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RACING PROGRAMMES

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SECOND SPRING MEETING.

FIRST DAY: THURSDAY NOV. 9, 1893.

First race to start at 12 o'clock. President's Handicap of 50 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sovs., and acceptance 1 sovs. each to go to the funds. One mile and a distance.

Welcome Stakes of 150 sovs.; second horse to receive 20 sovs., and third horse 10 sovs. out of the stakes. For two-year-olds. Colts 8.5, fillies and geldings 8.0 each. Entrance 2 sovs., and 3 sovs. each at the post, to go to the funds. Five furlongs.

Auckland Guineas of 150 sovs.; added to a sweepstake of 10 sovs. each, 5 sovs. ft. or no liability if declared by 8 p.m. on the night of general entry. The second horse to receive 30 sovs., and the third horse 20 sovs. from the stakes. Colts 8.10, fillies and geldings 8.5. The 5 sovs. forfeit to be declared and paid to the A.R.C. secretary on the day before the race, or the nominator will be liable for the whole stake. Closed. One mile.

Handicap Hurdle Race of 80 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Over 8 flights of hurdles. Entrance 1 sovs. and acceptance 1 sovs. each, to go to the funds. Two miles.

Shorts Handicap of 50 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. Entrance 1 sovs., and acceptance 1 sovs. each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Five furlongs.

Prince of Wales' Handicap of 175 sovs.; second horse to receive 20 sovs. out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sovs., and acceptance 2 sovs., and 2 sovs. for starters, each to go to the funds. One mile and a half.

Pony Handicap of 80 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. For horses 14 hands 2 inches and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sovs., and acceptance 2 sovs. each, to go to the funds. Seven furlongs.

Flying Handicap of 50 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sovs., and acceptance 1 sovs. each, to go to the funds. Winner of any handicap after the publication of the weights to carry 6lb. penalty. Six furlongs.

SECOND DAY: SATURDAY, NOV. 11, 1893.

First race to start at 1 o'clock. Spring Handicap of 60 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sovs., and acceptance 1 sovs. each, to go to the funds. Seven furlongs. Second Handicap Hurdle Race of 80 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Over 7 flights of hurdles. Entrance 1 sovs., and acceptance 1 sovs. each, to go to the funds. One mile and three-quarters.

Nursery Handicap of 80 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. For two-year-olds. Entrance 1 sovs., and acceptance 1 sovs. each to go to the funds. Four furlongs.

City Handicap of 100 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sovs., and acceptance 2 sovs. each, to go to the funds. One mile and a quarter.

Handicap Steeplechase of 100 sovs.; second horse to receive 15 sovs. out of the stakes. Entrance 1 sovs., and acceptance 2 sovs. each, to go to the funds. About three miles.

Maiden Plate Handicap of 50 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. For all horses that have never won 30 sovs. at the time of starting. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sovs. and acceptance 1 sovs. each, to go to the funds. One mile and a distance.

Pony Handicap of 60 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. For horses 14 hands 2 inches and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sovs., and acceptance 1 sovs. each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

Ellerslie Handicap of 50 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sovs., and acceptance 1 sovs. each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC., SECOND SPRING MEETING.

With amounts to be transmitted to Secretary A.R.C. FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1893, by 9 p.m. NOMINATIONS—Prince of Wales' Handicap 1 sovs. Handicap Hurdles 1 sovs. City Handicap 1 sovs. FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1893 (General Entry), by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—Prince of Wales' Handicap 2 sovs. Handicap Hurdles 1 sovs. NOMINATIONS for all races not closed. Auckland Guineas—The first forfeit to be declared, or the nominator will be liable to forfeit 5 sovs. FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1893, by 9 p.m. ACCEPTANCES—President's Handicap 1 sovs. Flying Handicap 1 sovs. Shorts Handicap 1 sovs. Pony Handicap 2 sovs.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1893, by 12 noon. Auckland Guineas—The forfeit, 5 sovs., to be declared and paid, or the nominator will be liable for the whole sweepstake, 10 sovs.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1893, by 12 noon. ACCEPTANCES for Second Day's races.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1893, by 9 p.m. NOMINATIONS—Auckland Guineas, 1895 1 sovs.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR. SECOND SPRING MEETING, 1893.

On or before FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1893. Prince of Wales' Handicap Handicap Hurdles TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1893. President's Handicap Flying Handicap Shorts Handicap Pony Handicap FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1893—Morning Paper for Second Day's races.

SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY: BOXING DAY, DEC. 26, 1893.

First race to start at 12 o'clock.

Trial Handicap of 70 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Entrance 1 sovs. and acceptance 1 sovs. each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. One mile and a distance.

The Great Northern Foal Stakes of 300 sovs., added to a sweepstake of 10 sovs. each; 5 sovs. ft. or no liability if declared by 8 o'clock on the night of general entry. The second horse to receive 50 sovs., and the third horse 25 sovs. from the stakes. For two-year-olds. Colts, 8.10; fillies and geldings, 8.5. The forfeit (5 sovs.) to be declared and paid to the A.R.C. Secretary by 12 noon on the day before the race, or the nominator will be liable for the whole stake (10 sovs.). Closed. Six furlongs.

The Auckland Cup (Handicap) of 600 sovs., added to a sweepstake of 10 sovs. each. Second horse to receive 100 sovs., and third horse 25 sovs. out of the stakes. Entrance 2 sovs., and acceptance 3 sovs. each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Sweep to be paid half-an-hour before the race. Two miles.

Handicap Hurdle Race of 150 sovs.; second horse to receive 20 sovs. out of the stakes. Entrance 1 sovs., and acceptance 3 sovs. each, to go to the funds. Over eight flights of hurdles. Two miles.

Railway Handicap of 100 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Entrance 1 sovs., and acceptance 2 sovs. each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Three-quarters of a mile.

Nursery Handicap of 70 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Entrance 1 sovs., and acceptance 2 sovs. each, to go to the funds. Winner of Great Northern Foal Stakes to carry 10lb extra. Five furlongs.

Pony Cup Handicap of 100 sovs.; second horse to receive 15 sovs., and third horse 5 sovs. out of the stakes. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sovs., acceptance 1 sovs., and a final payment of 2 sovs. at the post to go to the funds. One mile.

Christmas Handicap of 100 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Entrance 1 sovs., and acceptance 2 sovs. each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any handicap after the publication of the weights to carry 5lb penalty. One mile and a quarter.

SECOND DAY: NEW YEAR'S DAY, MONDAY, JAN. 1, 1894.

First race to start at 12 o'clock. New Year's Handicap Hurdle Race of 100 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Entrance 1 sovs., and acceptance 2 sovs. each, to go to the funds. Over 8 flights of hurdles. Two miles.

Glasgow Handicap of 100 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Entrance 1 sovs., and acceptance 2 sovs. each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Seven furlongs.

Great Northern Derby of 500 sovs., added to a sweepstake of 15 sovs. each; 5 sovs. forfeit, or no liability if declared to the Secretary by 8 o'clock p.m. on the night of general entry. Second horse to receive 100 sovs. and the third horse 25 sovs. out of the stakes. For three-year-olds. Colts, 8.10; fillies and geldings, 8.5. The forfeit (5 sovs.) to be declared and paid to the A.R.C. Secretary by 12 noon on the day before the race, or the nominator will be liable for the whole stake. Closed. One mile and a half.

Midsummer Handicap of 150 sovs.; second horse to receive 15 sovs. and third horse 5 sovs. out of the stakes. For two-year-olds. Entrance 2 sovs., and acceptance 3 sovs. each, to go to the funds. Five furlongs.

County Handicap of 50 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. Entrance 1 sovs., and acceptance 1 sovs. each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Six furlongs.

Auckland Racing Club Handicap of 400 sovs.; second horse to receive 50 sovs. and third horse 25 sovs. out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 2 sovs., acceptance 3 sovs., and a final payment of 5 sovs. at the post each, to go to the funds. One mile and a half.

Pony Handicap of 100 sovs.; second horse to receive 15 sovs. and third horse 5 sovs. out of the stakes. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sovs., acceptance 1 sovs., and 2 sovs. at the post each, to go to the funds. Seven furlongs.

Maiden Handicap of 50 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. For horses that have never won 30 sovs. at time of starting. Entrance 1 sovs., and acceptance 1 sovs. each, to go to the funds. One mile.

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THIRD DAY: TUESDAY, JAN. 2, 1894.

First race to start at 12 o'clock.

Sylvia Handicap of 80 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. For three-year-olds. Entrance 1 sovs., and acceptance 2 sovs. each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

Grandstand Handicap of 150 sovs.; second horse to receive 20 sovs. out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sovs., and acceptance 3 sovs. each, to go to the funds. One mile and a quarter.

Auckland Plate of 150 sovs.; second horse to receive 20 sovs. from the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. Weight-for-age. Entrance 2 sovs., and 3 sovs. at the post each, to go to the funds. Winner of the Canterbury Cup or Derby, or of the Auckland Derby, to carry 7lb extra, or of two of these races, 10lb extra, or any weight-for-age race of 200 sovs., 6lb extra. One mile and a half.

Auckland Steeplechase Handicap of 300 sovs., second horse to receive 40 sovs., and third horse 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Entrance 2 sovs., and a final payment of 5 sovs. at the post each, to go to the funds. About three miles and a half.

Newmarket Handicap of 100 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sovs., and acceptance 2 sovs. each to go to the funds. Winner of any race after publication of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Six furlongs.

Musket Stakes of 150 sovs.; second horse to receive 20 sovs., and third horse 10 sovs. out of the stakes. For two and three-year-olds. Two-year-olds to carry 7.7; three-year-olds 9.0; fillies allowed 3lb, geldings 5lb. A winner of any race (including handicaps) since 1st August, 1891, to carry 3lb extra; of any race of the value of 100 sovs., 5lb extra; twice of 100 sovs., or once of 200 sovs., 7lb extra; twice of 200 sovs., or once of 300 sovs., 10lb extra; thrice of 200 sovs., twice of 300 sovs., or once of 500 sovs., 14lb extra. Those got by stallions or out of mares that have never produced a winner at time of starting, allowed 5lb. Maiden two-year-olds at time of starting to be allowed 5lb in addition to the breeding allowance. Maiden three-year-olds at time of starting allowed 10lb. Entrance 2 sovs., and 2 sovs. each at the post to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

Pony Handicap Hurdle Race of 100 sovs.; second horse to receive 15 sovs., and third horse 5 sovs. out of the stakes. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. For four-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sovs., acceptance 1 sovs., and 2 sovs. at the post to go to the funds. Over 6 flights of hurdles. One mile and a half.

Recovery Stakes (Handicap) of 50 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards that have not won or received place money during the meeting. No entrance; acceptance 2 sovs. each, to go to the funds, to be made half-an-hour before the race. Five furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC., SUMMER MEETING, 1893-94.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1893, by 9 p.m. NOMINATIONS—Auckland Cup 2 sovs. Auckland Racing Club Handicap 2 sovs. Steeplechase 2 sovs.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1893, by 9 p.m. ACCEPTANCES—Auckland Cup 3 sovs. Steeplechase 3 sovs. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1893, by 9 p.m. General Entries

The Great Northern Derby, the nomination to be struck out, or the nominator will be liable for forfeit, 5 sovs.

The Great Northern Foal Stakes, the nomination to be struck out, or the nominator will be liable for forfeit, 5 sovs.

N.B.—Owners striking their nominations out on or before this day have nothing to pay.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1893, by 9 p.m. ACCEPTANCES for Handicaps of 26th December.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1893, by 12 noon. The Great Northern Foal Stakes, the forfeit of 5 sovs. to be declared and paid, or the nominator will be liable for whole of sweepstakes, 10 sovs.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1893, at the post. Great Northern Foal Stakes (sweep)..... 10 sovs. Auckland Cup (sweep) 10 sovs. Handicap Pony Race 2 sovs.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1893, by 9 p.m. ACCEPTANCES for Second Day's races.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1893, by 12 noon. The Great Northern Derby, the forfeit of 5 sovs. to be declared and paid, or the nominator will be liable for whole of sweepstakes, 15 sovs.

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 1894, at the post. Auckland Racing Club Handicap 5 sovs. Great Northern Derby (sweep) 15 sovs. Handicap Pony Race 2 sovs.

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 1894, by 10 p.m. ACCEPTANCES for 2nd January races.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1894, at the post. Steeplechase 5 sovs. Auckland Plate 3 sovs. Musket Stakes 2 sovs. Recovery Handicap 2 sovs. Handicap Pony Hurdle Race 2 sovs.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 1894, by 9 p.m. NOMINATIONS—Great Northern Derby Stakes, 1895-96 1 sovs. Great Northern Foal Stakes, 1895-96... 1 sovs.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR. SUMMER MEETING, 1893.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1893. Auckland Cup Summer Steeplechase

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1893. For Minor Handicaps run December 26.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1893, by 9 p.m. For all Handicaps run January 1, 1894.

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 1894, by 9 p.m. For all Handicaps run January 2, 1894.

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

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AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

From and after the 1st August 1893, a fee of 5s. per month will be charged on all horses using, working, or training on the Ellerslie Racecourse. The caretaker, Ruddy, is empowered to collect the same, which must be paid on the first Monday of each month. By Order of the Committee.

WM. PERCIVAL, Secretary.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

The following New Rules, passed as under by the Conference held in November, 1892, came into force on the 1st August, 1893. Trainers, Jockeys and apprentices must make application at once.

RULE 187A. 1. The Metropolitan Jockey Clubs shall issue annual licenses to trainers, jockeys, and apprentices. Only holders of such licenses shall be qualified to train or ride under the "Rules of Racing," except that an apprentice may for one month after the date of his first mount in public ride races without holding a license. "Apprentice" shall mean any lad employed in a training stable who has not previously ridden in public.

2. The fee payable for a trainer's license shall be two pounds, for a jockey's license one pound, and for an apprentice's license ten shillings.

3. On application for a license the applicant shall forward to the Secretary of the Metropolitan Club of the district in which he resides the necessary fee, together with his full name and address. Such application shall be dealt with by the Committee as they may deem fit. The Committee may also suspend or cancel any license, and any person whose license has been withdrawn or suspended on the ground of misconduct or of the infringement of the "Rules of Racing" shall not be allowed in any weighing-room, stand or enclosure during the time his suspension is in force.

4. All licenses issued shall be immediately published in the "Official Calendar."

5. All licenses shall expire on the 31st July in each year.

6. An owner, or trainer, or both, who shall knowingly employ an unlicensed jockey, shall be fined any sum not exceeding twenty pounds each.

WM. PERCIVAL, Secretary.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19TH AND 20TH, 1893.

FIRST DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19.

1. 12 noon.—Spring Handicap of 50 sovs.; second horse 10 sovs. from the stake. Nomination, 1 sovs.; Acceptance, 1 sovs. One mile and a distance.

2. 12.45 p.m.—First Handicap Hurdle Race of 100 sovs.; second horse 15 sovs. from the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1 sovs.; Acceptance, 2sovs. About two miles and a distance.

3. 1.30 p.m.—First Handicap Hack Hurdle Race of 30 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stake. Nomination, 10s; Acceptance, 10s. (Vide definition of hacks). One mile and a quarter, over five flights of hurdles 3ft 6in in height.

4. 2.30 p.m.—Wanganui Derby of 200 sovs., added to a sweepstake of 10 sovs. each for starters; second horse to receive 50 sovs. from the stake. Colts, 8st 10lb; fillies and geldings, 8st 5lb. Closed with 44 nominations. Acceptance, 4sovs., and 5 sovs. at the post. One mile and a half.

