,300; last year they were £3807.

The trustees under the late Mr. Abington Baird's will were recently offered 6000 guineas for Meddler.

Owners, Note!

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 next, June 20th:—

- Handicap Hurdle Race of 55 sovs, 2 miles, 1 sovs
- Ladies' Bracelet of 20 sovs, 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 sovs
- Hunters' Steeplechase Cup of 20 sovs, about 2½ miles, 10s
- Final Handicap Flat of 40 sovs, 1 mile and a distance, 1 sovs

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB.

To-morrow is general entry night for the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's Steeplechase Meeting when acceptances of 2 sovs each for the Hurdles, and 7 sovs each for the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase are due. The following nominations have also to be made:—

- Ladies' Bracelet of 80 sovs, 2 miles, 3 sovs
- Maiden Steeplechase of 80 sovs, 2 miles, 2 sovs
- Amateur Steeplechase of 60 sovs, 2 miles, 1 sovs
- Welter Handicap of 50 sovs, 1½ miles, 1 sovs

UNITED HUNT CLUB.

This club will hold their usual steeplechases on the Hutt Park racecourse on 12th prox. Nominations close as under on Tuesday next, *vide* advertisement in in another column:—

- Maiden Steeplechase Handicap of 30 sovs, 2 miles, 10s
- Open Hurdle Handicap of 45 sovs, 1½ miles, 1 sovs
- United Hunt Club Steeplechase Handicap of 50 sovs, 3½ miles, 1 sovs
- Open Steeplechase Handicap of 75 sovs, 3 miles, 1 sovs
- Ladies' Bracelet Handicap, value 25 sovs first horse and 5 sovs for second horse, 2 miles, flat, 10s
- Open Welter Handicap of 30 sovs, 1½ miles, flat, 10s
- Farewell Hurdle Handicap of 40 sovs, 1½ miles, 1 sovs

WELLINGTON JOTTINGS.

[BY "PROTEUS."]

THINGS musical and theatrical at present are in a flourishing state. The Opera House is occupied by Mr Tom Pollard's Juveniles, who are playing 'The Gondoliers' to good business; whilst the minor places of entertainment are engaged for popular concerts, and brass-band promenade concerts, all of which are well patronised. The sixpenny 'pops' are held in the Skating Rink, and the promoters have secured the services of Mr Cadzow and Arthur Glynn. The former lately had the Exchange Hall, whilst the latter, it will be remembered, visited Auckland some time ago with M'Lean's Lilliputians.

Speaking about concerts a pleasing little ceremony took place last Friday evening in St. Paul's school room, it being the occasion of presenting medals to the successful competitors in the St. Paul's Club Sports, held in April last. Mrs Beetham presented the trophies to the winners, who were as follows:—St. Paul's Handicap—Samuels, 1; Dodwell, 2; Twiss, 3. The last named person received a gold medal for being placed in another event, whilst Dodwell received a watch for being successful in the Handicap Half-mile. Mile Walk—Nelson, 1; R. Ramsay, 2; D. C. Ingram, 3. Each received a medal. Mile Run—F. Anjell, 1; Dodwell, 2; Twiss, 3; a medal to first man. Hop, Step and Jump—A. Martin, 1; gold medal. Half-mile—F. Anjell, 1; Twiss, 2; Dodwell, 3. Consolation Race—J. Longton, 1; silver medal. Dodwell was loudly applauded upon coming up to receive his trophy, as was also Anjell. This pair give great promise of developing into excellent athletes, and great credit is due to Mr D. C. Ingram, their trainer, who although himself a competitor, brought them to the post in perfect trim.

After a long career on the turf the New South Wales mare Vespasia is to go into retirement at the stud. Her racing successes are summed up as follows:—22 wins, 38 seconds, and 18 thirds. The daughter of Vespasian and Persephone is nine years old, and has had a long and creditable turf career.

Mr Evett leaves for Napier on Monday to attend the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's Steeplechase Meeting.

All-round Sport

By "MILO."

Football.

FIXTURES.

