

not registered as Carrie, nor was there any register of a litter by Obstacle—Lady Lynne, she being described as by Obstacle—Lady Lynne.

But who gets the stakes? Naturally one would have thought Koteru, who was runner up. But no! Rule No. 29 says:—"If the greyhound objected to be disqualified, the amount to which he would otherwise have been entitled, shall be divided equally among the dogs beaten by him, and if a piece of plate or prize has been added and won by him, only the dogs which he beat in the several rounds shall have a right to contend for it. So that Mr Blaikie, who owns Koteru, and who was the first to smell something "fishy" as to Carrie's antecedents, has to stand on the same footing as the owners of the other dogs Carrie beat, though Koteru was actual runner up. We cannot see where the justice comes in.

We have not heard the last of the case, though, as the A.C.C. have not relaxed their efforts to discover who and what Carrie is and was, and before the week is out we doubt not that a clear case of "ringing in" will have been sheeted home to the offenders. The way the Auckland Trotting Club ferreted out the Rarus-Brandy case, sparing neither money nor time in so doing, did much towards raising that club to its present high status, and if the Auckland Coursing Club can only run to earth the offenders in the Carrie case they will have well served the cause of coursing, besides showing that they are determined to put down all shady transactions and to make coursing "boom" on the Avondale Plumptre.

Coming Events.

WAIKATO HUNT CLUB.

[BY "BORDERER."]

THE meeting of the Waikato Hunt Club, to be held at Claudelands next Saturday, should result in a good day's sport. Fairly good acceptances have been recorded, and provided the going is good some interesting finishes should result. Long Roper is to contest in the two principal events, and will leave for Hamilton to-morrow in company with Mr Garrett, his owner, and his trainer and rider, Rae and Wallace.

The day's racing will open with the Handicap Hunt Club Hurdles of 25 sovs, one mile and a half, and for this a good field—viz., Maori, Yarraman, Alec, Long Roper, Selwyn, Witch Hazel, Isidore, Bruntwood and Mistake—are down to face the flag. This event should prove a sure thing for Long Roper, 12.10, provided he is sent for it. Witch Hazel, 10.3, should fill second place, with Alec, 10.7, or Isidore, 11.10, third.

The Handicap Maiden Race of 15 sovs, one mile, has been accepted by Nellie, Jennie, Yattenfeldt, Deceiver and Irene, and should fall to Yattenfeldt, 8.0, with Deceiver, 7.7, and Nellie, 6.12, next in command of the field.

For the Handicap Hunt Club Steeplechase of 40 sovs, about three miles, seven horses have accepted. Long Roper, 13.0, and Selwyn, 11.0, will have the biggest say in this event, and should fill the first two positions. Yarraman, 10.10, or the light-weight Maori, 9.10, will probably fight hard for the empty profit of third place.

The Ladies' Bracelet of 15 sovs, one mile and a distance, has only attracted five owners. Mistake shares the honour of top weight, 11.7, with Selwyn, and of the two I prefer the first. Half-a-dozen have accepted for the Farmers' Plate of 20 sovs, one mile and a half, and Duchess, 10.12, and the top weight, Yarraman, 11.7, should furnish the winner. The last event will be the Flying Handicap of 20 sovs, 6 furlongs. Five horses are down to start, and I take the top-weight, Minnie, 9.0, as the probable winner.

The race for the Nursery Handicap, at the Spring Meeting of the South Australian Jockey Club should furnish an interesting lesson to jockeys who make a practice of trying little dodges to gain more than a fair start. After the field had been at sixes and sevens for fully twenty minutes owing to the manoeuvring of some of the riders, the starter, Mr McDonald, was compelled to send the horses away to a bad start. To show the riders that continued attempts to obtain flying starts would not be permitted he suspended Quinn, Contact's jockey, for six months. Fagg, who rode Trenora, had to stand down for four months, and three others were fined heavily.

Mr Alison's horse Warrior, who has been leased by Mr Hammond, of Mangere, left Lake Takapuna for his new quarters on Monday last.