5. 3.15 p.m.—Trial Stakes of 40 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a race over the value of £50 at time of entry. Weight for age. Entrance, 2 sovs. One mile and a quarter.

6. 4 p.m.—First Handicap Hack Race of 40 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. from the stake. Weights not less than 7st 7lb. Nomination, 1 sovs.; Acceptance, 10s. (Vide definition of hacks). One mile.

7. 4.45 p.m.—Flying Handicap of 50 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. from the stake. Winner of Spring Handicap or Derby to carry a penalty of 5lb (not cumulative). Nomination, 1 sovs.; Acceptance, 1 sovs. Three-quarters of a mile.

SECOND DAY—FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20.

1. 12 noon.—Owen Stakes Handicap of 50 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. from the stake. Nomination, 1 sovs.; Acceptance, 1 sovs. One mile.

2. 12.45 p.m.—Second Handicap Hurdle Race of 80 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. from the stake. Nomination, 1 sovs.; Acceptance, 2 sovs. One mile and three quarters, over seven flights of hurdles 3ft 6in in height.

3. 1.30 p.m.—Second Handicap Hack Hurdle Race of 30 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stake. Nomination, 10s; Acceptance, 10s. (Vide definition of hacks). One mile and a distance, over four flights of hurdles 3ft 6in in height.

4. 2.30 p.m.—Wanganui Stakes Handicap of 175 sovs.; second horse to receive 25 sovs. from the stake. Winner of Owen Stakes to carry a penalty of 5lb. Nomination, 1 sovs.; Acceptance, 4 sovs. One mile and a half.

5. 3.15 p.m.—Second Handicap Hack Race of 30 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stake. Minimum weight, 7st 7lb. Nomination, 10s; Acceptance, 10s. (Vide definition of hacks). Three-quarters of a mile.

6. 4 p.m.—Marangai Stakes Handicap of 50 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. from the stake. Winner of Owen Stakes to carry a penalty of 5lb, winner of Wanganui Stakes to carry a penalty of 7lb (not cumulative). Nomination, 1 sovs.; Acceptance, 1 sovs. Three-quarters of a mile.

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Music, Drama.

[By "ORPHEUS."]

Spectatum admissi risum teneatis amici?

THE HOLLOWAY COMPANY.

ON Friday evening 'Judge Not' was replaced by 'A Ring of Iron,' which in my opinion is a far better play, Mr Frank Harvey excelling himself in good writing as well as clever construction. Mr Charles Holloway shone brilliantly as the polished villain 'Gentleman Jack.' Mr Henry Willard, in the manly and sympathetic role of Dr. Meredith, played with signal power and refinement. Mr Olly Deering made quite a feature of Sam Thorpe, and Messrs Coughlan, Melville, Money, Rossmore, Power, Vincent, Andrews, and Foster efficiently filled minor parts. Turning to the ladies Miss Linda Raymond again displayed true pathos, power, and sensibility in a very fine impersonation of the persecuted heroine, Mary Gordon. Miss Alice Deorwyn, as Nancy, was sprightly and brimming over with fun as ever. Miss Eva Jackson as Geraldine looked very sweet, and acted with great success. Miss Marion Medway again proved her versatility by doubling two markedly distinct parts—viz., Selina and Nurse Bland. A really well-filled house applauded the piece enthusiastically throughout. On Saturday evening that excellent comedy, 'Uncles and Aunts,' which was previously noticed in these columns in detail, was re-produced in the presence of a large audience. It proved as mirth-provoking as ever, and filled the house with inextinguishable laughter. On Monday and Tuesday evenings the popular melodrama 'My Jack,' which Mr Holloway mounts and plays so admirably, lost none of its attractiveness. For last night and tonight 'The Land of the Living' was underlined. The season terminates on Saturday evening.

CINDERELLA.

PAST and present pupils and teachers of the Devonport School, under the able direction of Mr Benge, produced the above burlesque-extravaganza on Friday evening at the City Hall with brilliant success. The hall was crowded up-stairs but not so well patronised below as the the capital performance merited. Mr Alfred Bartley (piano), assisted by Mr Cooke (violin) and Mr S. Jackson (clarinet), directed the musical portion of the entertainment, consisting of his own clever adaptation of popular airs to the humorous libretto. Staging, dressing, and limelight accessories were all admirable, the time-honoured tale being divided into six scenes. Besides singing very creditably, every one of the performers spoke his or her lines with a distinctness and correct emphasis rarely met with among juvenile actors. Mr Benge is doing excellent work in teaching so perfect a style of elocution. Prince Poppetti by Miss M. Goldie, Dandino by Miss D. Morrison, Alidoro by Mr S. Burningham, Thisbe by Miss L. Baker, Fairy Queen by Miss Peacocke, Honeydew by Miss Durance, and Harebell by Miss L. Benge, were each and all charming impersonations. Miss E. Aubin as Cinderella quite covered herself with glory. Gifted with a sweet, rich, sympathetic voice, the young lady was exceedingly good musically, besides speaking her lines and acting her role with brilliant success. Miss E. Macarthy as Clorinda displayed exceptional histrionic talents, not only in delivering her lines with great force and intelligence, but also in splendid bye-play. Miss J. Inglis made an immense success of a comparatively small part, her Buttoni being full of *chic* and vivacity. But perhaps the most brilliant of all was Mr F. Bower's Baron Balderdash, which was played with a zest, cleverness, and finish, of which even Mr Archdale Taylor need not have been ashamed. The spectacular effects and band of gossamer fairies won loud applause, and a minuet and gavotte, danced by 'the Prince, Cinderella, Alidoro, and Clorinda to the familiar strains of Mozart's 'Don Giovanni' minuet and Sir Arthur Sullivan's 'Gondolier' gavotte, provoked immense enthusiasm.

THE COLUMBIA RINK.

ON Thursday evening the club season terminated with a brilliant fancy dress carnival. Among the prettiest costumes I noticed Mrs Rathbone, Normanby maid; Miss B. Atkinson, shepherdess; Miss Wilkins, hospital nurse; Miss Connie Wilkins, sailor lass; Miss Flo

White, sailor lass; Mr D. McCormish, Bunthorne; Mr Bush, artillery officer mess dress; and Mr Withers, cricketer. On Tuesday evening another fancy dress carnival was largely patronised, but space will not allow a detailed notice of the costumes.

To-morrow (Friday) evening Mr Farrington takes a well merited benefit, on which occasion some exceptionally clever single and double fancy skating by pupils and others, as well as the lancers and other dances will be performed.

THE WEDNESDAY POPS.

A DENSELY packed house rewarded Mr Fuller's enterprise on last Wednesday evening, when a specially attractive programme was faithfully performed. The opening selection, 'Primrose,' by Bressant, was nicely rendered by Mr Hunter's quintette, as also was 'Martha' in the second part, and the concluding march 'Cloudless Sky.' Miss E. L. Featon, not quite in her best form, sang Pinsuti's 'Many a Mile,' but was more successful with 'Jeannette and Jeannot,' winning an encore. Mr Roy Cushing made his debut, but was manifestly nervous, and will do better on a future occasion. Mr John Fuller, as usual, received ovations for his songs 'Sally in Our Ally' and 'Com'e Gentil,' the encores being 'Geraldine' and 'We don't know how we love them.' Miss Rimmer sang 'White Wings' and 'The Old Countree,' her encores being 'Yesterday' and 'Apart.' Miss Webley recited 'A Fancy Bazaar,' a somewhat long selection, and 'Love in a Cottage,' with her usual success. Of the two duets, 'Home to Our Mountain,' by Miss Featon and Mr Fuller, and the charming 'Maying,' by Miss Rimmer and Mr Fuller, the latter was by far the better performance. Miss Clarice Brabazon accompanied all the *morceaux*, and played two solos, 'The People's March' (her own composition, better known as 'The Colliope March') and Rubinstein's 'Ruins of Athens.' As an encore Miss Brabazon played one of Mendelssohn's exquisite 'Lieder Ohne Worte.' For last night a good programme containing several novelties was underlined.

MISS HARDING'S clever juveniles on Saturday evening repeated their excellent performance of 'Chilperic' for the benefit of the Ladies' Benevolent Society. A well-filled house must have brought a handsome sum to the deserving charity. The piece went even better than on the previous Monday evening, all the performers being in excellent form, and much improved by the experience of the former performance. I must take exception to a very silly piece of criticism in a weekly contemporary of Miss Maud Harding's role. Surely it is a funny thing to accuse an actress of burlesque comic opera of overdoing her part! Master Reggie Williamson's Fatout deserves a special mention. His impersonation showed marked talent, and in the mad scene the audience were so delighted with him that he nearly won an almost unique triumph in the shape of an encored speech.

I HAVE received from the composer, Mr George Garry, of New Plymouth, a pretty little song 'At Last,' set to charming words by Miss Edith Grace Levy. The melody is a simple graceful and taking one, the accompaniment well written, and enhanced by a tasteful violin obligato well within the powers of the ordinary amateur. The composition, in the key of D, has a range for the voice of nine notes only, and does not attempt to 'sonner midi a quatorze heures,' or turn twelve into fourteen o'clock, as too many modern songs do. Mr J. H. Kingsley, of New Plymouth, is the publisher, and Mr W. A. King the lithographer, the result being a neat and accurate production which can be bought for the moderate price of 2s. nett. It is well worth the money.

THE Kennedy Dramatic Company opened at Whangarei on Friday last. After a short season there the Thames-Waikato tour will be commenced, according to the route published in a previous issue. Country residents rarely have so good an opportunity of witnessing a clever and well appointed dramatic company.

TO-MORROW (Friday) evening the Auckland Orchestral Union, under Mr Towsey's baton, and assisted by the Auckland Liedertafel and Mrs Gus Coates and Miss Warren, give their third concert of the current season.

OUR MELBOURNE LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

September 14.

THE principal performer of the New Opera Company of Italians, on the opening night, did not feel 'up to Dick.' The result was that the Princess Theatre was closed on the second night, which, by the way, should mean a big loss for Williamson and Musgrove.

The Charlie Taylor Carrington Company, after doing well at the Melbourne Royal, are now in their last nights, having 'to get' to the country for fixtures ahead in the shape of show nights, etc.

The news from dramatic companies in the country are not bright. The nights are, and this is a good thing, for a short time back two companies had actually to walk back by night.

By the way, leaving the theatrical business for a moment, a fight takes place to-night between Peter Newton and Abe Hicken, a couple of retired champions. I'm going, so will be able to send you a complete account of it in the morning—(if I'm sober).

You knew Teddy Ryan (late of Bland Holt's Company), didn't you. Well tell 'the boys' down you're way that his widow is in want, and is about to be tendered a benefit shortly. Teddy was a good fellow at heart, and many theatricals now in New Zealand will, I am sure, be only too willing to assist with a small subscription. Take charge of anything, the smallest subscriptions, &c., and send them along to your humble servant, when they will be gratefully acknowledged in the Auckland SPORTING REVIEW, the *Melbourne Punch*, *Lorgnette*, &c.

About Miss Diana Bloustein. I am right; she does have a testimonial, and as stated in your paper recently, will appear as Pauline in the 'Lady of Lyons.'

A Miss Beatrice Oxford has arrived in Melbourne, and is well spoken of. She opens with the Miss Juno Company here at the Royal on the 30th.

When Bland Holt, his pretty wife, and manager Harry Norman come along you're way remember me kindly to them. Tell that prince of good fellows, Harry Norman, to take up a subscription list on behalf of Teddy Ryan's widow, hand it round the company, and I know they will willingly contribute their little mite. If you ask Charlie Holloway to go and do likewise a liberal response will follow. Good fellow, Charlie.

Dick Stewart the younger, and wife, Connie Deorwyn, are still disengaged in Melbourne.

George Coppin 'put in a word' for Walter Bentley in connection with the latter joining Miss Eloise Juno for the Australian farewell. It didn't come off.

George Darrell has postponed his departure, and has returned from Sydney to Melbourne, presumably with a view of doing business with Mr Hall and Miss Juno. Don't think this will come off, either.

Courteneidge and Cathcart are doing excellent work in the provinces. Did you ever meet them? Two of the best and most straightforward men in the profession.

Alfred Dampier is still in Sydney showing, his thoughts turned South Africa-wards.

Utting, the Melbourne journalist and dramatic writer, has bumped up against trouble in Sydney, where, with 'White Slaves,' he opened to eleven pounds. Some of the company, including the New Zealand actor Hesford, are on their way back here. More than one of the artists had to sleep in the theatre.

Harry Rickards is doing quite a phenomenal business in Sydney. More than he does in Melbourne.

Joe Davis is appearing at the Melbourne Music Hall. He'll appear again to-night and every evening until further notice. That is, of course, provided he is not waylaid and murdered in the meantime.

Phil Stuart, managing for the Waxworks, is now on the road ahead of a big concert company.

Jinkins is here doing nothing. Ridgeway, the bill poster, is doing good work just now. Charlie is a popular man.

Sunday shows all the go—'collection,' *vide* play bills. Oh! by the way, the Melbourne Amateur Banjo Club, lately formed here, has made great progress under its musical director, Mr W. E. Adams, the well-known banjoist. A smoke night recently given by the club was an immense success, Mr Adams being congratulated on all sides for the brilliant efforts of his students. The club

now numbers some twenty performing members, including a number of ladies, and judging from its highly efficient state, it has a great future in front of it.

THE FLAT.

WELLINGTON JOTTINGS.

[By "PROTEUS."]

THE Wellington Amateur Operatic Society last week concluded a six nights' season of a local production by Messrs Budge and Jones entitled 'The Monarch of Utopia.' The piece is more of an extravaganza than of the usual opera type, nevertheless the music is pretty and effective whilst the libretto is characteristically witty, tinted occasionally with humour of a Gilbertian style.

The curtain rises on a representation of the king's court, and great attention had been paid to the staging to make every item fully representative. The opening song, sung by W. D. Lyon as Axtramionius, is nicely arranged, and is done full justice to by the performer, who was recalled on every occasion. Mrs Malcolm as Janinicy was scarcely suited to the role, neither her singing nor her acting being quite satisfactory. Her best effort was in the song with Fusbos, where she demonstrates to him the importance of the king marrying her instead of Distaffina, a rustic maiden, with whom he is desperately in love. The acting of Mr Mabin as Bombastes, is exceedingly good, and could not have been entrusted to better management, his by-play being capitally managed. The prettiest item in the first act was the drinking song, in which the full strength of the company was in evidence. The voices blended beautifully, and the clinking of the drinking vessels, which were made out of bell metal, sounded in perfect harmony.