SENIORS.	
JUNE 17.—Grafton v. Parnell	Newton v. City
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JUNE 17.—Grafton A v. Ponsonby	City v. Parnell
JUNE 24.—Grafton A v. Grafton B	Parnell v. Ponsonby
FOURTHS.	
JUNE 17.—Native Rose v. Oxford (Surrey Hills)	Clifton v. Hobson
Rosebery v. Surrey	" "
Hobson v. Oxford (Domain)	" "
JUNE 24.—Hobson v. Native Rose (Surrey Hills)	Rosebery v. Clifton
" "	" "

It was by no means a surprise when the Grafton boys succeeded in lowering Ponsonby's colours on Saturday by two points to nil. Anyone who witnessed the game Grafton played against City must have known that on a similar kind of day the former would take a power of beating, and also that the City team had 'lumps of luck' in averting defeat.

Saturday last was even a worse day than that on which the Grafton-City match took place, and as Ponsonby were compelled to play several juniors in their forward division, the result of the match was, as above stated, in no way a surprise. The slippery condition of the ball and ground caused, as was to be expected, any brilliant play to be almost impossible; but the even nature of the contest evoked the excitement and enthusiasm which invariably accompany a scientific exhibition of the game.

There can be little or no doubt that had it been a fine day the Ponsonby team would have scored on several occasions, but we must accept the day as it is and the game as it results.

Grafton's victory was in no way a decisive one, and taking into consideration the Ponsonby team were handicapped by their backs (on whom they rely) being unable to hold their feet or the ball, I look forward to the result of the Grafton-Ponsonby contest in the second round being reversed.

Mr Gardiner acted as referee.

The Grafton-Ponsonby match was played on No. 1 ground. This is the first time Grafton has played in front of the Stand.

Clayton at full was a great help to Grafton. He kicks with both judgment and effect, while his sure tackling robbed Ponsonby of several scores.

Of the Grafton forwards Binney and McMillan were about the most conspicuous. The former evidently believes there are times in the game when a rest is advisable.

Langsford again played a good sterling game. Keep on, Vic; your games will yet be fully appreciated.

Warnock showed that he knows what to do with the ball when he gets it. His run on Saturday was a brilliant one.

Hay had a lot of work to do on Saturday and acquitted himself well.

Whiteside's superior speed gained him his try. Apart from this he was not the Whiteside of old.

Scott keeps improving each Saturday. Who burst the ball in the Ponsonby-Grafton match?

Masefield in defence is stronger than any back we have in Auckland.

In the scrum Grafton were too strong for Ponsonby.

The City-Newton match will attract a deal of interest on Saturday next. If Newton's team is strengthened to the extent it is supposed to be they will just about win.

The Parnell v. Suburbs match was played on No. 2 ground, Mr O. Wells acting as referee. This game, as is evidently the rule at Epsom this season, was late in starting, and Parnell forced a few minutes after the kick off. Parnell then rushed the ball down the ground, but a long drop by Suburbs averted the danger. Parnell once more got a fast forward rush, and despite the efforts of McKenzie and Dacre got well into Suburbs 25. Jervis and Kissling now showed up well for Parnell, but Dacre responded and relieved Suburbs by a good dribble. Parnell got on another fine rush and compelled Suburbs to force. After the kick-out Parnell still kept up the attack, but Suburbs responded and kicked into touch. From the line out Parnell came along with a brilliant forward rush, and Elliott picked up and sent the ball on to Jervis, who passed to Kissling, who after a short run got through and scored first blood for the Maroons. Jervis missed the kick at goal. Parnell 2, Suburbs 0.

Suburbs now pulled themselves together, and Rhodes got on a useful dribble, but the Parnell forwards were not to be denied and responded with a fine rush, compelling Suburbs to force. Some fast play ensued, and Suburbs gained ground by a long kick and fast following up by the forwards. From a scrum Suburbs came through, and carrying the ball over the line compelled Parnell to force. Half time was then called.

Suburbs kicked off, and Jervis returned with a long punt and Suburbs were once more on the defensive. Good play on their part, however, brought the ball back to the centre. McKenzie and Rhodes gaining a lot of ground for their side. The same pair got on another rush, and Rhodes dribbled past all the Parnell men, but owing to the ball being so slippery he could not pick up, and the Parnell backs were on him before he could score. Parnell now got on another rush, from which Hodgson scored a try, but the kick at goal was a failure. Parnell 4, Suburbs 0. From the kick out Jervis got the ball and made a useful run, and Rhodes responded with a long punt. Another forward rush by Parnell brought the ball back to Suburbs 25, and a long kick by Jervis compelled Suburbs to force.