Inter-Provincial

[FROM OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

TARANAKI.

September 27.

MR R. G. PARDY has been appointed handicapper to the Manaia Club, and the same gentleman and Mr W. Howson have been re-elected handicappers to the Stratford Club.

Mr J. Goodwin has placed the three-year-old Sylvia Park (St. Leger—Atalanta) in Mr J. George's hands to train, as he has not the proper conveniences at his own place. The colt is too backward for the Wanganui Derby, and I am informed that the first race he will sport silk in will be the Auckland Guineas.

The Taranaki Trotting Club has made arrangements with the Taranaki Jockey Club to use the latter Club's grass gallop and buildings on certain terms on November 9th, when the Trotting Club hold their initial meeting.

The three-year-old sister to Melas is a likely-looking young lady, and should make a galloper. Her brother is still suffering from heat boils, but his owner, Mr George, hopes to pull the black son of Armourer and Confidante through his trouble before the racing season begins properly. There is in the same stable a black gelding, three years, by Australian, dam Ada. He has more the appearance of making a stick than a flat horse.

The St. Leger—Musket Maid colt that is owned by Mr J. Russell is furnishing into a fine-looking animal. Union Jack and Belle in the same stable are both in good nick. They opened the campaign at Rangitikei to-day, but at time of writing I had not heard how they had shaped.

The opening hack meeting on this coast will be Waverley on November 9th, and as the programme is substantial there should be some large fields. Hack meetings that follow are Waitara, New Plymouth, Manaia, Opunake, Stratford, Pungarehu, Bell Block, and others farther South.

The three-year-old filly St Laura (St. Leger—Miss Laura) was taken down to compete at Rangitikei to-day. She will also contest, I understand, at the Hawke's Bay Meeting.

NAPIER.

September 30.

'Kaiser' Myers, the well-known light-weight jockey, has returned from the other side, and is open for engagements. He can still go to the scale at 6st.

The Daniel O'Rourke—Pearl colt met with an accident on the Hastings track the other day, when he reared and ran into a hurdle, getting pretty considerably knocked about.

Riversdale and Dry Hash are scratched for all engagements at the Park.

Hastings horses won four races at the Rangitikei Meeting—Ua the Flying, Welcome Nat the Hack double, and Rangiatea the big money.

Mystical, who is full brother to Mystic, is a nice colt and can gallop

According to build and stamp Goosander ought to turn out as good a mare as her sister Merganser.

Old Premium is going to have a cut in at the Napier Park Meeting.

Dry Hash got frightened while entering the Jockey Club's course the other day through a man who was carrying a bar of iron. The animal plunged, and after rearing came down on its knees on the road.

Sunlight has gone lame.

Now that Stepniak has come back to the Colony, there are to be found dozens of people here who will back him against St. Hippo at the difference in the weights in the N.Z. Cup.

The Napier Park Club's Meeting takes place next week, and as good entries have been received there is a prospect of a good meeting. The weights are of course not out yet, so nothing can be said in this letter about the racing.

The plans for the Waipukurau Club's grandstand have been issued, and a neat and commodious structure will shortly be reared on the course near the village of shrubs.

Loch Ness has been doing a great amount of work lately. He has been sent round morning and afternoon, and does not seem to mind it in the least.

Bessie Macarthy was not all herself when she won the A.J.C. Oaks.

St. Hippo is very well indeed, but is not, of course, in the condition he was when I saw him this time last year.

[BY WIRE.]

October 3.

It was generally expected that Merganser and Riversdale would not start in the New Zealand Cup, and to-day comes the news of their scratching.

Rangiatea won the Spring Handicap to-day just the same as he won the Rangitikei Handicap. He is a good horse.

Fair Nell has dropped a chestnut filly to Medallion.

Dromedary, winner of the Second Hurdles, ran off on the first day. She is about the best jumper we have ever seen here.

Rangiatea has not paid up for the New Zealand Cup.

Pegasus' running in the Spring Handicap at Hawke's Bay does not improve his prospects for the New Zealand Cup. It is believed now he cannot win.