The second act opens with a rustic scene with a bridge erected in the background, whilst the nearest house is that occupied by Distaffina, the girl with whom the king, Fusbos, and Bombastes are infatuated. The maiden is discovered, at the rise of the curtain, sitting at her spinning wheel, and her song, 'A Rustic Maiden,' is the best piece in the opera, and was done full justice to by Mrs Millar, who on every rendering was recalled three times. Her acting was superb, and her stage presence generally showed a marked improvement on the usual amateur business. The 'Rustic Maiden' will before long be greatly sung by amateurs, as it so attractive. At the conclusion of this number the king approaches from the bridge, and, on perceiving the girl, makes preparations for laying his case before her. After hesitation on her part, and when he proves his position, she accepts him. Hearing some one approaching, the king climbs a tree and from thence recognises his statesman Bombastes as the intruder. Bombastes' amatory measures are repulsed, and after walking round he discovers the king's crown, which is forgotten in his flight, and finally he notices his sovereign up the tree. He comes down, and after a while he departs. After several attempts to end life, Bombastes is successful in boxing the king, who he knocks out, the acting in this part was immensely funny, and presently the whole court find Bombastes thrashing the king, who is lying exhausted on the floor. It is made clear that he loses his throne in marrying a village maiden, and on learning this he accepts Janinicy, while Bombastes retains Distaffina. The finale is very musical, and displays the large amount of labour and artistic finish produced by the composer, Mr Jones, who throughout the opera has exercised considerable skill and taste in his first production.

A number of sporting men saw the Auckland contingent of racers safe off on their journey to Hawkes' Bay by the Tarawera on Friday last. The horses, St. Hippo, Miss Letty, Stanmoor, Forme, Satyr, and Pegasus, were snugly berthed in the forehold, and appeared quite at home in their new surroundings. Advice of their safe arrival at their destination reached us on Monday last.

Owing to financial reasons, the trustees of the North Canterbury Jockey Club's Rangiora course will shortly be obliged to realise upon the property. Every effort to get the Rangiora people to support the popular sport appears to have failed, and accordingly the trustees find they have no other alternative to free the club of its liabilities but to sell the course.

I have received the Rules of Racing as adopted by the Metropolitan Clubs in New Zealand from Mr F. D. Luckie. After the numerous alterations which have been made of late, it is a treat to find that the Rules have at last been printed.

Mr Stead's string of horses—Ich Dien, Melinite, and Stepniak—which competed at the recent A.J.C. Spring Meeting, left Sydney for Wellington by the s.s. Wakatipu on Sunday last.

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.

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. Marangsi ... First colours—The Huia: Black jacket, old gold collar, white armlets, black cap, white peak. Second colours—Pink jacket, black cap.

The following trainers have been granted licenses by the Auckland Racing Club:—H. Harrison, J. B. Williamson, John Rae, D. Morrighan, Adam Byers, F. Stening, F. McManamin, W. McManamin, F. Dodd, James Kean, G. Wright, J. Fletcher, H. Smith, Murdoch McKenzie, Archie McMillan.

The following jockeys have been licensed by the Auckland Racing Club:—Thos. Taylor, R. Ryan, Thos. Stewart, Fred Gay, A. McPherson, W. Gilly, W. Rayner, John Slater, D. Creamer, Jas. Skeats, T. Morrighan, P. Hammond, James Pyne, Kees Heaton, Alec Williams, W. Shaw, H. Priest, F. Davis, W. Smith, Harry Johnson, Joseph Duff, W. Quartermain, R. Collins, R. Wright, J. Gallagher, J. Carey, W. M. Hatfield, E. Donovan, B. Hall, C. Parker, J. Quinton, J. Homan, W. Moberley, J. Hickey (for 3 months), Sam Cook, H. Ewa, J. Pennell, E. Duggan, G. W. Banks, Nathaniel Noble, G. E. Cudd, T. Geach, E. Burns, D. McKinnon.

Apprentices' licences have been granted to Ben Jones, W. Brown, E. Headley, James Mitchell, W. Oliver, John Stewart.

PROGRAMMES PASSED.

- Waikato Hunt Club—Oct. 7 Poverty Bay T.C.—Oct. 17 and 18 Pakuranga Hunt Club—Oct. 21 Gisborne R.C. Nov. 9 South Auckland R.C.—Dec. 30 Whatawhata Races—Jan. 1

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.

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 jockies W. Oliver, H. Hickton, J. Fletcher and R. Donovan has been removed.

The disqualification has been removed by the A.R.C. from ponies, owners, trainers and jockeys that have competed at meetings at Potter's Paddock.

The disqualification inflicted on W. Moberley and J. Hickey for riding at unregistered meetings has been removed by the A.R.C.

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

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

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

SPORTING FIXTURES ETC.

COMING EVENTS. Sept. 28.....Geraldine Racing Club Oct. 19, 20.....North Otago J.C. Spring Oct. 2, 8.....Hawke's Bay Jockey Club Spring

Nov. 1, 2.....Marlborough R.C. Spring Nov. 4.....Auckland Trotting Club Nov. 7, 9, 11.....Canterbury Jockey Club's Spring

Dec. 26, 27, 28.....Manawatu Racing Club Summer Dec. 26, Jan. 1, 2.....Auckland Racing Club Summer Dec. 27—Drury Races

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Sept. 30.....Royal Oak, Onehunga, 2.30 p.m. All meets on Wednesdays at the Kennels at 12 o'clock.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

F. A. MORLAN, Gisborne.—Carbine's fee this season is 100 guineas, last season it was 200 guineas.

H. W., Thames.—Yes, you win your wager, the official time was 1 hour, 32 minutes and 29 3-5th sec.

Sporting Review.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1893.

A VERY promising turf quarrel is taking place in Melbourne between Mr S. G. Cook, the well-known racehorse owner, and the V.R.C. handicapper, Mr F. F. Dakin, in consequence of the repeated statements made by the owner of Admiral respecting alleged incompetency and prejudice on the part of the handicapper.

THE success of the New Zealand race-horses at the opening days of the A.J.C. Spring Meeting, which was referred to in our leading columns of last week, was well sustained during the concluding days of the meeting, and on our looking back at the work performed by our horses in Australia during the past month one may see a record of which he may well be proud.

and Stepniak in the weight-for-age Spring Stakes in which they ran first and second respectively against a field of tried flyers. The third day saw the same horses cut out another strong field for the Craven Plate, and again Mr O'Brien's and Mr Stead's candidates claimed the two leading positions.

WHAT a beautiful field there was behind the New Zealand's Loyalty and Stepniak in the race at Randwick for the Craven Plate of 400sovs, one mile and a quarter—Cremore, Bungebah, Camoola, and Paris. Good 'class' that. Cremorne, whom so many people have fondly imagined could win the Melbourne Cup, was favourite, but all he could do was to get third to Loyalty and Stepniak.

THE opening of the pony racing at Avondale on Saturday last was sufficiently auspicious to justify the promoters in looking forward to a successful season. That there is a prejudice existing against pony racing no one who has had any experience in great centres can gainsay.

CONSIDERABLE significance attaches to the action which is being taken by the Dunedin trainers respecting the new rule brought in by the Dunedin Jockey Club re licenses. The Club in question has, in accordance with the decision of the recent Conference, added to their regulations a rule similar to the one adopted by the A.R.C., by which trainers are compelled to take out licenses before they can act in connection with the meetings of the club.

petition has been forwarded to the D.J.C., signed by all the local trainers, with the exception of one or two, protesting against the new rule. They hold that such a regulation is unnecessary, as the power in the hands of Metropolitan Clubs is absolute. In any case they contend that a nominal fee is sufficient, taking into account the several rules and charges which already affect them. What action the club will take is hard to say, but the discontent down South is sufficiently marked to make serious consideration of the trainer's grievance on the part of the local racing authority a necessity. The rule does not receive unqualified assent and approval from the Auckland trainers, many of whom are quite in accord with their Southern brethren. The complaint made by the local men is that the racing club makes no stipulation as to who shall receive a trainer's license. They hold, and we think very rightly too, that to give a license to any man who applies, armed with the necessary £2, simply means placing an injustice on both *bona fide* trainers and owners of race-horses, for as regards the first their living is cut away by inexperienced men underpricing them in training fees, and as for the second, they are tempted by the difference between the fee of the experienced and inexperienced trainer to give engagements to the latter, to the detriment of their horses and consequently their pocket. Of course, as the question affects the owners it may be said they should have sufficient knowledge and acumen to employ the better man, but the unfortunate trainer is placed at a very serious disadvantage. Many of our local men complain bitterly at the loophole the license rule allows for the introduction of unskilled trainers, and the A.R.C. might profitably meet the complaint by exercising great care as to who they issue licenses to.

Coming Events.

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

[BY SIR LAUNCELOT.]

THE acceptances for the First Hurdles and Flying Handicap, and the final payments for the Hawke's Bay Guineas are not quite up to expectations, there being only eight left in the Hurdles, and a dozen in the Flying Handicap, while only four owners have been found bold enough to face Pegasus for the Hawke's Bay Guineas. The Southerners have shirked the contest, and the H.B.J.C. will, for once, not have a single South Island-owned horse competing at the meeting.

In the First Handicap Hurdle Race of 75 sovs, about 2 miles, we shall see how Satyr, 11.12, shapes with his compatriots whom he has not met in battle array since his return from Australia. Though I do not think he can absolutely win, I fancy he will take a lot of beating, and I look upon Chester, 10.7, as the one most likely to effect his overthrow.

Though only four are left to oppose Pegasus in the Hawke's Bay Guineas of 300 sovs, one mile, they are a well-bred lot, and one of them, Captain Russell's Noyade, by Lord of the Isles—Lorelei, is a winner. The Hon. J. D. Ormond's colt, Tussock, by Nordenfeldt—Speargrass, only ran once last season, when he was unplaced with 7.0 in the Nursery Handicap at the H.B.J.C.'s Autumn Meeting, which was won by Noyade, 8.8. Stanmoor was started last season, and was only placed once; and as far as I know St. Laura, who is a daughter of St. Leger and Miss Laura, and hails from New Plymouth has, has not yet sported silk. As I have before written, I decline to believe Stanmoor to be a good horse till I see him win, and I think the opponent Pegasus has most to fear danger from is Noyade. With her in the road, I cannot look on it as a 'moral' for Pegasus, though I think he will win.

St. Hippo has been paid up for in the Flying Handicap of 100 sovs, 6 furlongs, although he has had the big burden of 10.6 given him. He will probably be started if the going be decent. What a treat it would be to see him spreadeagle his field with such a weight. Miss Letty should cut out a nice 6 furlongs with 8.9, and I shall bracket her with St. Katherine, 8.9, and Loch Ness, 8.0, to furnish the winner—Fleta, 6.12, a good outsider.

There are eleven entries for the October Handicap, ten for the Welcome Stakes (for two-year-olds), seven for the Post Stakes, fourteen for the Corinthian Handicap, a dozen for the Maiden Plate,

eleven for the Second Hurdles and fifteen for the Final Handicap.

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB'S MEETING.

[BY "BORDERER."]

THERE is every prospect of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club meeting with marked success in connection with their two days' meet, which has been fixed to come off on October 2nd and 3rd. The nominations and acceptances are very satisfactory indeed, and the ten events will all start with good fields. Up to the time of writing the weights in connection with only two of the events on the card, the First Handicap Hurdle Race and the Flying Handicap, were forthcoming, so that the task of anticipating the judge for the various races becomes a work of great difficulty, and makes any attempt at tipping very much of a leap in the dark affair. For the first race, the Handicap Hurdles of 75 sovs, about two miles, Satyr, even with 11.12, will prove a dangerous starter, and in spite of his impost will, I fancy, catch the judge's eyes first. Kapua, 11.0, and Chester, 10.7, will make a big run for the stake, but I prefer the former's chance for second place to Chester's. Jack, 10.6, Dromedary, 10.5, Avis and Joker, 10.0, have been fairly dealt with by the handicapper, and the light weight, Oddfellow, 9.10, will make a big race over the two miles. The third position should lie between Joker and Oddfellow, and I give the latter the preference.

For the Flying Handicap of 100 sovs, six furlongs, twelve horses have accepted, and these include sufficient fliers to make the spin over the six furlongs a very interesting event. The top weight is, of course, St. Hippo with 10.6, and the others have been awarded as follows:—Miss Letty and St. Katherine 8.9, Swivel 8.8, Ua 8.6, Loch Ness and Stanmoor 8.0, Porepo 7.0, Fleta 6.12, Spinaway and Dingo 6.10, and The Parson 6.7. The light-weight division I do not think have a show. The top weight will have a big following, and will doubtless carry the bulk of the money, but I will not be surprised to find the middle weights tackle St. Hippo in earnest at the finish. Ua, Loch Ness and Stanmoor I regard as very much in it, and incline to the second named as the pick of the trio. St. Hippo and Loch Ness should provide the winner, with Stanmoor second and Ua third.

As regards the other events, as I said before, the tipping must be of the leap in the dark order. So I will without further detail give my selections. For the Hawke's Bay Guineas of 300 sovs, one mile, I take Pegasus 1, Noyade 2, Stanmoor 3. For the Welcome Stakes I take Formé 1, Hacata 2, St. Kevin 3.

Inter-Provincial

[FROM OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

WANGANUI

[BY WIRE.]

Sept. 26.

THE cross country horse Allegretto, by Papapa—Jenny Lind, died this morning. The cause of death was the bursting of a blood vessel. The horse was in splendid condition, with the exception of one of his front legs, which was a bit dickey, so swimming exercise was given him last week. Yesterday morning he did the usual swim, and on being taken to the stables showed signs that there was something wrong. He was at once given a tonic, which seemed to relieve him a great deal, but he took a relapse during the night, and despite all efforts on the part of his trainer he died this morning. Alegretto ran last in the Wanganui Steeplechase, in which he was alongside the winner (Empire) until the third fence from home was reached, when he fell. The horse was engaged in the forthcoming Spring Meeting, having been entered for the Hurdles.

Fraternite, Fisk, Manganoho, Narrator by Natator, are all being treated to swimming exercise, and are all a bit shaky in the legs.

WELLINGTON.

[BY WIRE.]

September 26.

Mr W. Davies with Kent and Sweet Dream left for Rangitikei yesterday. H. Peters left for the same place with Luna.

At a special meeting of the Wellington Racing Club stewards held on Thursday last, Mr J. O. Evett was re-elected handicapper and Mr A. King hack handicapper.

The Otaki Maori Racing Club have submitted two programmes to the Metropolitan Club, and have had them approved. One is for a meeting to be held on 1st January, at which they will give £220, and the other is for a meeting to come off on the Queen's Birthday, at which £401 will be given in stakes. This will be distributed as follows:—Trial Handicap of 21 sovs, 6 furlongs; First Hurdles Handicap of 60 sovs, 2 miles; Boyle Plate of 30 sovs, 1 mile; Glasgow Handicap of 120 sovs, 1½ miles; Second Hurdles of 40 sovs, 1½ miles; Flying Handicap of 50 sovs, 6 furlongs; and Stewards Handicap of 60 sovs, 1½ miles. For a hack programme this must be considered most liberal.

To-day the Porirua J.C. programme was passed for a meeting to be held on the 9th November, at which £180 will be given in stakes. The card includes the Porirua Handicap of 45 sovs, 1½ mile.

The entries for the Wairarapa Trotting Club's Meeting to come off on the 11th October were received on Friday last, and exhibit a great falling off from the last one. Only 51 entries were distributed over the seven events. Mr King declares the handicaps on Saturday next.

The Lower Valley J.C. at Martinborough have selected a site for their new course, and an influential committee has been appointed to finance the purchase.

Mr Tancred's hurdler Oddfellow, who has now been promoted out of the hacks into the regular class, is entered for all the Hawke's Bay Meetings, and is leaving for Napier at once.

Mr Hiley, the owner of Dick alias Tinker, who was acquitted at first since been found guilty of complicity, and disqualified for life.

NAPIER.

[BY WIRE.]

Sept. 26.