After the kick out Rhodes and McKenzie made a short run, but Parnell responded and swept the ball over the line and compelled Suburbs to force. After the kick-out some exciting play took place, Jervis eventually scoring Parnell's third try. He took the kick himself but failed—Parnell 6, Suburbs 0. The game now got very exciting, Suburbs making great efforts to score, but Parnell were too strong, and the game ended with no change in the score—Parnell 6, Suburbs 0.

In the Junior matches Parnell beat City by 5 points to nil.

"Proteus" writes me from Wellington as under:—"In the Championship matches played last Saturday the Ponokes had a hard struggle with Petone, the game ending in a draw, each side scoring 5 points. In the Athletic-Wellington match the former proved victorious by 6 points to love. The contests for the Junior Cup were played in terrible weather—cold and exceedingly stormy, which to the football enthusiasts was rather unpleasant. The Melrose II. defeated the Wellington II. by a large margin, the scores being Melrose 12, Wellington 5. The winners are a picked team for this contest. The Selwyns beat Petone II. by two points to nil after an uninteresting game. The Rugbys were defeated by St. Patrick's College by 11 to 6. The Rugbys played a splendid game throughout, although the College frequently obstructed the play with their wrangling about certain points of the game. The spectators concluded they were playing under rules peculiarly their own as on one occasion for the St. Patricks rushing the Rugbys were awarded a free kick. The "Pats" contested the point and the referee ordered a scrum. If this isn't a new departure in football, how long has such a law been in force? The Rugby's Second were beaten by 2 points in the match with the Wellington Third."

During the progress of a football match at West Maitland on May 27th, a young player named Cobb suddenly expired. The match was between the Centennial (of which deceased was a member) and another club, and was being stubbornly contested when the accident occurred.

My Napier correspondent writes:—"On Saturday last the Napier v. Caledonians match was played at Farndon Park. The weather during the past week having been so inclement the Recreation Ground was unfit to play on, and players had to journey out to Farndon. The Caledonians won the junior cup last season, and have started very well as seniors, having met and defeated the Pirates and Te Aute Clubs. Their success is due in a very great measure to their systematic training and combination. Last year's champions (Napier), however, proved too good for the erstwhile juniors, and defeated them by five points to nil. The score cannot be taken as a criterion of the game, as the Napier men had the best of it all through, and had hard luck in not scoring on several occasions, whilst the Caledonians were not dangerous at any time during the game. Napier was not playing its full strength, Barnett and Page being laid up with the measles, and Ryan was unable to get away. Their places were filled by E. Rudman, Dixon and Ludsbrook. The game was principally a forward one, and the Caledonians were not able to hold their own against their opponents. Wright made a neat dribble and scored between the posts, and Howard placed an unmistakable goal. For the

winners Wilson and Whyte (forward), and Howard, Donnelly and Bennett (back), were far and away the best. The play of Welsman and Bowes at three-quarters was decidedly weak and not up to senior form. Cattanach and Ludbrook showed signs of shirking the scrum. For the losers Laws at three-quarter played the best game on the field, and was well backed up by Macfarlane, while Simmonds and Lucas worked hard amongst the forwards.

Charlie Mitchell, the pugilist, was present at Mr. 'Abington' Baird's funeral, but his presence was evidently distasteful to the deceased's relatives, and he was not allowed to join the cortege. Mitchell's wife had a baby recently, and the fact was announced in the English sporting papers with as much importance as if it had been some infant of the blood-royal that had come into the world.

At last definite statements are made as to the losses sustained by the New Orleans Club during their unprofitable tournament in March. The net loss of the Crescent City Club on the Gibbons—Daly and Hall—Fitzsimmons fights amounted to 22,000 dols. (£4,400).