St. Anthony has gone lame. Mute, Hicko and Remington each sired two winners at Hastings, and Voltigeur, Somnus, Wapiti, Wonderland, Cadogan, Nelson, St. Leger and Nordenfeldt one each.

Young Watt rode three winners at the meeting, Gallagher two, and Moriggan, Hope, Taylor, Harley, Murphy, Higgins, Kingan, D. Donovan and Collelo one each.

Loch Ness had no say in the Spring Handicap at the finish to-day.

Flaneur ought to win a good race or two soon. He is by Cadogan—Miss Russley.

Stanmoor does not look like a horse that can stay a long journey.

Goosander, judging by the form displayed in the Final Handicap, appears to be totally out of form.

Mr Paul, who won the Nursery with Pompom, won the same race last year with Westmere.

Lyrebird, who ran second to Pompom, is by St. Leger and Lyre and her stable companion Bugler, who got left at the post, is by Nordenfeldt—Lyrelinus.

Yesterday and to-day Dreamland, who is by Cadogan—Siesta, turned round the wrong way when the flag fell. Yesterday she won; to-day was second. She did not appear to like going out again after her race in the big money event.

Rangiatea's owner gave 100 guineas for him when he first purchased him.

The winning owners at the Spring Meeting were Messrs 'A. Portland' three races, C. McKenzie and W. Douglas two, and L. D. Nathan, G. Wright, W. Jones, R. Gooseman, J. Paul, Dr. Reed, and Major George one each.

The meeting did not reveal any N.Z. Cup form, except that there are plenty who have not got any kind of a show in the race.

WELLINGTON.

[BY WIRE.]

October 3.

The annual meeting of the Masterton-Opaki Jockey Club was held at Masterton on Saturday evening, the president, Mr A. W. Cave, in the chair. It was resolved on the motion of Mr J. Walker, "That in future the balance-sheet be prepared as soon as possible after July 31, and that the annual meeting be held on second sale day in August." The balance-sheet for the past season showed a balance of £64 1s 1d to credit, and assets over liabilities by £112 9s. During the year improvements to the extent of £700 18s 11d had been effected on the course. The report and balance-sheet, which were considered very favourable, were unanimously adopted. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr A. W. Cave; treasurer, Mr A. A. Elkins; judge, Mr C. F. Vallance; clerk of course, Mr W. Iorns; starter, Mr W. H. Hirschberg; handicapper, Mr A. King; timekeeper, Mr J. Muir; clerk of scales, Mr W. Shaw; stewards, Messrs A. Walker, C. E. and T. E. Chamberlain, C. Cowper, A. Henderson, H. Yates, T. D. Thompson, W. Cameron, Hawke, and W. H. Buick. The action of the stewards in drawing up a programme for Boxing Day was confirmed, and the secretary was instructed to call for tenders for working the totalisator. A vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring officers, and several new members having been elected the meeting adjourned.

At a committee meeting of the Foxton Racing Club, held on Thursday last the following programme was agreed to for January 22nd:—Flying Handicap of 40 sovs; Trial Hurdles of 25 sovs; Handicap Hurdles of 40 sovs; Foxton Handicap of 100 sovs; Electric Handicap of 30 sovs; Stewards' Handicap 50 of sovs; Anniversary Stakes of 20 sovs.

The Johnsonville Trotting Club has altered its date of meeting from 28th

October to Wednesday, 1st November, and has issued an unamended programme.

Five or six Canterbury trotters are under orders to come up for the Wellington Trotting Club's meeting, to be held during the next month.

T. Waddington has sold his trotting mare Gentle Annie, by Berlin, to a well-known Hutt sportsman, who, however, says he does not mean to race her.

The protest against Hiamoe and Auckland, the dead heaters at the Rangitikei Jockey Club's meeting on Wednesday last, was made on the ground that they missed a jump. After a long enquiry the protest was dismissed by 5 votes to 4.