THE Auckland horses arrived here safely on Sunday last. Pegasus got down in his box when being transhipped, but fortunately did not sustain any injury. Wright took his string straight out to Hastings by special train, but Pegasus did not go out till Monday afternoon.

Our horses have not had enough work. Even last Saturday morning there was nothing special about the gallops, the best being between Ua and Rosefeldt, the former appearing to hold her own comfortably. Loch Ness, Dreamland, and Rangiatea have all been doing good work.

W. Broughton has purchased from Bamber, of Wanganui, a yearling filly by Natator—Ripple (St. Leger—Foam); a yearling filly by Natator—Empson (Ascot—Sunshine); besides a big roomy Nutsworth mare. He has also purchased from Mr Crawley a mare by Pupapu—Maid of the Mill. The mares he procured in order to mate them with Renata.

The following wagers have been laid by Proffitt and Wilson over the N.Z. Cup during the past week:—300 to 30 Prime Warden, 300 to 24 Response, 250 to 8 Liberator, 300 to 9 Au Revoir, 200 to 8 Stanmoor, 200 to 12 Dilemma, and 250 to 8 Tempest 200 to 12 Merganser. The following doubles have been laid on the N.Z. and Melbourne Cups:—500 to 5 St. Hippo and Loyalty, 200 to 2 St. Hippo and Light Artillery, 400 to 4 St. Hippo and Sternchaser, 200 to 4 St. Hippo and Vakeel, 500 to 3 Merganser and Donizetti, 250 to 2½ Merganser and Vakeel, 250 to 2½ Merganser and Cremorne, 200 to 2 Hipomenes and Oxide, 250 to 2 St. Katherine and Realm, 250 to 2 Skirmisher and Oxide, 250 to 2 Westmere and Oxide, 500 to 3 St. Anthony and Sternchaser, 500 to 2 Au Revoir and Donizetti, 500 to 3 Pegasus and Donizetti. Two straight wagers over the Melbourne Cup have been booked, viz, 100 to 7 Sternchaser and 100 to 6 Loyalty.

September 27.

Good nominations and acceptances were received last night for the Jockey Club Meeting. Surprise was expressed at Westmere's non-acceptance for the Guineas, but he is reported to be not quite himself.

My tips are:—Guineas: Pegasus, 1; Stanmoor, 2; Noyade, 3. Hurdles: Satyr, 1; Oddfellow, 2; Kapua, 3. Flying: St. Hippo, 1; Lochness, 2; Stanmoor, 3. Welcome Stakes: Formé, 1; St. Kevin, 2; Maluri, 3.

Owing to the City Hall being engaged next Wednesday evening, Mr. John Fuller has arranged to hold the next People's Popular Concerts at the Onehunga Public Hall. A very attractive programme has been drawn up, and includes some favourite operatic duets.

OUR SYDNEY LETTER

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

SYDNEY, Saturday, Sept. 16.

A few things worth remembering. At the A.J.C. Spring Meeting, 1892, Frantic won both Hurdles and the Steeplechase. Ulric beat Isaac and Ronda for the Trial, 1½ miles. Camoola led Arquebus and Blarney Stone home for the Blue Ribbon, and Daredevil, Kilmore, Shamrock was the placing before 22 others in the Epsom Handicap. In a field of 10 Bungey beat Oxide and Autonomy for the Spring Stakes. The Kensington Handicap was won by Newcastle, and Roburite second, Prime Minister third. The grey Victor Hugo won Kelso, the Shorts, Newcastle being second, and Prime Minister again third. Alchemist was carrying 9.5 in this and was backed at 8's. Time, 1min 15sec. Mulgrove beat Aurellus, Mitre, and a dozen others for the Grand Stand Mile, and Crichton (now on the briny, emigrating) downed Blarney Stone, Calculus, and seven others for the Spring Maiden, 1½ miles. The Metrop. Althotas won from Vespasia, Selkirk (since dead) and 23 others in 2min 36½sec, and unfancied. Trieste had no trouble in annexing the Oaks, and Prime Minister won the Squatters' Handicap from Helene, Roburite, and 19 others. Bungebah repeated his form by annexing the Craven (1½ miles) Plate from Autonomy, Marvel, and three unplaced. Helene improved, and won the Suburban Handicap, seven furlongs, Insignia and Belle Dame the other places. Again Alchemist was fancied with 10.9 up. Trieste as good as walked over Crichton and Blarney Stone for the Second Biennial, and Cis Parker got Paris, with 9.1, home before Candour, St. Albans II., and nine good horses for the Wycombe, 11 furlongs. The Sydney Handicap, 1½ miles, was won by the N.Z. Florrie, Alexander second, Realm third. Insignia took the Selling, Straightfire the Members', nine furlongs, and Ethelbert won the Waverly, 1½ miles, from Affiance and Storm after a clinking finish. Candour beat St. Albans II. and Autonomy in the three mile Randwick Plate, and The Gift, at an outside price, waltzed home before E.K., Roburite, and 22 others for the Final.

At the last minute Mr Cook has decided not to send The Admiral to Sydney for the A.J.C. Meeting.

The interest will be intense when Camoola and Cremorne meet on Saturday as opponents in the Spring Stakes.

D. Cook, the jockey (attached to the Orville Lodge stable), proved himself an adept in steering winners at the Hawkesbury last week. He won on Rosstellan, Ballate and Volunteer.

The Rev. Hill, in his preaching on Sunday, mentioned a case which came under his personal notice, where a boy spent his school sixpence in procuring two 3d. tickets in a totalisator. People can hardly believe it, but it is quite true that such 'totes' exist, and not only exist but new ones are cropping up like mushrooms every day.

It must have been amusing to hear the rev. gentleman praise the police for their endeavours to put the evil down, but, then, one can hardly expect a sky pilot to be in the know, even if he walks through King-street every day.

Why do public speakers literally pat the police on the back when it is known, can be seen, and is a standing disgrace that the most open illegitimate betting is being carried on in Sydney to the ruin of thousands of homes?

Here is an instance. An artizan has been to the shop, and owing to slack trade his pay on Friday night only amounts to a shilling or two over a pound to meet the expenses incurred by himself, wife and four children for the week. The rent is due to-morrow, and he knows it. Instead of going home as soon as he is paid, he goes with a mate to have a long beer. The racing question arises, and another beer is tipped down. Some one, who winks and looks knowing, says, 'Stiff'un cannot lose to-morrow. He knows its all right. Got it straight from the stable. Hush. Must pay a big divy, especially at "Bloodsucker's" tote.' The workman falls in, and on leaving, instead of wending his way homewards and paying his way as far as he can, goes to the 'tote' named and takes a half-sovereign share on the fancy horse. Once in the den the poisonous infatuation to take a double or two ('only a bob each,' he says to himself) claims him, and when he leaves only a few shillings are left to satisfy the anxious eyes of his wife. The thought of this makes him have another beer or two to give him courage to explain and excuse himself. The eventful race comes off, and the

horse he has backed is either a non-starter or unplaced. The last state of that man and his home are worst than the first.

Trieste is very unkindly used in handicaps, and the scratching pen has again been put through her name immediately 10.8 was considered her due in the Kensington Handicap. She would, indeed, be a clinker if she could give Temeraire 3st 4lb and a beating. That's what she was asked to do.

Now, this is a true yarn. A certain trainer and owner was in town and met a sporting scribbler. The subject of racing generally and a whisky were being discussed, and the penman, ever ready for smart pars, was enquiring for all the news he could enlarge upon. 'Now, I'll tell you a good thing for to-morrow,' said the trainer, 'on one condition that you do not put it in your paper.' 'All right,' said the public informant. 'And what race is it for?' 'For the October Handicap,' replied the gee-jigger. 'Oh, all right; but let me write a note first, and then it shall not bias my opinion. And now.' 'Well, its —. He can't lose,' said the one in the know. Next morning the said paper appeared. The 'good thing' was not among the informed one's tips, but another horse appeared. The 'good thing' came off, and you can imagine the results. Can you blame anyone for wanting to go touting after that?

Jack, the well-known grey racehorse in the Orville Lodge stable, broke a bone in his leg, and had to be shot on Sunday.

Silver Knight, who cost 'Little Mac' a big figure as a yearling, has gone into Kelso's stable. We shall see whether he can win a race now.

Donation and Warpaint were scratched for the Epsom Handicap at 12.5 (noon) on Tuesday. Rebecca from both Steeples the same day.

Avondale Jockey Club.

PONY RACE MEETING.

A VERY fair number of people journeyed out to the Avondale racecourse on Saturday last to assist at the pony meeting, which was brought off there under the auspices of the Avondale Jockey Club. The weather was fairly fine, and in the majority of cases good fields were experienced. The absence of the totalisator gave the meeting a certain amount of novelty, but it is to be doubted whether the public gained thereby, as the odds laid by the pencilers were decidedly short. Mr J. Bollard judged the events, the starting was in the hands of Mr E. D. Halstead, Mr J. O. Evett was handicapper, Mr F. W. Marks clerk of scales, and these gentlemen, together with the secretary of the club, Mr H. H. Hayr, worked zealously to ensure the success of the meeting. The Waikomiti Band was in attendance, and added considerably to the enjoyment of the meeting.

The day's racing opened with the Handicap Maiden Pony Race of 15sovs, six furlongs, for which seven ponies started. Topsy 9.0, Little Raven 8.5, Siwash 7.10, Lulu 7.7, Gladys 7.6, Circus Girl 7.0, and Retrenched 7.0, were the starters, Hone Heke, Carbuncle, and Pet being scratched. The top weight Topsy was favourite at 6 to 4, and the betting on the others was 2 to 1 Siwash, 3 to 1 Lulu, 4 to 1 Gladys, 6 to 1 Little Raven, and 10 to 1 Circus Girl and Retrenched. The favourite led to the first furlong post, but here the outsider Retrenched (Davis) caught Mr Cummings' mare, and shaking the rest of the field off, Mr Gunnings' representative won with ease in 1min 26sec. Mr T. Bray's b g Little Raven (Fletcher) took second, and Mr Capper's b g Siwash (D. Wright) third place. The race was never in doubt from the time Davis set Retrenched going, and the easy way in which the cream gelding romped up the straight hard held while the rest had the whips going, showed that the 7.0 awarded the winner was a very easy handicap.

The second event, the Galloway Handicap of 30sovs, one mile, proved somewhat of a disappointment owing to Mr Brinsden's mare Pearl II. being scratched just before the horses went to the post. It appears the club had an account against the owner of Pearl, and on the jockey going to the scales Mr Marks requested the owner to settle with the club. Mr Brinsden professed to know nothing of the account, and on the question 'pay or scratch' being put to him, he made a remark about scratching, whereupon the pen was at once run through the mare's name. This was unfortunate for the owner, as his mare was regarded, and I think very rightly too, as a

dead certainty and the fact that the stewards fined him £2 for late scratching was not calculated to make Mr Brinsden feel more amiable. The public also suffered in consequence, as the money was placed very consistently on the grey from the time the betting started. Topsy 7.12 and Gladys 6.7, were also scratched, leaving the race to be run by Mr W. J. Greenwood's br m Cupid, 10.0, McManemin; Mr A. Greenwood's br m La Grippe 8.11, Bigham; and Mr John Capper's b g Siwash, 6.7, D. Wright. La Grippe was the favourite at 2 to 1 on, Siwash was 4 to 1 against, and Cupid 5 to 1 against. From an even start Siwash led the way until the turn was reached, where La Grippe took command, and although once challenged by Siwash the favourite led stride by stride to the post, which she reached an easy winner, Siwash second, and the top weight last. Time, 1min 59sec.

For the Handicap Hurdle Race of 25sovs, one mile and a half, four horses saddled up, the only scratching being Mr W. Moore's Rodney, which was being reserved for the Flying Handicap. The starters were:—Mr W. J. Greenwood's b g Pica, 12.5, McManemin; Mr J. Lennard's b m Minnie Grey, 11.6, Dixon; Mr T. Bray's Little Raven, 10.8, Fletcher; and Mr J. M. Cumming's blk m Topsy, 9.0, Mobley. Minnie Grey was quickly made favourite, and started at 6 to 4 on, Little Raven and Topsy being 2 to 1 against, and Pica 6 to 1 against. The fall of the flag saw Pica first away, but at the first hurdle Topsy and Little Raven caught him up, and Mr Bray's candidate took the lead. Turning for home the fence hid them, and when they once more came into view the favourite was heading the field. Pica came with a great rush at the second last stick, and racing head to head with Minnie Grey took the last hurdle at the same moment. Cries of "Pica wins" rose up, and McManemin sat down to ride for the finish, but Mr Lennard's mare had a bit up her sleeve, and drawing away as the stand was reached, inch by inch, her rider managed to land her home a winner by half a length. Pica was second, and Little Raven third. Time, 3min 15½sec.

A field of five faced the starter for the Miniature Handicap of 10sovs, five furlongs, and the winner turned up in the topweight Mr J. B. Davis's g g Robin, 9.2, A. Smith. Mr F. E. Andrews' b f Queen Quail, 6.12, McPherson, was second, and Mr T. Bray's b m Lucy Grey, 7.0, G. Hammond, third. Hone Heke was scratched, and the other starters were Mr Barr's Salvator 7.7, and Mr J. R. Martin's b m Pet 7.0. Robin was a hot favourite, his price being 2 to 1 on, Salvator was 2 to 1 against. Pet, on whom even money was placed, rapidly just before the start fell from 10 to 1 to 6 to 1, and Lucy Grey and Queen Quail started at 8 to 1. The issue of the race was never in doubt, for Robin took the lead and showed his field the way round to the post, winning easily by about three lengths. Time, 1min 11½sec.

The last race was the Flying Handicap of 20sovs, five furlongs, for which seven horses saddled up. Mr Greenwood's La Grippe, the winner of the Galloway Handicap, had to carry a penalty of 7lb, making her weight 9.7; but in spite of this she found plenty of backers, and left the post favourite with odds of 2 to 1 on. Mr Moore's Rodney, 8.6, Smith, proved the winner, with La Grippe, Bigham, second, and Mr Davis's Robin, 8.0, Stewart, third. Cupid 10.5, Nannie 9.3, Topsy 8.2, and Lulu 6.10, also started. The betting on the horses after the favourite's price, was 5 to 4 against Rodney, 4 to 1 Robin, 8 to 1 Nannie, 10 to 1 Cupid, and 20 to 1 Lulu. It was a mere walk over for Rodney who led from the jump, and cantered home hard held four lengths from La Grippe, second, and Robin, third. Time, 1min 10½sec.

The last race was commenced at 4.30 p.m., so that the afternoon's sport was concluded in ample time for an early return to town.

Dr. Orpen, formerly of Chelsea and St. Saviour's Hospitals, London, uses electricity, galvanism, and massage, and may be consulted daily at his place in Shortland-street, next Star office.

Duchess, by Musket from Lady St. Clair, dropped a fine filly foal to Cap-a-pie on Friday last at Mr Budge's place, Glen Orchard, St. Heliers.

The New York *Spirit of the Times* says:—'The one-wheel sulky has often been discussed, plans have been drawn, but it has never materialised on the track. Mr John F. Kelley, of Biddeford, Me., promises, however, to soon place one before the public. He is a practical machinist and horseman, and promises to drive himself. The wheel will be a forty-inch one, and will have the regular pneumatic tyre. The seat will be directly over the ball-bearing centre. The experiment will be watched with curiosity and interest.'

Australian Racing.

AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

NEW ZEALAND AGAIN VICTORIOUS.