Mr Sam Allen, the well-known Melbourne metallician, has received a letter from his brother Barney, now on a business tour in the United States, informing him of the safe arrival of himself and companion voyageurs at San Francisco. The tourist is accompanied by Martin Denny, the Australian light-weight boxer, and also the bookmaker Joe Harris, who has in tow a pair of fighting kangaroos for exhibition purposes in the States. The party were met at the boat by Dan Creedon and Tom Tracey, the boxers, who have been in the land of the stars and stripes for a considerable time. Dan and Tom both had a dismal tale to tell about boxing in 'Frisco. The fatality which took place some time since had put the stopper on local boxing completely. D. and T. having failed to get on a match in the Western States were going East; with the object of challenging the fighters of that region in their respective classes. Martin Denny has challenged Stanton Abbott, the English light-weight champion, Barney Allen having posted 500 dols. as a deposit on his behalf. The party have gone on to Chicago, and expect to receive an answer there. Joe Harris has been very lucky in getting engagements for his pugilistic marsupials. The Yanks have so keen an eye for boxing that they look with favourable eyes—especially in these dull times of the art—upon anything that savours of boxing. The idea of exporting from Australia animals that can fight as well as men touches them immensely. The kangaroos have been engaged during the run of the Exhibition at 1000 dollars a week.

The June coursing meeting on the D.J.C.'s Plumpton, under the management of the Dunedin Jockey Club, was concluded on the 9th inst., when the finals resulted thus:—St. Leger, for 26 puppies, at £2 each; winner £26, runner up £12, two dogs at £4, three dogs at £2 each.—Mr M. Taylor's f w b Bird-on-the-wing, by Brewer—Deception, beat Mr A. Cursey's f d Philosopher, by Newton—Briar Root, and won. Forbury Cup for 16 all-aged dogs, at £3 10s each; winner £32, runner-up £14, two dogs at £5 each.—Mr M. Taylor's b d f b Bess Morley, by Brewer—Deception, won; Lizzie Woods being withdrawn, owing to the severe course she ran in the semi-final. Supplementary Stake, for 14 all-aged dogs, at £1 10s each; winner £12, runner up £6, two dogs at £1 10s each.—Mr Scanlon's br w d Marine, by Mariner—Miss Theresa, beat Mr Davis' r w d Red Jack, by Red Pine—Misfortune, and won.

In the deciding course of the Victoria Derby Mr F. D. McGillicuddy's blk w d Goldsmith, by Hedley—Sonnet, beat Mr S. Bladen's blk w d Bentley, by Livingstone—Bliss, and won the stake. The betting was 10 to 1 on the winner. In the Oaks Mr S. Bladen's blk w b Bloomer, by Livingstone—Bliss, beat Mr J. Manning's blk w b Myrtle Exeter, by Rufford—Lady Bowenvale, and won the stake. Betting 4 to 1 on the winner.

The *Boston Police News* says of the Australian Joe Goddard:—"Goddard was seen at the Hot Springs, Arkansas, the other day, and said:—"I think I'll go back to Australia right away. I can get a fight there sure. Steve O'Donnell wants to meet me, and I am sure of a match with the winner of his fight with Ned Ryan. Jackson don't want my game. Corbett and that fellow Mitchell have frozen me out. Smith won't fight again, because he knows he'd lose; and big

Paddy Slavin is out of reach. There is no money in any of the others, except Choyanski, but he's shy, and thinks a deal do—that the American game is gone for awhile. I am a good man, yet the malaria—or 'grip' as you call it, did me sure. I'm 33; that's not old, and I've got £16,000 or so laid up. I don't have to fight, but I like it and don't mind being hit, and money comes easy that way. I admit that my legs are none too good, but I wasn't right that night. The fighters who lick me must be better than Smith. From what I've done and what I know it's certain that Smith's victory was a scratch."

It was rumoured in New Orleans the other day that John L. Sullivan was attacked with heart disease while taking part in a boxing scene in 'The Man from Boston.' The facts which gave rise to the rumour are these: Sullivan and Dwyer were sparring. At the close of the round it was noticed by those in a position to see behind the wings that Sullivan was bending over and rubbing his side and ribs over his heart. The second round was a repetition of the first, but at its close Sullivan removed the gloves and rubbed himself again over the heart. It was remarked that the last round was very light. Sullivan admitted after the play that he had had 'a bad spell.' He denied that he has heart disease and says his ailment is pleurisy.

