

THE OFFICIAL CALENDAR

OF THE

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

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

Rule 17 reads:—The programme of each meeting in which the added money is £100 or upwards must be advertised in full once at least in the Official Calendar. The advertisement shall show that the programme has been approved by the Jockey Club, shall state the days on which the meeting is to begin and end, and the names of the stewards, judge, starter, clerk of the scales, and handicapper.

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

COLOURS.

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

DISQUALIFICATIONS.

The following disqualifications by the Te Aroha Jockey Club have been endorsed by the A.R.C.—That the horse Arawa, or Emmett, be disqualified for life. The disqualification of the horse Bookas or Bacchus, inflicted by the Gisborne Racing Club, has been removed by the Auckland Racing Club.

JOCKEYS' LICENSES.

Licenses have been granted by the A.R.C. to the following jockeys:—W. McLean, Gisborne; T. Hodson, Ellerslie; E. Munro, Papakura; Dennis Morrigan, Ellerslie; A. Williams, Ellerslie; F. Burns, A. E. Byers, W. Bird, W. Powell, D. Creamer, R. Collins, J. Coney, J. Dawson, C. Coleman, S. Ferguson, Martin Grace, Alfred Say, W. Gallie, J. Golding, Augustus Manning, T. Stewart, R. Hall, W. Hammond, K. Heaton, C. Tutt, J. Katters, W. McMinamin, H. Priest, W. Quartermain, W. Smith, F. Dodd, J. Pennel, J. Pyne, Alf. Patterson, F. Reid, Ambrose C. Dixon, W. Rayner, W. Gillie, J. Rae, G. Donovan, W. Shaw, T. Taylor, C. Weal, H. Weal, W. Beaumont, D. Wright, E. Williams, W. Wilmot, G. Hammond, James Robert Whitelaw, W. Hatfield.

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

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

Table with 2 columns: Club and Secretary. Includes Alexandra Racing Club, Awitu Racing Club, Avondale Jockey Club, Bay of Plenty Jockey Club, Babylon Racing Club, Drury Racing Club, Franklin Racing Club, Gisborne Racing Club, Gisborne Park Steeplechase Club, Henderson's Mill Turf Club, Helensville Racing Club, Katikati Jockey Club, Lake Racing Club, Matakohe Racing Club, Mangatangi Racing Club, Matamata Racing Club, Ngaurawahia Racing Club, Opoitiki Racing Club, Onehunga Racing Club, Otomohangi Racing Club, Ohinemuri Jockey Club, Oxford Racing Club, Opanaki Jockey Club, Ormond Racing Club, Papakura Racing Club, Poverty Bay Turf Club, Pakuranga Hunt Club, Poroti Racing Club, Richmond Racing Club, Rangiriri Jockey Club, Rotorus Jockey Club, South Auckland R. Club, Takapuna Jockey Club, Tattersall's Club, Thames Jockey Club, Te Aroha Jockey Club, Tawhau Racing Club, Turanganui Racing Club, Tologa Bay Jockey Club, Te Kuiti Racing Club, Te Puke Racing Club, Waikato Hunt Club, Whangamata Racing Club, Waipi Jockey Club, Waipapa Jockey Club, Waipapa-a-Hika J. Club, Waipua Jockey Club, Whatawhata Racing Club.

ASSUMED NAMES.

The following assumed names are registered with the Auckland Racing Club:—Mr. L. Ward, Mr. J. Hawatson, Mr. J. Malcolm, Mr. Marangai, Mr. J. Forth, Mr. W. Turner, Mr. B. Thompson, Mr. J. Dennis, Mr. J. R. Lowther, Mr. J. Sutton, Mr. C. Archibald, Mr. Arthur Morgan, Mr. J. Bland, Mr. Walter Harold Windsor.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

Table with 2 columns: Duration and Rate. 3 Months 8/-, 6 Months 6/-, 12 Months 10/-.

SPORTING FIXTURES, ETC.

COMING EVENTS.

- Aug. 10, 12.....C.J.C. Grand National Steeplechases Aug. 9.....Otago Hunt Club Aug. 14, 15.....South Canterbury Jockey Club Nov. 7, 9, 11.....Canterbury Jockey Club's Spring Jan. 2.....Canterbury Jockey Club's Summer March 26, 27.....Canterbury Jockey Club's Autumn

AUSTRALIAN RACES.

- Aug. 12.....Victoria Amateur Turf Club Grand National Meeting Oct. 14, 21.....Victoria Amateur Turf Club Spring Meeting Nov. 4, 7, 9, 11.....Victoria Racing Club's Spring Meeting

ENGLISH RACES.

- July 27.....Goodwood Cup Sept. 6.....Doncaster Leger Oct. 11.....Cesarewitch Stakes Oct. 25.....Cambridgeshire Stakes

PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB.

- July 29.....Mount Albert

RANGITIKEI HUNT CLUB FIXTURES, 1893.