LOYALTY WINS THE CRAVEN PLATE.

THIRD DAY—SYDNEY, SEPT. 21.

THE third day of the Australian Jockey Club's Spring Meeting was favoured with splendid weather, and consequently the attendance at the course was quite satisfactory. The New Zealand representatives upheld the credit of Maoriland in great fashion, Messrs. O'Brien's and Stead's candidates showing some of the big favourites the way round the course in rattling style.

The first event, the Second Hurdle Race of 200sovs, brought out fourteen starters, and the winner turned up in Mr Cliff's b g Whitefoot by Khoorebah—Hope, Kissing Cup second. The favourite, Bazan, fell, and gave the victor a very easy chance of landing the 4 to 1 price at which he started.

The Craven Plate of 400sovs, one mile and a quarter, resulted in a splendid race. Cremorne 8.13, Bungebah 8.13, Camoola 9.0, Paris 8.13, Stepniak 9.0, and Loyalty 7.9, faced the starter, and the first named animal was made favourite at 2 to 1. The winner of the Metropolitan Stakes showed the way to the back of the course, but quickly fell back. Cremorne and Bungebah then took command, but were in turn deposed by Loyalty and Stepniak. The two New Zealanders cut out the pace in merry fashion, and after an exciting struggle Loyalty got a head in front, and keeping off his opponent won by a short length from Mr Stead's horse. Cremorne finished third, a length and a half behind Stepniak. Time 2min 9sec. The winner's price was 3 to 1.

The Suburban Handicap of 200sovs, seven furlongs, attracted the big field of twenty-two, and was won easily by Mr B. E. Fenwick's Marble by Marvellous—Elsie, 9.8, with Elymas, 9.6, second, and Merry Belle, 8.2, third. The winner started at the nice price of 10 to 1. Time, 1min 30sec.

The Fourth Biennial Stakes of 300 sovs, one mile and a quarter, brought out six starters, and was annexed by Mr H. Oxenham's b c Solanum by Somnus—Blue and White. Mr Hall's Delaware was second, and Claverton third. The race was an easy thing for Solanum, who led up the straight unchallenged. Time, 2min 13½sec. The winner was a 2 to 1 chance.

In the Wycombe Stakes of 250sovs, one mile and three furlongs, Mr Earnshaw's Jeweller, who is considered to have a big chance for the Caulfield Cup, showed some of his metal by winning in magnificent fashion. Half a dozen started, Sunshine being favourite at 5 to 4, and Jeweller second at 4 to 1. Mr J. B. Clark's Pulvil made a big effort for victory on entering the straight, but Jeweller, who is by Splendor out of Souvenir, kept a slight lead and won by half a length, Pulvil second, and the favourite third. Time, 2min 18½sec.

For the Sydney Handicap of 400sovs, one mile and a half, thirteen horses sported silk. Mr D. O'Brien's Launceston, 7.12, ran a great race, leading all the way until the home turn was reached, when Mr Mayo's b m Lady Trenton, 6.12, caught him. A big race ensued, but the mare had been well nursed by her rider and won by half a length with a good bit up her sleeve. Warpaint, 7.11, ran a game race, finishing third, half a length behind Launceston. The favourite Aureus was nowhere. The winner cut the distance out in 3min 37½sec.

LAST DAY—SYDNEY, SEPT. 23.

THE concluding day's racing of the Australian Jockey Club's Spring Meeting was also favoured with good weather, and the sunshine attracted a large attendance of ladies to the course. His Excellency the Governor, and Lord Hopetoun, Governor of Victoria, were present with a large party from Government House.

The day's sport opened with the High Weight Handicap of 200sovs, six furlongs, for which a field of seventeen faced the flag. Affiance was made favourite at 2 to 1 against, and the winner turned up in a 12 to 1 chance, Mr J. Kinnane's br h Alchemist, 10.9, by Sardonyx—Penitent, who won easily with a length and a half to spare. Mr J. Allsopp's b h Antæus, 11.10, finished second, and Mr W. Forrester's ch h Donizetti, 10.0, third. The six furlongs were cut out in 1min 17sec.

For the Members Handicap of 200 sovs, one mile and a furlong, sixteen horses started. This provided a very good race, the winner Budgerie, 8.9, by Marvellous—Elsie, having a great fight up the straight to stall off the second horse, Candid, 7.0. King Orry, with 7.9 up, finished third. Pulvil was favourite at 6 to 4 against, but was never in the race, finishing last but one. The winner paid her backers 10 to 1. Time, 1min 56½sec.

Nine horses sported silk for the Second Steeplechase of 300sovs, about three miles. Mr S. Heathfield's b g Albert, 13.0, was favourite at 7 to 2 against, and was easily beaten by Mr Abraham's b g Beggar Boy, 11.4. Third place was filled by Bassanio, 9.8. The winner, who is a son of Faugh-a-ballagh, did the distance in 7min 14½sec.

For the Waverley Handicap twelve horses started. Mr W. R. Hall's b h Straightfire, 6.7, being the most favoured at 6 to 1 against. Out of the field the only three horses left in it at the finish were Mr Cliff's blk h Miletos, 7.0, the favourite, and Mr Mayo's br m Lady Trenton, 7.7, and after a good struggle they passed the post in the order named, Miletos having over two lengths the best of it. The winner, who is by Navigator—Mileta, started at 10 to 1. Time, 3min 7½sec. This was the only race which was marred by an accident, Ducrow fell badly, and putting his shoulder out had to be shot. His rider, Kennedy, was found to be suffering from concussion of the brain on being picked up, and was removed to the hospital.

The three-mile spin for the Randwick Plate of 500sovs, resulted in a fine race. Mr Stead's Stepniak, with 9.0 up, was much fancied after his fine displays in the Spring Stakes and the Craven Plate, in both of which events he ran a good second to the other New Zealander, Loyalty, and the public money sent him from the post favourite at 6 to 4 against. Mr J. B. Clark's Camoola, 9.0, was next fancied at 2 to 1, and justified the opinion of backers by winning easily. The other starters were Mr J. B. Clark's Projectile, 6.12, and Mr W. T. Hungerford's The Dreamer, 9.6. The last named horse was quickest off, and led well away from his field during the first round. The New Zealander Stepniak was second, but when Oxenham's was reached Camoola caught Mr Stead's horse, and then tackling The Dreamer snatched the lead after a short struggle. On passing the stables Projectile stepped with the leaders, and collaring Stepniak tried to get on even terms with Camoola, but the latter moved away easily and with the greatest of ease placed a good eight lengths between himself and the field before the judge's box was passed. Projectile was well ahead of the third horse Stepniak. Time, 3min 32sec. The winner is by Chester—Copra, and was ridden splendidly by Huxley.

The day's racing was completed by the Final Handicap of 200 sovs, one mile and a quarter, and was annexed by an outsider, Kookaburra. Out of a field of 18 Mr B. E. Fenwick's ch h Marble, 8.2, was favourite at 2 to 1 agst. After a good race Mr Forrester's br g Kookaburra, by Somnus—The Giggler, 7.0, won by a short length from Marble second, and Mr S. Horden's br h Cannon, 7.9, third. Time, 2min 10½sec. The winner started at the nice price of 15 to 1.

Auckland Tattersall's.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

THE annual meeting of the Auckland Tattersall's Club was held in the club-room on Tuesday evening last. Mr L. A. Levy occupied the chair, and there were thirty-three members present. After the notice of the meeting had been read and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the report of the Committee which was read as follows was adopted:—

The committee herewith submit their report and balance-sheet for 1892-93. Members will be pleased to learn that the finances of the Club continue in a satisfactory state. After writing off the sum of £29 5s for depreciation, etc., the balance-sheet shows assets amounting to £344 6s 1d, with no liabilities. The whole of the present committee retire, and you will be asked to elect a new committee of seven from eight candidates nominated. You will also require to elect two auditors.

There were eight gentlemen nominated to fill the seven positions on the new committee, but a ballot was rendered unnecessary by Mr Levy intimating that he did not intend to seek re-election. Several members urged Mr Levy to reconsider his decision, and great regret was expressed by the club as a whole when the chairman stated he could not see his way to alter the determination he had come

to. Members reluctantly accepted Mr Levy's withdrawal, and the feeling was general that the club would suffer a great loss through being deprived of the advice and assistance of the late chairman, who had always been most zealous in furthering in every possible way the interests of the institution.

The next business transacted was an alteration in the rule relating to the date of the annual meeting. The old financial year ended on September 30th, and this was altered to July 31st in order that it might fit in conveniently with the racing season. This departure from the old state of things makes the licenses for the A.R.C. and Tattersalls fall due at the same time.

The two gentlemen who acted as auditors during the past year were re-elected, and the meeting terminated after a vote of thanks had been accorded the out-going committee, special reference being made to the late chairman.

A Walk to Otahuhu.

MR. McLEOD WINS HIS WAGER.

A CROWD of people, a drag, half-a-dozen buggies, and a couple of men in racing costume standing on the Queen-street kerbstone, is not a usual 8 a.m. sight in Auckland, and there were many early promenaders on Saturday morning last who wondered greatly what the gathering at the Shortland-street corner meant. Many hurried up to the South British corner under the impression that a fight was in progress, and others that an accident had taken place. The meaning of the crowd was that Mr Dan McLeod, the well-known penciller, was preparing for his effort to walk to Otahuhu in 1 hour and 38 minutes, and as the starting hour, 8 a.m., drew near, there was a very respectable assemblage to witness the start. The match was made about a fortnight ago, when Mr McLeod backed himself to accomplish the distance in an hour and three-quarters for £5. More money was placed on, and the wager quickly grew, especially when Mr McLeod shortened his time limit and backed himself to cut out the walk in 1 hour and 38 minutes. He took all the level money he could get and then laid odds until the morning of the race saw him standing to lose £102 and to win £77. Mr Sam Goodman, the ex-long distance champion, took Mr McLeod in training, and from the exhibition given by his man during the race Sam succeeded in putting a great polish on him. Mr D. B. Tonks acted as judge and Mr H. H. Hay, with whom the initial wager of £5 had been lodged, kept time. Punctually at 8 a.m. Mr McLeod set off up Shortland-street with his trainer as pacemaker, and turned into High-street at a cracking pace. The drag and buggies, which held a number of sporting men and those interested in the wagers, proceeded up Queen-street at a trot, and when Wellesley-street was reached, there was McLeod pegging up the hill in a manner that showed he was going to make a hard fight for the wagers.

Turning into Symond-st., by the Wynyard Arms Hotel, he lightened himself by taking off his coat, and headed by Goodman, set sail up the hill. Here the first mile post was reached, and the watch showed it had been cut out in 11min 18sec—very good travelling considering the hill the walker had climbed. The trainer had his watch in the palm of his hand, and smiled confidently at his man on ascertaining the time, for the mile had been done under the limit calculated by him as being necessary for his man to win. Turning into Kyber Pass a spurt was made, and as the two men spun down the incline the shop doors were filled by people curious to know what it all meant. The pace appeared to be livening up, and this was proved when the second mile post was passed in exactly 20 minutes—or 8min 42sec for the second mile of the journey. Down the Pass a good time was kept, and there were no signs of tiring on the part of McLeod. Rounding the Carlton Club Hotel Goodman spurred, with a sign to his man, who was eight yards behind, to close up. McLeod drew level, and entering Newmarket spurred splendidly, and forged ahead of his trainer, who took him up again later on, and landed him at the Junction Hotel in 29min 25sec. Goodman was looking eagerly for the third mile post, and on spying it ahead, he led McLeod at a cracking pace, which brought him abreast of it in 30min 55sec. The next mile was over rather hard road, and took 11min 55sec to travel. A slice of apple was taken by the walker here, and pegging steadily

along at an easy pace he reached the fifth mile in 51min 20sec. Livening up the pace McLeod drew up to Clifton's house, which is just 5 miles and three-quarters, in exactly one hour, and Sam Goodman mopped his brow and smiled triumphantly. The sixth mile post saw the watch at 61min 27sec, and during the next mile Sam looked vainly for the mile post, which had broken down. It should have been somewhere near Cooper's shop, which was passed in 71min 54sec. McLeod was pacing splendidly and with the greatest of ease. There was no signs of his wind giving out, and amongst those who followed him none could be found willing to wager he would not accomplish the task he had set himself.

The Sylvia Park gate was reached in 80min 10sec, and the eighth mile post in 82min 25sec. From this out the issue of the walk was never in doubt, and when McLeod breasted the tape at the Criterion Hotel in 1 hour 32 minutes and 29 3-5 seconds, a cheer went up from the knot of Otahuhu people who had assembled to witness the finish. McLeod finished strong and full of going, as was shown in the last quarter, when his trainer told him to go. On getting the word McLeod passed him like a shot, and drawing ahead left Sam in the rear. Of course Goodman had been wearing himself out on the journey by going ahead to pick out the best road and by spurting to pull his man along, so that his defeat at the last was no reflection on his powers as a walker. He is by no means in good condition just now, and no doubt could, as he states, cut the nine miles out inside of an hour and a half when fit and well. There was no question of the fairness of McLeod's walking, which was straight out heel and toe, and the condition in which he finished can be best gauged by his offer on breasting the tape to lay £100 to £50 that he would walk the nine miles back to town in an hour and three-quarters. But there was no one ready to risk it.

The match has given rise to two similar ones, but the men who are going to travel the nine miles have stipulated for a much longer time than that in which McLeod cut out the distance.

The Sculling Race.

SULLIVAN EASILY BEATS BUBEAR.

THE sculling match between Tom Sullivan, of Auckland, and George Bubear, of America, for £200 aside and the Sportsman's Challenge Cup, took place over the championship course from Putney to Mortlake on Monday last, and resulted in an easy win for the New Zealander. The American was the favourite at 11 to 8 on, and was strongly supported, but when the men were set going Sullivan immediately showed he held victory in the palm of his hand, and won as he liked, leading all the way and winning by five lengths. The New Zealander was within an ace of colliding with a steamer when shooting Hammersmith Bridge, and in avoiding the threatened danger the oarsman lost a couple of lengths, which he, however, speedily regained.

The course was covered in 22 minutes 30 seconds.

The victory of our representative is an exceedingly meritorious one, for to beat Bubear, an accomplished oarsman, in the way he did was no ordinary performance. Sullivan, who is 25 years of age, was born and bred in Auckland, and made his first attempt at rowing on local water. His performance when he won the Amateur Sculling Championship of New Zealand is too well known to need repetition, and when he joined the professional ranks and arranged to meet James Stanbury in May of 1891, there were many willing to back their opinion that he would beat the Australian. But good as the Auckland then showed himself to be Stanbury was better, and wrested the race from him.