The big fistic event of Derby week, the fight between Frank P. Slavin and Jim Hall, took place on May 29 at the National Sporting Club rooms, London, and resulted in the defeat of Slavin at the hands of his fellow countryman, Jim Hall, who created a great impression by his marvellous display of science. Slavin, according to the special correspondent of the *Sydney Referee*, was in a miserable condition and totally unfit to fight. Hall, however, was in magnificent form, and looked fit to fight all night. Slavin did not seem to have the slightest chance against his younger and more active opponent, who showed superiority throughout the contest. The entire exhibition of Slavin was miserable in the extreme, and he was loudly hooted by the large audience gathered together in the spacious club-room. From appearances Slavin looked ill and not fit to fight. He floundered about hopelessly, and his blows were weakly delivered without the smallest regard for judgment. Slavin missed several opportunities of getting home on his man. Hall, on the other hand, was very active in the ring. In the early part of the fight he delivered a smashing blow on the jaw which completely dazed Slavin. So exhausted did Slavin appear to be that Hall did not take full advantage of several opportunities he had for dealing out punishment. As this became more evident there was increased grumbling amongst the spectators. At last the referee deemed it necessary to interfere owing to the 'poorness of the exchanges, and cautioned both men that they would have to fight on their merits, otherwise they would receive no portion of the purse money. This intimation had the desired effect, and Hall resumed the attack with great vigor. In the seventh round Slavin was floored three times with terrific right-hand blows, and on the last occasion that he went to the boards he failed to come up to time within the stipulated 10sec, and Hall was accordingly declared the winner.

For this match Mr Fleming, the manager of the National Sporting Club, London, offered £1000 for the contest. This offer was finally accepted by both Slavin and Hall, who proceeded to sign an agreement straight away. In addition to the purse a wager of £500 aside was put up by the respective backers of the principals, thus bringing the amount at stake up to £2000. The articles stipulated that the contestants should box the best of 20 rounds at catch weights, with 4oz gloves, and the purse was to be divided in the following proportions:—Winner, £700; loser, £100; with £100 each for training expenses. Both men deposited £100 each with the club, on the understanding that either of the two failing to take the ring on the night specified would forfeit the sum deposited to his opponent.

After being in progress since April 1st, the match between Roberts and Dawson terminated on April 18, at the Egyptian Hall, Piccadilly. The result furnished another proof (says the *London Sportsman*) of the old adage that the pitcher can go too often to the well, as Roberts, who allowed a start of 9,000 points in 24,000, had to acknowledge defeat by 1993 points. It would be folly to assert that the loser played up to his great reputation in the encounter just terminated, and for this a variety of reasons might be adduced, the

principal one being the fact that for some days Roberts suffered severely from pleurisy. Still, sight must not be lost of the circumstances that all through the piece Dawson exhibited the greatest pluck, and rarely allowed a good break from the Champion to pass without a creditable reply. Dawson has succeeded where McNeill, North, Diggle, Mitchell and Peall failed. Only on one occasion did he finish up an afternoon or an evening without being able to boast of a considerable handicap advantage, and it is undoubted that such a long string of big breaks as he compiled were never before made in a game against Roberts.

The following records, made by amateurs affiliated to the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association, were passed as the records of the colony at a meeting held by the Association on May 25th:—100 yards, 10 seconds; 120 yards, 12-3-10 second; 200 yards, 20 4-5 seconds; 220 yards, 22 3-5 seconds; 300 yards, 32 2-5 seconds; 440 yards, 50 2-5 seconds; 880 yards, 1 minute 59 1-5 seconds; 1000 yards, 2 minutes 21 2-5 seconds; 1 mile, 4 minutes 25 seconds; 3 miles, 15 minutes 54 1-5 seconds; 1 mile walk, 6 minutes 59 seconds; 2 mile walk, 15 minutes 15 seconds; 3 mile walk, 24 minutes 18 4-5 seconds; high jump, 5ft 6in; long jump, 19ft; hop-step-and-jump, 44ft; 120 yards hurdles, 17 seconds.

Random Remarks.

[BY PEGASUS.]