Saturday, July 29—Clydesdale, Carmarvon Wednesday, Aug. 2—Bellview Saturday, Aug. 5—Overton Bye Days will be notified in the Advocate and Mercury. Hounds meet at 12 noon.—J. M. Johnston, Hon. Sec. D. G. Riddiford, Master.

COURSING.

Aug. 23 and 26—Auckland Coursing Club's Champion Meeting. (Nomination, Aug. 14; draw, Aug. 21.)

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TO OWNERS OF STALLIONS.

The breeding season being now close at hand, we beg to bring under the notice of owners of stallions the many advantages which the Sporting Review possesses of making the merits of their horses known to the owners of brood mares. The Sporting Review, owing to its being the only newspaper published in New Zealand exclusively given over to sporting subjects, is the best medium for advertising the pedigrees of thoroughbred stallions. All such horses advertised in the Sporting Review will be specially commented on by "Sir Launcelet" in a separate article. Terms of advertising charges may be ascertained from the Manager of the Sporting Review, Vulcan Lane, Auckland.

Sporting Review.

THURSDAY, JULY 27, 1893.

WHEN reviewing two or three weeks back the doings of the leading flat-racers of the season that closes on Monday next, we stated that we would take a future opportunity to deal with the jumping brigade of the season. A review of these we have purposely deferred till the present, so as to allow for the conclusion of the various chasing programmes. These having now been decided, we will take a brief survey of the hurdle racing and steeplechasing throughout New Zealand during the season of 1892-93. And right here let us say that the 'class' of the season in both departments of the 'illegitimate' game has been anything but good, with exceptions that can be counted on the fingers of one hand, and we long for a return of the old days when Clarence, The Agent, Canard and such like were giants in the land. We have often had occasion during the season to lament this falling off in quality, and so have some of our contemporaries, who agreed with us that it is mainly due to the fact of there being hurdle-racing and steeplechasing all the year round. Perhaps there is not so much objection to this as regards hurdle-racing, but we are certainly sticklers for a close season for chasing.

THE season opened as usual with the New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase Meeting, at which H. Lunn's stable gave an exhibition of the form that was to receive further exemplification during the season. Cajolery was equal to the task of winning the Maiden Hurdle Handicap of 100 sovs, 1 1/2 miles, and another of Lunn's charges, Ahua, ran what promises to be his last race in the Grand National Steeplechase. His stable companion Norton, who was re-

ceiving 5lb from him, was second, and from all accounts could have won easily with the son of The Painter out of the way. That such a thing would have eventuated, Norton showed by his form later in the season. Norton had only an easy task to accomplish in winning the Maiden Steeplechase at the same meeting from two such moderates like Regalia and Iroquois. The Grand National Hurdle Race at this meeting went to Ahua's stable-mate Kulnine, who was a red-hot favourite, and with Ahua somewhat injudiciously pulled out for the Beaufort Steeplechase Handicap, over a two-mile-and-a-half course, with the 'thumper' of 12.11, Whalebone, receiving 6lb from him, easily beat him. This performance, we fancy, led to Whalebone being handicapped a bit more hardly than might have been the case otherwise later on in the season, and he was not seen out very often. Clarence, who subsequently developed into a real good hurdler, putting up some wins in company of a decent class, and who is regarded in many quarters as one of the best-treated horses in this year's Grand National, made his debut in the Tally-ho Steeplechase, but did not get a 'shop,' but he scored a win a fortnight later at that pleasant little fixture the North Canterbury Steeplechases, held over a natural course on Mr F. Courage's Seadown estate, when he annexed the Seadown Steeplechase, 2 miles, and he also ran third to Glen and Post Boy in the Farmers' Steeplechase Handicap, 2 miles.

THE month of September opened with the Rangitikei Hunt Steeplechases, at which we saw that good horse Empire come out for the Hurdle Handicap. He and Glenelg were top weights at 11.2, and Empire acted as runner-up to Raven, to whom he was conceding 11lb. Haramai, a Napier horse of whom we heard little later on in the season, started favourite and got third. Raven and Empire occupied similar positions in the Handicap Steeplechase to those they had figured in in the Hurdles, the pair meeting this time on level terms. There was nothing particularly worthy of note to record at the Feilding Hunt Club's Meeting on September 7, at which only a quartette mustered for the Open Steeplechase, which was won by Matchless, though had Sir Garnet stood up he would have, without a doubt, been returned the winner. Two days afterwards the annual Otago Hunt Club Steeplechases were brought off under, as usual, the auspices of the Dunedin Jockey Club. Here Trimolite won the Tally-ho Steeplechase, with Iroquois second and Smuggler third, and the latter, who subsequently showed decent form over the little sticks, annexed the Hurdle Race on the second day, on which day Rebel, another horse that showed improved form later in the season, won the Hunt Club Cup Steeplechase from Kangaroo, Trimolite and two others. Iroquois, who was destined afterwards to come up to Auckland, where he has been little else but a disappointment to his owner, won the Consolation Steeplechase. The Auckland Racing Club's First Spring Meeting a week later exhibited the Marquis of Tewkesbury in the new rôle of a hurdler, for with 9.4 up he won the Hurdles, one mile and three quarters, from Ika Vuka, 9.4, Stepper, 10.0, and a field of half a dozen. Of these Stepper and Ika Vuka figured as winners later on, and so did the Marquis, who improved rapidly under Rae's tuition, and it is to be regretted that an accident led to his retirement from the campaign before Autumn came round. Stepper rewarded his party with a dividend at the rate of 10 to 1 when he annexed the Handicap Steeplechase under 10.8 an hour or two after the Marquis had won the Hurdles, and the latter was one of his seven opponents but ran off. Ingarangi, who during the season made a fruitless trip to Sydney and back, was second best on this occasion.