Sullivan has now met Bubear three times, and beaten him twice. Their first meeting was on the Nepean River, N.S.W., on April 4, 1890, and in this match the Auckland, who was in no condition to race through illness, was easily beaten, having to abandon the contest before the course was covered. On May 11th, 1891, he easily defeated Stephenson at Sydney for £100 aside and a side wager of £100. In his second meeting with Bubear, on May 30, 1891, Sullivan won after a gallant race, in 19min 15sec, a record in advance of that made in the Beach-Hanlan race. When the present match was under negotiation Sullivan experienced some difficulty in getting his opponent to come to terms. After a meeting had

been arranged consequent to the usual parleying through the sporting Press, an appointment was made which was attended by several leading sportsmen. When talking commenced Sullivan proposed to row Bubear on September 11, pointing out that he wished to return to Australasia as soon as possible. Bubear declined to fall in with this proposition, and stated he would not row on any other day than September 25. Although this meant additional expense to the Auckland he at once agreed to fall in with Bubear's date, and the match was forthwith arranged. The articles were then drawn up and signed, and provided that the men should row a straightaway scullers race from Putney Bridge to the Ship at Mortlake, starting from two moored skiffs, 25 yards apart, on Monday, September 25, 1893, in best-and-best boats, for the sum of £200 aside and the Challenge Cup, the two men to be in their boats ready to start at one o'clock in the afternoon, and to row under the centre span of Hammersmith Bridge. The race to be rowed according to such of the new Thames National rules as are applicable, cutters being allowed to accompany the race, but they must be kept behind the sternmost man from start to finish. To start by mutual consent, but if not off within fifteen minutes of the appointed time to be started by the umpire by signal or otherwise. A clause was inserted to provide for the postponement of the race in cases of fog or rough weather.

Now that our representative has gained the victory great interest will be taken in his future actions as regards Stanbury. Frank Slavin, the Melbourne boxer, who it appears has given up the hard work of the prize ring for the less arduous task of match-making, has informed us through a recent cable that he intends arranging a sculling race for the championship of the world between the winner of the Sullivan-Bubear contest and Stanbury, the present champion. Accordingly, Sullivan is his man, and a match will doubtless be effected. Whatever our wishes may be, we are constrained to think that the Auckland when he engages Stanbury will find a man exceedingly hard to beat. Stanbury has proved himself a worthy successor to Beach and Searle, and unless his knocking about in the States has broken him off his old form, he will make Sullivan spin along in earnest when the race comes off.

Turf Topics.

Isinglass, by Isonomy—Deadlock, the winner of the Doncaster St. Leger, has up to the present not suffered defeat. Isinglass is engaged in the Lancashire Plate, Newmarket St. Leger and Lowther Stakes. Next season he has engagements for the Princess of Wales's Stakes, Jockey Club Stakes, Champion Stakes at Newmarket, Hardwick Stakes at Ascot, and Eclipse Stakes.

According to the American correspondent of the Sydney Referee, Bruce Low, who took Stromboli and Clevedon over to the Yankee side, has not made much of a deal out of the venture. The racing men are stated to be prejudiced against Australian stock on the ground that they are no good until acclimatised, and very little even then. This is rough and rather idiotic. What about Sir Modred?

In addition to Carnage, about whom such disquieting reports have been received from the other side, Mr W. R. Wilson has Havoc (Zalinski's brother), Pilatus (Stromboli's brother), and Argent (Hortense's brother) entered for the V.R.C. Derby.

Notwithstanding the assurance given to the Australian Press by the owner of Jeweller that he has not backed his horse for the Caulfield Cup, and that Jeweller may not fulfil his engagement, turf speculators are disregarding the unsolicited tip and continue to place their money on the horse. Steady backing is keeping Jeweller well up in the market, and he will probably remain well to the top of quotations as long as his name remains in the race.

The South Australian Jockey Club has taken a firm stand regarding the bookmakers, who hang upon the fringe of racing, to the great detriment of the sport. Acting under the advice of the police authorities, the club has abolished the outer ring at Morphettville, and as betting at Adelaide is illegal, unless done inside an authorised ring, the wretched "bookies" will in future find themselves without a home.

The mishap to Carnage, news of which was received last week, was caused through the colt rearing in his box and spraining the muscles of his shoulder in falling. Five days after the accident he was sufficiently recovered to take swimming and cantering exercise, but on being put at half pace work he pulled up lame. This is affecting his Derby prospects considerably, and the fact that he is just now affected with toothing troubles may, in conjunction with the lameness, induce his owner not to send him for the Derby. This will not affect backers much, as it is believed there is very little money booked against him.

Johnny Huxtable, who has been out of the saddle professionally for some time, intends riding again this season, and is open for engagements. He will ride at eight stone.

Recent foalings:—A filly by St. Leger—Operatic; a bay colt by Cuirassier—Sybil.

Sundial was scratched on the 21st instant for the Caulfield Cup.

The New Zealand representatives at the Australian Jockey Club's Spring Meeting in Sydney have upheld the honour of their Colony in great style. With Mr Stead's filly Ich Dien second in the Trial Stakes, Messrs O'Brien's and Stead's Loyalty and Stepiak first and second in Spring Stakes and Craven Plate, Mr Gallan's filly Bessie McCarthy first in the A.J.C. Oaks, Ich Dien first in the Spring Maiden Stakes, and Mr O'Brien's Launceston second in the Sydney Handicap, Maoriland did not do so badly.

Enuc has been scratched for the Caulfield Cup and Saracen for the New Zealand Cup.

Mr T. Morrin's Ouida (dam of Strathmoor) has dropped a colt foal to Cuirassier.

Jimmy Hayes, the well-known Australian jockey who steered Fortunatus to victory in the Newmarket Handicap and Portsea in the Australian Cup last year, is suing the Australasian for £5,000 damages. The journal commented on the V.R.C.'s refusal to renew Hayes' license in a very caustic fashion, and hence the action.

A curious race has been arranged in connection with the Chicago World's Fair. This will be a milch cow race for 5000 dollars. Each person on entering a cow for the race will be furnished a two-wheeled gig, set of cow harness, one churn, 100 pounds of meal, 50 pounds of bacon, 10 pounds of coffee, and cooking utensils with which to prepare their food. Drivers will be allowed to consume all the milk and butter they desire for their own personal wants en route. The cows are to be driven 12 hours a day, allowing one hour for dinner, and churning is to be permitted while travelling or at a stop. The cow arriving at the World's Fair first with not less than fifty pounds of butter to her credit, made en route, will receive first money.

Mr Sam Wilson arrived from Christchurch on Monday last with the imported trotting stallion Imperious, who is advertised to stand the season at the Tramway Stables, Epsom. Imperious was bred in 1885 by Mr J. B. Haggin in the Californian Ranch del Paso Stud, a place famous for good blood, and is by Director out of Mandane, by Hambletonian—Young Vernon, by David Hill; Director by Dictator—Dolly, by Hambletonian. His sire Director is the most fashionable trotting sire in America at present, having sired more winners in the States last season than any other stallion. Imperious is proving himself a worthy son, having left several very promising yearlings behind him in America.

Mr M. S. Laurie's br m Priscilla and Mr D. Stewart's ch m Tingara are booked to visit Mr T. Morrin's St. Leger this season.

The defeat of Mr H. McCalmont's Isinglass in the Lancashire Plate of 8000s, news of which was received by cable on Monday, must have come as a surprise to the English racing public. The son of Isonomy had never before suffered defeat, and was looked upon as a certain winner. Raeburn, the winner, is by St. Simon—Mowrina, and finished third to Isinglass in the Two Thousand Guineas and the Derby.

A mistake which does not often occur at a well-managed race meeting happened on the opening day of the South Canterbury Jockey Club's Spring Meeting last week. The Flying Handicap, which is a seven furlong event, was started from the six furlong post, and curiously enough the mistake was not noticed until the race had been completed and the time taken. Then, of course, it was patent an error had been made. The only thing left for the stewards under the rules was to run the race over again. But it was very hard on Mr Harris, whose mare Busybody, who had already run in the Timaru Guineas, won hands down over the six furlongs. From her easy win it was plain she would have won over the correct distance, but to go the race over again after the false one, and the run for the Timaru Guineas was another thing altogether, and the consequence was she was beaten by Rosehill.

A report is current down South that Mr D. O'Brien is about to sell Loyalty. I incline to the belief that he will make a terrible mistake if he does part with this splendid three-year-old son of St. George and Fair Nell.

By the victory of Skirmisher in the Timaru Guineas he has incurred a penalty of 3lbs for the New Zealand Cup, and Ich Dien by her victory in the Spring Maiden Stakes at the A.J.C.'s Spring Meeting has incurred a penalty of 5lbs.

We have received the Dunedin Jockey Club's programme for the ensuing season, which shows that £2840 will be given away in stakes at the Spring Meeting, £3065 at the Autumn Meeting, £450 at the Anniversary Meeting, and £1215 at the May Meeting. The programme shows a falling off of £750 as compared with that of last year.

A noble plunger, Lord Roselyn, the owner of Buccaneer, has had to request grace from the English Ring. At the Newmarket Second July Meeting the noble lord was £32000 on the wrong side of his book.

According to a Saginaw (Michigan) despatch to the New York Spirit of the Times, the famous Californian pacer Flying Jib has accomplished one mile over a bad track in 2min 53sec. The first quarter was covered in 0.31, the second in 1.2, the third in 1.34, and the mile in the time mentioned above.

The London Sporting Life says in a recent issue:—There are very few more generous supporters of rowing than Mr Gollan, the New Zealand sportsman. This gentleman presented young Tom Green with a beautiful sculling boat. John Clasper was given carte blanche in the matter of its construction. The only stipulation made was that the craft should be stiff and serviceable, and at the same time light. Clasper filled the bill to perfection.

At the last monthly meeting of the A.J.C. Committee in Sydney it was decided to put a stopper on the gentle tout. It was resolved that on all days other than race days no persons except members and their friends accompanying them, the officials, employees of the club, or other persons having business with horses in training, shall be allowed on the course at Randwick without express permission. A very wise rule, too, and one greatly needed at Randwick.

The bookies must have had a skinner at Caulfield on the 9th inst., when Strahan won the Armadale Handicap. Only one of the fielders had the name in his book, and he laid £50 to £1.

An English exchange states that Mr S. H. Gollan rowed No. 4 in the Thames Rowing Club which won the Challenge Cup for eights at Henley.

Apropos of the mishandling the Duke of Beaufort's colt Strathrose received in the race for the American Derby, an account of which appeared in our last issue, G. H. B. Manser, the trainer of Strathrose, has written the following letter to the London Sporting Times in support of an article written in that paper on the treatment received by the Duke of Beaufort's representative:—"Your article is fairly correct about our treatment at Chicago. The people hissed the English colours, but that is a trifle. I expected better treatment from the starter. The course was not wide enough to start us all upsides, so we had to form a double row for fifteen horses. The starter could have sent us off the first try to a good start, but he had an audience of a thousand odd folks at the post, so he took on a stump speech like a clown at a circus instead, and got applause for what would over here have excited disgust, and thought he was doing something grand, the weak-brained fellow. Whenever some of the horses broke away he slanged, jumped over the rails with a long whip, and lashed horses and jockeys alike. No one knew what the idiot wanted to do. It was he who struck Strathrose in the eye and nearly blinded him. I wish I could have got at him, but Strathrose laid him out fair and square with his heels. The start was a mere kicking and swearing match for over two hours. I got well away, but, being badly kicked and nearly blind, my horse could not face the crowd and dust. The 'racecourse' was only eighteen yards wide. Think of that. No one came from the Stewards' Stand to remonstrate with the starter, or to put an end to the fiasco at the start. Of course, they didn't mean letting the money go to England, and there is none of the fair play there which they get here. I refused offers to settle there. There are, of course, some good people racing, and the best owners treated me royally. But home is good enough."

An uncommon wager is reported by the Sydney Town and Country Journal. It appears that when the card was read over one day last week at Bowes's Tattersall's for the Caulfield Cup, an offer of £100 to half-a-crown was made against the Tasmanian bred Strahan, by Musk Rose, from Claudia, who won the Tasmanian Derby. The wager was taken. Strahan, who is a grandson of Musket, won the Armadale Handicap at Caulfield with 6.10, easily by two lengths from Division, 8.11, Taurus, 7.5, finishing third. The individual who thus invested his half-a-crown on the Caulfield Cup has a very nice wager, though Division will carry close on a stone less in the Caulfield Cup. Still when a horse wins an important race like this it is hard to say what he may do. Strahan is in the hands of Mr J. Carmody, who has Glenloch. The field for the Armadale Handicap numbered 25, amongst them being Sternchaser, Jonathan, Corzeze, Tarcoola, Light Artillery, and Pounamu, so that Strahan's victory was a decidedly good performance.

Referring to the great falling off in the totalisator turnover during the past season in New Zealand the Sydney Town and Country Journal considers there are several feasible reasons which can be advanced to show that several influences were at work to produce these results. The increase of betting through other agencies than the totalisator itself is held to be one, and the fact that the Government taking nearly £22,000 by way of taxation from the racing public in two seasons is another. When the tax was first introduced the journal in question stated its belief that each succeeding year would show a falling off in the amount of money put through by the various clubs, and that the Government would not be able to calculate upon the tax producing so much revenue each season as was anticipated. The bulk of the profits of racing have hitherto been distributed amongst horse owners in the way of stakes, but when one of the chief sources of revenue from which the stake money is derived is so heavily drawn upon by the Government—they have taken nearly one-fifth of the net totalisator money of the whole of the clubs during the past season—it must be clear to all that the majority of racing clubs will not be in a position to increase their prize money. Though there has been a marked decrease in the number of clubs and number of meetings and days of racing, it may appear strange that the number of events has not shown an appreciable falling off, from which it must be understood that the clubs have in a number of instances increased the total of their races; indeed some that were formerly content with seven races a day have gone in for eight, and others that held eight races have increased the number to nine, while some have actually managed to get as many as ten races through in one afternoon.

The following are the winning payments in connection with the Avondale Jockey Club's Pony Meeting:—Mr A. Greenwood, £23 15s; Mr W. Moore, £19; Mr J. Lennard, £19; Mr E. Gunning, £12 7s; Mr J. B. Davis, £9 10s; Mr John Capper, £4 15s; Mr W. Greenwood, £4 15s; Mr T. Bray, £1 18s—£95.

The Avondale Jockey Club intend holding another pony meeting without the aid of the totalisator on an early date, the full particulars of which will be published in our advertising columns shortly.

Mr R. Thorpe, of Ellerslie, intimates that the following thoroughbreds are in the market for sale.—Ch m by Billingsgate, dam Katapo, stunted to Brigadier; br m Mary by Musket, dam Lalla Rookh, and stunted to Dishonour; br m Jessica by Billingsgate, dam Derby mare (winner of several races last season); br g, 4yrs, by Billingsgate, dam Mary, just broken; br g, 3yrs, by Cap-a-pie, dam Mary, unbroken; ch c, 2 yrs by St. Leger, dam Mary, just broken; b m St. Ella, 3yrs, by St. Leger, dam Satanela.

According to 'Cranbrook,' of the Melbourne Sportsman, J5, who is fancied by many for the Melbourne Cup, was badly spur-marked after his run for the Armadale Handicap. This looks as though he was fairly going in the race, and if so his chance for the big V.R.C. event is decidedly shady.

The winner of the Plumpton Handicap, The Author, at the S.A.J.C.'s meeting on the 10th inst., paid his backers the nice dividend of £71 18s on the totalisator.

The patent automatic starting and finishing clock, invented and patented by Mr A. Bartlett, of Auckland, has attracted favourable notice on the Australian side.

Nominations for the principal handicaps in connection with the A.R.C. Spring and Summer meetings were due on Friday night last. The number received were:—Prince of Wales Handicap 14, Hurdle Race 13, City Handicap 19, Auckland Cup 27, A.R.C. Handicap 34, Steeplechase 13. This shows a falling off compared with the nominations of last year.

It is stated that a cable has been received from London intimating that Isinglass, who ran second to Raeburn in the race for the Lancashire Plate, has been scratched for all engagements this year.