THE Conference of country and suburban racing delegates have met and passed a series of resolutions. They also appointed a provisional committee to meet the Auckland Metropolitan Club and lay the matters discussed before that body.

I can quite concur with the majority of their deliberations, but at the same time I confess to being somewhat disappointed over the result of the meeting. I do not wish to throw cold water on what has been done, but I certainly fail to see what reforms they have suggested in the whole course of the resolutions agreed to amongst them. Let us read them carefully down and try and find one original suggestion in the lot. They are most conspicuous by their absence. The meeting would seem to have resolved itself into a sort of criticising society, and instead of coming there prepared with suggestions to be made to the Metropolitan Clubs, they only sat and discussed various items which have been given notice of by the Hawke's Bay and Auckland Metropolitan Clubs.

I shall now take passing note of each resolution, and thereafter drop a few 'randoms' anent the whole matters under discussion.

Resolution 1.—'That all subordinate clubs should have representation at the annual Conferences.' This is only as it should be, and I presume such resolution is the genuine outcome of the recent action of the Colonial Secretary in granting totalisator rights to the North Auckland Racing Association, as also the subsequent action of the Ashburton Club in taking steps in a similar direction. Rather strange that the Metropolitan Conferences have been so long finding out the necessity for subordinate clubs being represented. Self-interest, I suppose.

Resolution 2.—'Re voting power of the various clubs. Now, as these Conferences are held for the avowed purpose of framing and amending racing laws, why is it necessary to 'draw the line' and say one Metropolitan Club shall have 6 votes, whilst another shall have only 2 votes? I assume again that the Metropolitan Conference is a body of men who have given a great amount of thought to the various questions concerning racing, and their mission is presumably the rectification of existing errors in racing laws. That being so, why cannot the Taranaki Jockey Club send as many delegates as the Auckland Racing Club? Their work and functions are the same. Why a preponderance of voting power to any one or a few individual clubs?

Resolution 4.—'Re expenses of delegates as passed.' This would appear to work harmoniously with the voting power, and as each club could afford one, two or

three meetings, so they will be taxed accordingly. I would suggest each Metropolitan Club a fixed sum, and the combined country or suburban clubs also a fixed sum. Suppose expenses of delegates were fixed as follows:—each Metropolitan Club in the colony £2, each suburban club 10s, and each country club 5s. If the Metrop. Clubs sent 1 delegate, the suburbans 1, and the country 1, then the amounts would be about evenly distributed.

Resolution 5.—Concerning proprietary clubs not being represented. I am of opinion that self-interest was again on top in this matter. The fact seems to have been overlooked that these Conferences are not for the furtherance of individual or private ends, but for the promotion and maintenance of genuine sport. Then no financially interested parties or clubs should have any say in any such conference. I feel strongly that much evil will eventually result if the A.R.C.'s resolution anent this matter be rejected at the forthcoming Conference.

Resolution 6.—'That country and suburban clubs should have at least two representatives on the Metropolitan Club.' I drew attention to this fact before, and will have something further to say later on.

Resolution 7.—'That Rule 22 of Racing Rules be revised,' &c. I am about tired of referring to this question, and so long ago as May 5th, 1892, I drew attention in the columns of the SPORTING REVIEW to the necessity for this very revision. I shall, however, later on have more to say about it.

Resolution 8.—'That there be four meetings exclusively for ponies,' &c., &c. We have already enough pony meetings and trotting clubs in the district, but there would seem to me to be no harm in allowing each club to have one pony race and one trotting race on their programmes for each day's racing. Don't let the Metropolitan Clubs allow distinct pony and trotting meetings to come under their special jurisdiction. Let the present clubs instituted for that purpose 'gang their ain gait,' and let the Metrops. quietly await developments.

The rest of the resolutions adopted at the Conference related to meetings, secretary, treasurer, &c., &c., and call for no comment just now.

Having briefly touched upon the various resolutions adopted it will be seen that my contention re the spirit of self-interest is very evident. First, the country and suburban clubs agitate to be represented at Conferences which are ostensibly called together for the revision of racing rules. How many of those rules have they suggested should be altered in order to show that they are worthy of representation? One! And that one was more than likely to be amended without their asking. Now as this said Rule 22 touches the pockets of the clubs it will be quite apparent that my 'self-interest' argument is fully borne out. What about restricting the various clubs to a limited number of days' racing per annum? Nothing at all!