THE next big meeting was that of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club at the beginning of October, when Tiritea carried 9.7 to the front in the Hurdles, Aorere being second, running him at level weights, and Viola II. third, while the other runners were Gondolier, Kaimanawa and Worth. Three at least of these showed very much improved form before the season had winged its flight. In the Second Hurdles Tiritea couldn't get a 'shop,' victory resting with Aorere. At Napier Park Worth won the Trial Handicap Hurdles, and Chester, who was destined for better things later, was runner-up to him. Aorere and Tiritea again fought out the finish in the First Hurdles, Gondolier being among the unplaced trio.

Gondolier figured among the five runners for the Second Trial Hurdles, in which Worth was again victorious, and this horse and Aorere were second and third respectively to Kaimanawa in the Second Hurdle Handicap. At Wanganui a few days later Flukem (who was then in 'Jay' Russell's hands) and Kaimanawa divided favouritism for the First Hurdles, but Paradox won somewhat unexpectedly from Aorere and Kaimanawa. Paradox was a mare of whom great deeds were predicted after this victory, but she went all to pieces later in the season. The two favourites for the Second Hurdles, Kaimanawa and Aorere, fought it out in that race, Kaimanawa gaining the verdict.

As one of the few legitimate hunt clubs in the colony that provide race meetings for their patrons and give good stakes, the Pakuranga Hunt Club deserve a word of notice ament their Spring Meeting in October, more especially as their Open Hurdle Handicap was another win-for Marquis of Tewkesbury, whose backers were only able to get a little more than level money. Hopeful Kate and Fishmonger—both winners later on—were second and third. Nero, a steady plodder later in the season, won the Members' Hurdles and Tally-ho Steeplechase, and Carronade, after being second to Nero in the first-named event, won the Hunt Club Cup Steeplechase.

THIS brings us to two most important meetings of Metropolitan Clubs—the Canterbury Jockey Club's Spring and Auckland Racing Club's Spring. At the former hurdle racing commenced with Norton showing what a great horse he is by winning the Hurdles under 12.9 from Magpie, Marquis of Tewkesbury, Eringo-Bragh, Gillie and Justice, conceding weight ranging from 25lb to 44lb. The Marquis of Tewkesbury, specially sent down from Auckland, was a very strong order, but he could only get third, though he paid a portion of his 'exes' next day when he took the Middleton Hurdles. For the first time the C.J.C. introduced steeplechasing into their programme, but the innovation was not a success, only a trio contesting the Curragh Steeplechase, and Norton made a very easy win of it. The Auckland Second Spring Meeting saw the useful little Fishmonger score his first win of the season in the Hurdles on the opening day of the gathering, Belmont running second to him; Hurricane who is, we should say the oldest chaser now running in New Zealand, took the Selling Steeplechase, and found a new owner in Mr T. D. Halstead; and Mangere gave us a taste of far better quality to be shown hereafter, when he won the Second Hurdles under 10.3, beating Megoulet, Tupara, Fishmonger, Hopeful Kate, and Ika Vuka. But we have exceeded our limits of space, and must defer consideration of the later form of the season till our next issue.

THE bookmakers registered by the Victoria Racing Club made a strange application the other day to the members of the committee of that body. A deputation from their ranks waited on the committee and asked that the annual fee paid by them should cover free admission to the course. As a new committee will be elected in the course of a few days when the annual meeting of the V.R.C. comes on, the present committee decided to leave the question to the judgment of the new committee. Considering the stiffness of the license fee that the registered bookmakers have to pay to the V.R.C., we do not think the request so very unreasonable as at the first blush it might appear to be. Considering this and the present bad times resulting in Melbourne, of which bad times the bookmakers have had to take their share, we should like to see the new committee of the V.R.C. accede to the request made them. But we are by no means sanguine of their doing so.

WHEN the deputation went before the V.R.C. committee, Mr W. H. McMillan and Mr S. Grimwood, who were the principal speakers, represented that the Australian Jockey Club charged a similar fee to that demanded by the V.R.C.—£25—but gave holders of licenses free admission to the paddock. They also pointed out the very large extent to which the licensing system had increased the number of bookmakers. When registration was first introduced there were only some 80 on the list, but now there were fully double that number, so that were the concession granted and free admission given metallicians to the paddock it would not cause any depreciation in the receipts of the V.R.C. as compared with