The South Auckland Racing Club have compiled their programme for their Summer meeting, to be held on the Claudelands racecourse, Hamilton, on Saturday, December 30th. Eight events carrying 300 sovs prize money have been arranged as follows:—Maiden Plate Handicap of 20 sovs, 1 mile; Handicap Hurdles of 25 sovs, 1 1/2 miles; Waikato Sires Produce Stakes (1893-94) of 65 sovs; South Auckland Cup Handicap of 70 sovs, 1 1/2 miles; McNicol Memorial Stakes Handicap of 25 sovs, 1 mile and a distance; Handicap Steeplechase of 50 sovs, about three miles; Ladies' Bracelet Handicap of 25 sovs, one mile; Flying Stakes Handicap of 20 sovs, six furlongs. Nominations for all races must be made to the hon. sec., Mr Barton, at Hamilton, before 9 p.m. on Friday, December 1st. Weights will appear on or about Saturday, December 9th, and acceptances must be declared before 9 p.m. on Friday, December 15th.

Bob Wright has joined Frank Macmanemin's stable.

W. Moberly, who has been looking after the pony Topsy for the last few months, joins Stening's stable at Kohimarama.

The programme for the Spring Meeting of the Gisborne Racing Club, to be held on the Poverty Bay Park Company's course on the Prince of Wales' Birthday, has been approved by the Metropolitan Club. The card is made up of eight events, carrying 255 sovs prize money, and is as follows:—Flying Handicap of 40 sovs, three-quarters of a mile; Maiden Hack Scurry of 10 sovs, half a mile; Grandstand Handicap of 40 sovs, one mile; Handicap Hurdle Race of 50 sovs, about two miles; Handicap Hack Hurdle Race of 10 sovs, one mile; Park Handicap of 75 sovs, one mile and a quarter; Handicap Hack Race of 10 sovs, one mile; and Forced Handicap of 20 sovs, one mile. Nominations for the Flying, Hurdle, Grandstand and Park Handicaps must be made on Saturday, October 14th, at 9 p.m., and acceptances for the same events are due on Wednesday, November 1st, at 9 p.m. Weights will be declared on Monday, October 23rd. The programme will be found in our advertising columns.

A Dunedin bookmaker, Mr. Finlayson, was sued last week by a station hand named Locke for the recovery of £9 16s 6d. Locke sent the bookmaker £1 to invest on Waterbury in the Grand National. The horse won and Finlayson forwarded his client £10. Lockie claimed the full dividend of £19 6s 6d, but the penciller declined to pay, on the ground that his cards stated he did not do business outside a £10 limit. The judge found for the bookmaker.

The Australian record put up for the high jump by Spondulix (6ft. 9 1/2 in.) has been lowered by Lubra who is out of a half-bred mare by Duke of Wellington, son of King of the Ring. With 10.7 up she cleared 6ft. 10in. at the Victorian Show Grounds.

Skirmisher's win in the Timaru Guineas is making people talk of his chance in the New Zealand Cup.

We have to acknowledge receipt of the first number of the Dunedin Licensed Victuallers Gazette and Hotel Guide, a brightly written paper dealing with matters affecting the trade. The Gazette has been specially brought into, being to oppose The Prohibitionist, a journal which the new paper holds is sowing broadcast 'the principles of tyranny and confiscation.'

Mr. A. C. Brett, secretary of the Egmont Racing Club has forwarded us the programme drawn up by his Club for the coming season; but as it did not reach us in time we have been compelled to keep it over until the next issue. Mr. Brett desires to draw special attention to the fact that the second acceptance (10s.) on the Sires Hack Produce Stakes 1895 is due on Saturday, February 10th, 1894, when the name of horse must be given. The first acceptance (10s.) for the Sire's Hack Produce Stakes, 1896, is due on Friday, February 16th, 1894.

The annual report and balance sheet of the Takapuna Jockey Club showed that for the year ending July 31 the club's operations had resulted in a loss of £210 5s 4d. Three race meetings had been held and had been successful enough from a racing, but not, unfortunately, from a financial point of view. The stakes paid away amounted to £2000, and the total expenditure was £3437 15s 4d, against which were receipts amounting to £3227 10s. The State Tax of 1 1/2 per cent. amounted to £219 18s 4d, and the receipts from the totalisator, exclusive of the State Tax came to £1269 1s 2d against £1676 7s 8d for the previous year.

The Waerenga-a-Hika Jockey Club have compiled their programme for their Boxing Day Meeting, to be held on the Poverty Bay Turf Club's course, Makaraka, on Tuesday, Dec. 26th. The card is of eight events, as follows:—Maiden Plate of 25 sovs, one mile and a quarter; Half-mile Scurry of 10 sovs, four furlongs; Boxing Day Handicap of 120 sovs, one mile and a half; Handicap Hurdle Race of 60 sovs, two miles; Hack Hurdles Handicap of 15 sovs, one mile; Flying Handicap of 60 sovs, six furlongs; Handicap Hack Flat Race of 15 sovs, one mile; and Forced Handicap of 20 sovs, one mile. Nominations for the Handicap Hurdles, Boxing Day and Flying Handicaps must be made by Saturday, November 25th, and acceptances for the Handicap Hurdles, Boxing Day and Flying Handicaps, and the Maiden Plate are due on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Weights will be declared on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. The full programme will be advertised in a future issue.

The programme for the Summer Meeting of the Manawatu Racing Club, to be held on the Palmerston North racecourse on Dec. 26 and 27 is to hand, and realises the expectations justified by the previous card put forward by the Club. The programme is as follows:—First day—Telegraph Stakes of 60 sovs, seven furlongs; First Handicap Hurdles of 60 sovs, two miles; First Handicap Hack Hurdles of 35 sovs, one mile and three-quarters; Palmerston Cup of 250 sovs, one and a half miles; First Hack Flat Handicap of 30 sovs, one and a quarter miles; Grandstand Handicap of 50 sovs, one mile; Ladies Bracelet of 25 sovs, one and a half miles. Second Day—Summer Handicap of 50 sovs, six furlongs; Second Handicap Hurdles of 45 sovs, one mile and three-quarters; Second Handicap Hack Hurdles of 30 sovs, one mile and a half; Flying Hack Handicap of 30 sovs, six furlongs; Presidents Handicap of 150 sovs, one mile and a quarter; Christmas Hack Handicap of 25 sovs, one mile; and Farewell Handicap of 35 sovs, seven furlongs. Such a card should ensure two good days' racing, and the excellent way in which the Club conducts its meeting is sufficient guarantee that the public will be well looked after. Nominations for all races close on Friday, Dec. 1st; weights for the first day races will be declared on or about December 5th; acceptances for the first day's races close on December 14th at 10 p.m.; weights for the second day's racing will be declared about December 26th, and acceptances will close at 10 p.m. on December 26th. Auckland nominations, etc., should be sent to Mr H. H. Hayr, of the SPORTING REVIEW, who will act as the club's local agent.

Respecting the win of Salient in the S.A.J.C. Derby, the Australasian writes:—"The field was the largest seen at the post since the race was instituted thirty-three years ago. The Ballarat representative, Salient, confirmed his last season's superiority to the opposition by beating them again. It was a slow pudding race, and the winner romped in by four lengths. Salient is a well-set-up, strong-looking colt, and as his dam, Nancy, is practically a full sister to Archie it is not difficult to account for his pace. It is to be hoped he will prove better beyond a mile than the favourite for Martini-Henry's Derby was. The New Zealander, Oudeis, died altogether too soon, nearly everything he got having turned out well."

Nominations (with 150v to go to the funds) for the Hawke's Bay Guineas of 300sovs, will close with the secretary at the Criterion Hotel, Napier, on Tuesday, October 10th, at 10 p.m.

Weights, etc.

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB.

ACCEPTANCES.
FIRST HANDICAP HURDLE RACE OF 75 SOVS, about two miles.—Satyr 11.2, Kaupu 11.0, Chester 10.7, Jack 10.6, Dromedary 10.5, Avis 10.0, Joker 10.0, Oddfellow 9.10.
FLYING HANDICAP OF 100 SOVS, six furlongs.—St. Hippo 10.6, Miss Letty 8.9, St. Katherine 8.9, Swivel 8.8, Ua 8.6, Loch Ness 8.0, Stanmoor 8.0, Porepo 7.0, Fleta 6.12, Spinaway 6.10, Dingo 6.10, The Parson 6.7.
NOMINATIONS.
HAWKE'S BAY GUINEAS OF 300 SOVS, one mile.—Major George's ch c Pegasus, by Nelson—Tenambra; Hon. J. D. Ormond's b c Tussock, by Nordenfeldt—Speargrass; Mr G. Wright's br c Stanmoor, by Ingomar—Onyx; Capt. Russell's b f Noyade, by Lord of the Isles—Lorelei; Mr F. Watson's ch f St. Laura, by St. Leger—Miss Laura.
OCTOBER HANDICAP.—Rosefeldt, Rangiatea, Fleta, Sister Mary, Free Lance, Waterlily, Mystic, Dreamland, Goosander, Scott Free, Loch Ness.
WELCOME STAKES.—St. Kevin, Mount Ida, Maluri, Nixie, Pompo, Tartan, Planet, Haeta, Forme, Blarney.
POST STAKES.—T. Rose, Sister Mary, Waterlily, Avis, Allan—a Dale, Georgina, Financier.
CORINTHIAN STAKES.—Chris, Prairie Grass, Zeecho, Eclipse, St. Anthony, Waterlily, St. Malo, Avis, Auckland, Dromedary, Notatrix, Financier, Dreamland, Premier.
MAIDEN PLATE.—Colorado, Pinrose, Flaneur, Huis, Robina, Mystical, Haeta, Miss Letty, Patchfeldt, Welcome Nat, Purepo, Sunlight.
SECOND HURDLES.—Jack, Kapua, Chester, Vascoe, Eclipse, Oddfellow, Avis, Joker, Satyr, Dromedary, Notatrix.
FINAL HANDICAP.—Ua, Swivel, Fleta, Spinaway, Midas, Flaneur, St. Laura, Mystic, Mystical, Haeta, Loch Ness, Miss Letty, Goosander, Purepo, Dingo.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.—NOMINATIONS.

SPRING MEETING.
PRINCE OF WALES' HANDICAP OF 175 SOVS, 1 1/2 miles.—Eve, Gay Deceiver, Brown Alice, Sylvia Park, Ingordia, Tulloch, Van Dieman, Annabelle, Yattenfeldt, Royal Rose, Ida, Brigand, Coalscuttle, His Worship.
HANDICAP HURDLE RACE OF 80 SOVS, 2 miles.—Ika Vaka, Despised, Deceiver, Auckland, Tattler, Fishmonger, Mangere, Hinemona, Fright, Satyr, Bombardier, Belmont, Marchal Neil.
CITY HANDICAP OF 100 SOVS, 1 1/2 miles.—Eve, Gay Deceiver, Brown Alice, Ben Godfrey, Sylvia Park, St. Laura, Ingordia, Tulloch, Van Dieman, Annabelle, Sunbeam, Lottie, Yattenfeldt, Royal Rose, Ida, Dorothy, Brigand, Coalscuttle, His Worship.
SUMMER MEETING.
AUCKLAND CUP OF 600 SOVS, 2 miles.—Fraternite, Eve, Gay Deceiver, Brown Alice, Dilemma, Skirmisher, Boulanger, Westmere, Stepiak, Aldershot, Rosefeldt, Ua, Stanmoor, St. Hippo, Annabelle, Yattenfeldt, Ida, Royal Rose, Ida, Brigand, Haeta, Purepo, The Workman, Pegasus, His Worship, St. Anthony, Tussock, Thame.
AUCKLAND RACING HANDICAP OF 400 SOVS, 1 1/2 miles.—Fraternite, Eve, Gay Deceiver, Brown Alice, Ben Godfrey, Dilemma, Skirmisher, Boulanger, Westmere, Rangiatea, Tulloch, Stepiak, Aldershot, Melmitte, Rosefeldt, Ua, Stanmoor, Van Dieman, St. Hippo, Miss Letty, Acone, Annabelle, Yattenfeldt, Royal Rose, Ida, Brigand, Haeta, Purepo, Coalscuttle, The Workman, His Worship, Thame, Tussock, St. Anthony.
AUCKLAND STEEPLCHASE OF 800 SOVS, about 3 1/2 miles.—Union Jack, Empire, Despised, Deceiver, Auckland, Fishmonger, Mangere, Jack, Flukem, Beggarman, Waterbury, Mutiny, Long Roper, Satyr, Bombardier, Chester, Scalthen, Marchal Neil.

CAULFIELD CUP.

ACCEPTANCES.
THE CAULFIELD CUP OF 2500 SOVS. One and a half miles.
Fortunatus... 9 5 E.K. 8 1 Tim Swiveller... 7 6
Sternchaser... 9 5 Rebel... 7 13 Scrip... 7 5
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Cricket matters have now assumed a definite shape, and among the knights of the willow the prospects of the various clubs are eagerly discussed. Coming first on the list was the meeting of the Cricket Association held at the British Hotel club room last Wednesday evening. There was a large and enthusiastic gathering, all the clubs being fully represented by their respective delegates. The President, Mr James Russell, occupied the chair, and in his remarks gave the modern cricketers a good idea of the 'ups and downs' of cricket players in the good old days. The adoption of the report and balance sheet gave His Worship the Mayor (Mr Crowther) a chance of explaining what action had been taken in regard to the mower, and other improvements now under consideration. The cutters for the mower are just to hand, when it is expected the cutting machine will be quite equal to all requirements. The trees near the Chinamen's gardens are to be cleared away, and the light thereby considerably improved. The slope near the pavilion has already been levelled off and sewn with grass, and at present is looking in fine trim. Another long-felt want is that the back yard of the pavilion is to be put in decent order, as it is at present a disgrace to all concerned, and I recommend this to the powers that be in view of the early visit of a Wellington team.

One of the most interesting items of the meeting was the presentation of a purse of sovereigns to Mr C. McKinney, the Association secretary, who has gratuitously laboured for years on behalf of the cricketers of Auckland, and when the last team went South it was only through his exertions that the wherewithal was forthcoming. His little scheme, then, was to issue cards with ten one-shilling spaces, and each one issued had to be returned marked 'full,' and so successfully did this work that the 'indefatigable Charlie' this year set to work on his 'new idea,' viz., to get a number of enthusiasts to put their names down guaranteeing to pay one shilling per week until the team departs, each and all subscribers foregoing any claim to the amount so collected except as a member of the representative team. Some £40 has been banked up to the present, and when the team leaves on their tour at Christmas the question of ways and means will then have been settled to a great extent. Mr J. Russell in making the presentation alluded to the various and varied good qualities of the recipient, and said that he was not only echoing the sentiments of cricketers in Auckland but also of those all over New Zealand who know Mr McKinney, and they were very numerous, that he would be long spared to labour for the game of cricket and cricketers in Auckland. Mr McKinney returned thanks in a few well-chosen words, which were suddenly cut short by

a vociferous yell for three cheers for 'good old Mac,' and needless to say they were given with gusto, His Worship the Mayor topping the list. The purse contained 70 sovereigns, and those collecting say that they did not meet with one refusal.

The Auckland C.C. expect to be able to wrest the championship from Gordon this season, and while losing the services of Harkness as a bowler, they gain London of Onslow, and Jacobs, a new man from Australia, is expected to strengthen the team considerably, being, it is said, a good left hand bat and fair bowler. If the Rev. J. Richards is able to play this season, the two blues, with a helping hand from Abdy, who at present is here with the warship Gauranga, certainly will be a hard team to beat.