What about a limited number of meetings per annum for each kind of club? I drew attention to this on May 25th last, before the Conference met, but these matters seem to have been lost sight of in the all-absorbing ideas of representation on Metropolitan Clubs and the reduction of the amount necessary to grant the use of the totalisator.

Why does such a Rule as No. 22 exist at all if it were not for the purpose of keeping racing and racing clubs within reasonable bounds and subject to some set code of laws and under some recognised jurisdiction? Then if these meetings are not to be curtailed at all, why not sweep away Rule 22 altogether, and grant the use of the totalisator to all and sundry without any restrictions whatever? No! no! These matters will require to be met face to face and dealt with in a far more decided and disinterested manner than hitherto.

In fact the sum total of the Suburban and Country Conference is summed up as follows: 'We want to have representation on your Metropolitan Club and we want you to alter Rule 22 to what it was before, and we shall be quite satisfied.'

If the Metropolitan Clubs only made the one mistake of increasing the required amounts of added money, as per Rule 22, they did so to curtail the too free use of the 'tote,' and in that case it would seem they are quite a good enough body to go on as before without any further representation of other clubs.

It would appear certain that the main object to be kept in view when considering Rule 22 is to so frame it that the totalisator may be legitimately and sparingly used, but not abused.

Then if the present state of affairs be not satisfactory, how will it be any more so by a return to what previous Metropolitan Conferences deemed to be detrimental to the true interests and perpetuation of the sport? I confess I fail to see it.

Since the above was written I have obtained a copy of the resolutions which are proposed to be brought forward by the A.R.C. at the forthcoming Conference. As some of them have been repeatedly 'remarked' upon by me during the last two years, my original plan of dealing with Conference matters must be somewhat altered.

The first part of this article was written for last issue, but somehow got 'crowded out,' and I purposed following with something more this time. Now, however, they will have to appear all together. I shall now deal with the A.R.C.'s budget of motions.

No. 1 is necessary in order to proceed with No. 2, which, if passed, will read:—'No club shall be allowed to hold more than 5 meetings a year. Any club holding 1 meeting a year must give £100 per diem; 2 meetings £200 per diem; 3 meetings, £400 per diem; and over 3 meetings, £500 per diem, in order to secure the right to use the totalisator at such meetings.' Now this is exactly the same state of affairs as previously existed, and if it did not meet the necessities of that time it is hardly likely to do so now. I beg to humbly suggest going a little farther and specifying exactly how many meetings each class of club may be entitled to hold during any racing season. I have already hinted at this matter. I shall now go further still, and throw out a few suggestions in the hope that someone may think fit to formulate some plan or other therefrom. For instance, let us say Metropolitan Clubs shall not exceed 5 meetings per annum, suburban 4 meetings per annum, and country clubs 3 meetings per annum. Next, Metropolitan meetings shall not exceed 4 days duration, suburban 3 days duration, and country 2 days duration. Note here, that Metropolitan Clubs could extend each of their meetings throughout 4 weeks, suburban 3 weeks, and country 2 weeks or more, but the proviso could be inserted that each day of every meeting so held shall be within so many days of the others of such meeting. I go further again, and suggest that the minimum for country meetings should be £80 instead of £100.

Let us then say 'every day's racing of each meeting of a Metropolitan Club shall be within 5 days of each other; of a suburban club within 3 days of each other; of a country club within 2 days of each other.' To illustrate my argument what is there at present to prevent the Avondale (or any other) suburban club from holding a spring meeting which shall be (say) a 4 days' meeting, beginning (say) on 10th September, and the 2nd day of the meeting taking place on October 10th, 3rd day November 10th, and so on *ad lib*? Nothing whatever!

I see no reason (as this rule is intended to curtail the abuse of the totalisator and of racing privileges) why Rule 22 should not go even further than has yet been suggested. Supposing we should say as follows: 'Any club holding one meeting per annum shall give in added money for one day's racing, £80 per diem; 2 days' racing, £100 per diem; two meetings per annum, one day's racing, £200 per diem; two days' racing £250 per diem; and so on in proportion throughout the whole of the clauses of this same rule. I might go on exemplifying my ideas on this score, but I fancy the above suffice to make my meaning plain.