The victory of Dromedary in the Second Hurdles at Hawke's Bay to-day was very popular in Wellington. The mare is by Voltigeur, and up to the end of last season raced as a hack. She then came out at the Wairapa Hunt Club's Steeplechase meeting, and won the Open Steeplechase after falling in the first round, and losing fully 200 yards. She belongs to a popular young Wairapa sportsman, for whom she is trained and raced by C. McKenzie, of Taukerinikau.

One of the passengers by the Wakatipu is Mr W. Topham, who has been engaged by Mr D. O'Brien in Australia to take charge of his New Zealand team, and he is now on his way down. Topham is a well-known trainer, having been at one time head lad to Ike Foulsham, and he also took home Lady Betty and Mr J. White's second English team.

It may now be safely assumed that unless Dan O'Brien gets a good offer for Loyalty he will remain in Australia and superintend the colt's preparation for the Melbourne Cup. Mrs. O'Brien went through to Sydney by the Hauroto on Wednesday last, so that there is no doubt about Mr O'Brien staying for the Cup.

The following handicaps have been declared by Mr. A. King, the handicapper, for the Wairapa Trotting Club's Spring Meeting:—

MAIDEN HANDICAP, two miles (in Saddle)—Miro scr, Toby 5secs, Gobo 10secs, Trigger 10secs, Romp 10secs, Ivy 10secs, Hairwash 10secs, Fisherman 10secs, Wild Rose 10secs, Rocket II. 15secs, A.G. 15secs, Larry 15secs, Quickstep 15secs, Shamrock 15secs.

DISTRICT HANDICAP two miles (in Harness)—Prince II. scr, Jumbo 10secs, Rugby 10secs, Fred Reed 23secs, The Spider 35secs, Toby 40secs, Ronnie 45secs, Rocket 45secs.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP, 2½ miles (in saddle)—Fragrant scr, Prince II. 12secs, Rover 14secs, Jumbo 20secs, Rob Roy 25secs, The Spider 40secs, Fairholm 45secs, Miro 50secs, Romp 55secs, Rocket 55secs, A.G. 60secs.

PONY TROT, two miles (in saddle)—Dot scr, Maori Maid scr, Fisherman scr, Beatrice scr.

WAIKATO HUNT CLUB HANDICAP, three miles (in harness)—Fragrant scr, Prince II. 15secs, Rover 18secs, Rob Roy 28secs, Jumbo 28secs, Fred Reid 45secs, Toby 55secs, Shamrock 65secs.

GRANDSTAND HANDICAP, 2½ miles (in harness)—Fragrant scr, Prince II. 12secs, Ronnie 60secs, Shamrock 60secs, A.G. 60secs.

OUR SYDNEY LETTER

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

SYDNEY, Sept. 26.

THE A.J.C. Spring Meeting, which commenced on Saturday, must be considered the opening meeting of the racing year. An attendance of over 12,000 persons makes one wonder wherever the money comes from, for with this number of people at least twenty thousand pounds changed hands, if not more. Trade is bad; rents unpaid; dividends locked up, and yet the favourite sport of the public suffers but little.

Too many were there on Saturday with the forlorn hope of turning a few nimble shillings into a fortune, but that great pick-me-up of better luck next time will ensure their futile energies being continued throughout the meeting. The course looked perfect. The lawn was like a billiard table. Ornamentations were *apropos*. The Government collected their 3s 6d and 1s fares with avidity for the short journey, but if the authorities would arrange for a few 'early' trams at sixpence, and a few late ones home at the same figure, they would be meeting a greatly felt want in the present strained times, do themselves good, and the boot-makers harm.

Two Governors, 'ours' and Lord Hopetoun, with Lady Duff and Countess Hopetoun and suite, gave a tone to the meeting better felt than expressed, and the grand-stand and paddock were well patronised. The Leger stand is apparently three times too large for requirements, and if half of it were cut off as a cheaper stand the A.J.C. would benefit. The flat was well dotted outside the course, and a large number of the 'loud-voiced' trampled up tan dust for the smart breeze to transfer to those on the lawn. The gangs of 'esses' (sharps, spicers, shifters, and sharks) were plentiful, and their colleagues, the 'asses'