United will also be slightly stronger than last season, Robinson, the Onslow wicket keeper, and Walton, of the same club, throwing in their lot with the U.C.C. Although they will miss D. Miller's bowling, I think Captain McCormick will have to be reckoned with before the championship is finally hung up for season '93-4.

The present holders, Gordon C.C., have lost two good men in Goulstone and Meldrum, but they have got several good juniors who can with safety come up a grade together with Fenwick of Canterbury and Rev. Williams, who rumour says is a good all-round man. So that Gordon supporters are confident of still maintaining their position as champions.

The Parnell team suffered heavily through the departure of Gardiner, their captain, who was also champion batsman of Auckland, still they are gaining several new men in Rowe, Geo. Walker, Nicholson (of Napier), Cautley, from Gordon, and Suttie, from Sydney, so that the suburban team may have to be also reckoned with in the deciding contests. In fact, looking carefully through the teams as at present known, there is every probability of some very keen contests taking place during the summer 1893-94, and it would be a bold man that would plunge on any of the above clubs as certain winners. The committee have decided on starting clubs to practice next Saturday if the conditions are (as at present) favourable, and a good muster may be expected.

Turner has been highly praised by the London *Sporting Life* for his extraordinarily effective bowling in the recent match Australia v. Notts. The Australian took 13 wickets for 52 runs in the match alluded to.

The Australian Eleven had a great send-off when they left England in the Germanic for America. The home men gave our boys three parting cheers, and the departing visitors returned the compliment. Up to the present it is believed the team will not play here.

In the English batting averages for the season just ended Gunn and Stoddart take the lead. W. G. Grace takes seventh place, and 'Billy' Murdoch twelfth. The Kent player W. Hearne leads the bowling returns, and Ferris, late of Australia, is nowhere.

Writing *re* the Australian Eleven the *Review of Reviews* in the August number takes the players to task pretty smartly. Amongst other things the article says:—"A peculiar feature of the present team is the extraordinary uncertainty of its play. It alternates between brilliancy and helplessness for reasons which nobody can understand, and with a suddenness which baffles calculation and leaves exasperated wonder the sole surviving emotion in the minds of the average Australian. The team romps one day over an eleven like that of the combined Universities, making a total of 843 runs in a single innings and in ten hours, the highest record in a first-class match yet known; it next defiles—a melancholy procession of batsmen who can neither block nor hit, neither run nor stay—to the wickets of some second class County team, and retires leaving a record composed principally of 'ducks.' In the second test match against All England the team made 91 runs in the first innings, playing in a pensive and absent-minded fashion; in the second innings it seemed to occur suddenly to the batsmen that they really ought to make a few runs, and accordingly, against the same bowling which had just overwhelmed them, and on a slightly worse wicket, they ran up 349 runs in four hours, an exhibition of very brilliant batting following a display of feebleness which might move the pity of a decent school eleven. Individually the players are of a high quality, but plainly the team has never been welded into a compact and disciplined unit. It is apparently disorganised

by overwork and by mere bad temper and personal jealousies."

The New Zealanders who have been taking part in the Sydney Bicycle Clubs 12th Annual Intercolonial Amateur Championship Meeting, have not been doing so badly. On Saturday last W. J. Hayward reduced the Australian mile record to 2min 25 1-5sec (the world's record is 2min 15secs), and C. E. Hall lowered the five-mile record to 13min 6 2-5sec.

The International Gold Cup, which was won on the 7th inst. by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales' Yacht Britannia, is the property of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, Ryde, Isle of Wight, and one of the conditions of the race is that any foreign competitor must be constructed in the country to which she belongs, and must also sail across to engage in the race. The American yacht Navahoe, which suffered defeat at the hands, or rather the sails, of the Britannia, was built by her owner for the express purpose of winning the Cup. Her principal dimensions are:—Length on water line, 84 feet; length over all, 128 feet; forward overhang 20 feet, and aft 24 feet. The Prince of Wales built the winner, the Britannia, which is a sister boat to the Earl of Dunraven's American Cup challenger Valkyrie, in order that England should be efficiently represented at the race.

James, the cyclist, has broken the world's record for 25 miles in Melbourne, having wheeled the distance in 61mins. The mile record is held by W. Windle, who did the distance in America in 2min 15sec.

The 24th annual meeting of the Auckland Rowing Club was held on Monday night last at the Harbour Board offices, Mr T. Henderson in the chair. The committee's annual report congratulated the club on the successful operations of the past season, and alluded to the fact that at the Judge's Bay and Auckland regattas their representatives had won the race for juniors under 10.0, maidens, maidens under 10.0, and seniors. The annual match with the Poverty Bay Club, in which Auckland was represented by a junior crew, was lost. It was stated that during the season new boats had been obtained, and a 21 years lease from the Harbour Board secured. The balance-sheet showed the total receipts for the year to be £467 3s 1d, and the expenditure £390 13s 2d, leaving a credit balance of £76 9s 11d. The assets were £456 17s 7d, and the liabilities £320. This left a balance of assets over liabilities of £136 17s 7d. The report and balance-sheet were adopted. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr J. Marshall; vice-presidents, Messrs. H. Brett, W. Ledingham, J. J. Craig, A. H. Nathan, and Moss Davis; captain, Mr T. Henderson; vice-captain, Mr C. F. Minnitt; committee, Messrs T. F. Wallace, A. N. Gibbons, M. Keefe, M. Laird and F. J. O'Meara; auditors, Messrs W. G. Allen and M. Wiseman; hon. treasurer, Mr G. A. Creeth; hon. secretary, Mr A. H. Busby; delegate to Auckland Rowing Association, Mr T. Henderson. After resolving "That trustees be appointed, and that the property of the club be vested in them for the benefit of the members," and "that former members of the club desirous of re-joining may be elected without the payment of an entrance fee," the meeting terminated.

A rival to Blondin has arisen in the person of Clifford Calverley, who has recently been astonishing the Americans by his daring performances over Niagara. Until the advent of Calverley the record was for crossing the falls on a wire was 12 minutes. This Calverley lowered in his first attempt to 6min 8sec, and not satisfied with this he wagered he would beat his own record on last fourth of July, when fifteen thousand people watched the attempt. When he left the Canadian shore he started running like an Indian, and on reaching the sag in the middle of the cable he did not pause, and on the upgrade approaching the American shore he quickened his pace, and his last steps were like a sprinter's. The time was 2min 35sec. On the same night he crossed the rope in darkness, a feat never before accomplished.

In addition to breaking the five and one mile Australian record the New Zealanders at the Intercolonial Championship Cycling Meeting in Sydney, have carried off the Two Mile Bicycle Teams Race. New South Wales was second, and Queensland third. The points were awarded on the relative positions of the men at the finish. Kerr, of Sydney, was first, and Hayward and Wilmot, of N.Z., second and third.

Mr F. E. N. Gaudin, who stated last week that he would be unable to obtain the necessary leave of absence to visit Melbourne in connection with the November Intercolonial Amateur Championship Meeting, has since made arrangements to get away in the event of his being picked to represent the colony. Gaudin has resumed work under Sam Goodman, his trainer.

The easy way in which Mr D. McLeod cut out the nine miles from the Post Office to Otahuhu 1 hour 32min 29 3-5 sec last Saturday stamps him as a decidedly finished walker. His walking was fair heel and toe from start to finish, and the easy state in which he concluded the walk was shown when he announced his willingness on breasting the tape to walk back the nine miles in an hour and three-quarters. In spite of the stiff work he had already performed, and the fact that he would have to tackle the Kyber Pass hill on the return journey, none of the sports present showed any inclination to take him up.

The annual meeting of the Auckland Amateur Athletic and Cycle Club was held at the British Hotel on Friday evening last, Mr J. F. Logan, vice president, in the chair. The annual report, which together with the balance-sheet was adopted, stated that the two meetings held during the year had been very successful both from an athletic and a financial point of view. At the Autumn Meeting a new departure was instituted in placing on the programme races for the boys attending colleges and public schools, and the experiment proved eminently successful. The club was represented at the New Zealand Cyclists' Alliance Championship Meeting by Mr E. Reynolds, and although Mr Reynolds did not win any of the championships he was fairly successful in the handicaps. Mr W. H. Martin represented the club in both hurdle races at the Champion Meeting of the N.Z. Association, but was unsuccessful. The amount of money expended in prizes last season was in round numbers £200. The report alluded to the valuable services rendered by Messrs Tonks, Ridding, Moir, Waller, and Coates to the club, and congratulated Mr G. B. Beere upon having been chosen by the N.Z.A.A. Association to represent the colony at the Australasian Championship Meeting to be held in Melbourne in November next. The balance-sheet showed the receipts for the year to amount to £307 15s 4d, including subscriptions, £64 1s 6d; profit on Spring Meeting, £61 4s 10d; on Autumn Meeting, £76 9s; and National Bank deposit matured, £100. The expenditure, including National Bank fixed deposit, £100, amounted to £270 6s 7d, leaving a credit balance of £37 8s 9d. The assets were £243 3s 9d, including cash on fixed deposit, £100; current account, £34 10s 11d; Savings Bank, £2 7s 10d. The liabilities were £6, and the balance of assets over liabilities was £237 3s 9d. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year:—Patron, His Excellency Lord Glasgow; vice-patron, Mr J. H. B. Coates; president, Mr R. Garrett; vice-presidents, Messrs J. F. Logan, B. J. Esam and W. M. Service; secretary, Mr Jas. Halyday, junior; treasurer, Mr B. J. Esam; committee, Messrs T. F. Uphill, A. F. Burton, C. H. S. MacKinney, W. O. Speight, F. W. Edwards, A. H. Cotter, Austin Smith, G. H. Powley, R. L. Howle, J. W. Winks, E. Reynolds, C. R. Surman and H. Nicholson; bicycle captain, Mr H. Dacre.

At the annual general meeting of the Ngaruawahia Rowing Club, held on Tuesday last, the balance-sheet for the past season showed that the total receipts had been £88 9s 10d, expenditure £76 8s 5d, thus leaving a credit balance of £12 1s 5d. Several new members were enrolled, and it was agreed that the season should be opened on Saturday next, when handicap races will be held. The club received with regret the resignation of Mr A. Williams as secretary, and thanked him for his untiring zeal on behalf of the club. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr E. Fitzpatrick; vice-president, Mr J. Smith; treasurer, Mr T. Davies; secretary, Mr A. A. Davies; captain, Mr T. Simpson; committee, Messrs Ellis, C. Starr, G. Graves, T. McKeown, T. W. Davies, G. Roper, W. Paterson, Guthrie and Cavanagh.

At the annual meeting of the members of the West End Rowing Club held on Saturday last, the annual report stated that the club was in a flourishing condition, there being the promise of a successful season before the members. The report and balance-sheet were adopted. The club expressed by vote its sympathy with Captain Farquhar upon the loss of

his son, Mr C. Farquhar, in the schooner Maile. The deceased had been an old and prominent member of the club. Mr M. McLean presented a valuable set of gold medals to be rowed for in six weeks time, and Professor Carollo presented handsome trophies. The following officers were elected for the ensuing season:—President, Mr M. McLean; captain, Mr C. White; vice-captain, Mr J. Clark; secretary, Mr M. Bell; treasurer, Mr R. Dowden; committee, Messrs H. Driver, H. Matthews, A. Jones, S. D. Hanna, and A. Bartlett; selection committee, Messrs White, Jones, and Clark; delegate to the Auckland Rowing Association, Mr C. White; delegate to the New Zealand Association, Mr J. P. Gibbons; auditors, Messrs Clark and Rotherham. A vote of thanks were accorded to the retiring officers, great regret being expressed at the retirement of Mr McLean from the office of captain.

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WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

On Tuesday next, 3rd Oct., nominations are due before 9 p.m. for the following events at the Wanganui Jockey Club's Spring Meeting:—

- First Handicap Hack Hurdles of 30 sovs, 1½ miles, ½ sov.
- Second Handicap Hack Hurdles of 30 sovs, 1 mile and a distance, ½ sov.
- First Handicap Hack Race of 40 sovs, 1 mile, 1 sov.
- Second Handicap Hack Race of 30 sovs, 6 furlongs, ½ sov.
- Trial Stakes of 40 sovs, 1½ miles, 2 sovs.

PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB.

On Friday, October 6th, nominations for the following events will close with the secretary, Mr H. H. Hayr, at the office of the SPORTING REVIEW, by 9 p.m.:—

- Open Hurdle Race of 50 sovs, 1½ mile, 1 sov.
- Open Handicap of 45 sovs, 1 mile, 1 sov.
- Hunt Club Cup (Steeplechase) of 45 sovs, 3½ miles, 1 sov.
- Open Pony Handicap of 20 sovs, ¾ mile, ½ sov.
- Members Hurdle Race of 35 sovs, 2 miles, 1 sov.
- Open Flying Handicap of 40 sovs, 5 furlongs, 1 sov.
- Members Tally-ho Steeplechase of 35 sovs, 3 miles, 1 sov.
- Ladies' Bracelet Handicap of 10 sovs, 1 mile, ½ sov.

POVERTY BAY TURF CLUB.

Nominations in connection with the above Club will be due on Saturday next, 30th Sept., by 9 p.m. for the following events:—

- Spring Handicap of 100 sovs, 1½ mile, 1 sov.
- Flying Handicap of 50 sovs, ¾ mile, 1 sov.
- Makaraka Handicap of 100 sov, 1 mile, 1 sov.
- Waikanae Handicap of 50 sovs, 5 furlongs, 1 sov.
- Handicap Hurdles of 55 sovs, 1½ mile, 1 sov.
- Handicap Hurdles of 50 sovs, 1½ mile, 1 sov.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB.

On Saturday, October 7th, Mr Sydney James, secretary, will receive nominations for the following events, to be run at the Spring Meeting on November 29th, 30th and December 2nd, viz.:—

- Otago Cup of 400 sovs, 1½ miles, 2 sovs.
- Federal Handicap of 150 sovs, ¾ miles, 1 sov.
- St. Andrew's Handicap of 200 sovs, 1½ miles, 2 sovs.
- President's Handicap of 200 sovs, 1 mile 1 furlong, 2 sovs.

On Saturday, October 14th, Mr James will also receive nominations for the following events, to be run at the same meeting:—

- Spring Hurdles of 80 sovs, 2 miles and a distance, 1 sov.
- Maiden Two-year-old Handicap of 80 sovs, 4 furlongs, 1 sov.
- St. Kilda Welter Handicap of 100 sovs, 1 mile, 1 sov.
- Tally-ho Hurdles of 70 sovs, 1½ miles, 1 sov.
- Onslow Plate of 150 sovs, 1½ miles, 3 sovs.
- Pacific Hurdles of 70 sovs, 2 miles, 1 sov.
- Glasgow Plate of 200 sovs, 5 furlongs, 2 sovs.
- Two Mile Trot of 70 sovs, 1 sov.
- One Mile and a-half Trot of 50 sovs, 1 sov.

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Mr J. M. Cumming's blk m Topsy, 6yrs, 9.0, Moberley 0
Mr T. Stuart's b m Lulu, 7.7, G. Hammond 0
Mr W. Moore's br m Gladys, 4yrs, 7.6, inc. 3lb over, Duggan 0
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Mr John Capper's b g Siwash, 6yrs, 7.0, inc. 7lb over, D. Wright 2
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