The third motion I have already alluded to, and can quite endorse the A.R.C. in their action in prohibiting parties having a monetary gain in view from taking part in the framing of rules which are most certainly only deemed to be in the interests of true sport.

The fourth and fifth motions have to do with minimum weights which are to be carried. Regarding the reduction from 10 stone to 9 stone during certain months of the year, I am of opinion that this is a step in the right direction, but by raising the 6.7 minimum to 7.0 I fail to see what is to be gained by it. As a general rule those who require to be weighted below 7.0 are of a class which could not win even with the proverbial 'postage stamp.'

But I think perhaps I have exceeded my limit of time and space in discussing these matters. I have still some more to say, but will reserve it for some future time. Meanwhile, gentle readers, digest all these 'randoms,' and be prepared for a few more to follow.

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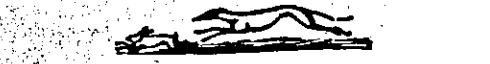
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Table listing race results for the Selling Steeplechase, including names like Mr R. Burke's b m Kate, Mr T. D. Halstead's br g Hurricane, etc.

256 165 Won easily. Time, 9min 21sec. Dividends—Inside, £2 11s; outside, £2 16s. Winner sold to Mr J. R. Martin for £27.

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Table listing race results for the Maiden Hurdle Race, including names like Mr W. Douglas' br g Kapua, Mr L. D. Nathan's b g Fright, etc.

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Table listing race results for the Ladies' Bracelet, including names like Miss Lennard's br m Ida, Miss Florrie Kean's b f Lottie, etc.

337 211 Won in a canter. Time, 2min 19sec. Dividends—Inside, £2 3s; outside, £2 7s.

SECOND DAY.—SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH.

HUNTERS' WELTER HANDICAP of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. Gentlemen riders allowed 7lbs. One mile.

Table listing race results for the Hunters' Welter Handicap, including names like Mrs Lennard's br m Ida, Mr A. E. Byers' b h Ingorina, etc.

150 66 Won by half a length. Time, 2min 4sec. Dividends—Inside, £1 12s; outside, £1 11s.

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Table listing race results for the Great Northern Steeplechase Handicap, including names like Mr T. Wyley's br g Despised, Mr J. Clements' br g Scaltheen, etc.

679 526 Won by three lengths. Time, 9min. 58 1/2 sec. Dividends—Inside £37 12s.; outside £93 5s.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. One mile and three-quarters. Over 7 flights of hurdles.

Table listing race results for the Handicap Hurdle Race, including names like Mr D. Hepburn's ch g Criminal, Mr F. Macmanemin's b g Belmont, etc.

244 288 Won easily. Dividends—Inside, £5 10s; outside, £4 9s.

SECOND WINTER WELTER HANDICAP of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Seven furlongs.

Table listing race results for the Second Winter Welter Handicap, including names like Mrs Lennard's br m Ida, Mrs Godfrey H. Massey Baker's br c His Worship, etc.

427 352 Won by a head. Time, 1min 43sec. Dividends—Inside, £7 2s; outside, £10 15s.

TALLY-HO HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs., second horse to receive 15 sovs. out of the stakes. About 3 miles.

Table listing race results for the Tally-Ho Handicap Steeplechase, including names like Mr C. Weal's b g Nero, Mr C. Sexton's br g Long Roper, etc.

NOVEL RACE of 30 sovs. Winner to be sold by auction immediately after the race and the whole of the proceeds to go to the funds. Weight rost. One mile.

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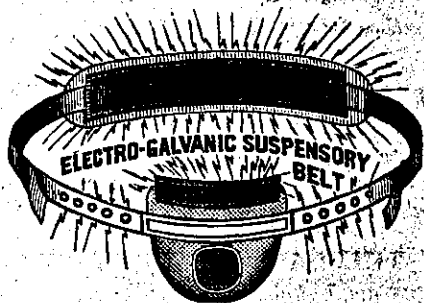
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