





RACING PROGRAMMES

**SATURDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, 1894, at 9 p.m.**  
 First Handicap Hack Hurdles..... 10s.  
 First Handicap Hack Flat..... 10s.  
**FINAL PAYMENT—**  
 Egmont Handicap..... 5 sovs.  
**WEDNESDAY, 14th FEBRUARY, 1894, at 9 p.m.**  
**ACCEPTANCES—**  
 Second Handicap Hurdles..... 2 sovs.  
 Atkinson Memorial Stakes Handicap..... 5 sovs.  
 Nursery Handicap..... 10s.  
 Second Handicap Hack Hurdles..... 10s.  
 Second Handicap Hack Flat..... 10s.  
 Flying Handicap..... 3 sovs.  
 Normanby Stakes (immediately after running of Nursery Handicap)..... 1 sov.  
**ON OR ABOUT TUESDAY, 9th JANUARY, 1894.**  
**WRIGHTS—**  
 Waimate Handicap  
 Egmont Handicap  
 Hawera Welter Handicap  
 First Handicap Hurdles  
**SATURDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY, 1894.**  
 First Handicap Hack Hurdles  
 First Handicap Hack Flat  
**WEDNESDAY, 14th FEBRUARY, 1894, at 8 p.m.**  
 Second Handicap Hurdles  
 Second Handicap Hack Hurdles  
 Atkinson Memorial Stakes Handicap  
 Nursery Handicap  
 Second Handicap Hack Flat  
 Flying Handicap  
 Normanby Stakes Handicap (immediately after the running of Nursery Handicap)

Hack means a horse that has never won a race, or is not nominated at date of entry for any race (hack and hunter races excepted).

**SIRES HACK PRODUCE STAKES, 1895.**  
 Second Acceptance, 10s. Due SATURDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, 1894, when name of horse to be given.

**SIRES HACK PRODUCE STAKES, 1896.**  
 First Acceptance, 10s. Due FRIDAY, 16th FEBRUARY 1894, at 9 p.m.

**SIRES HACK PRODUCE STAKES.**  
 TO BE RUN AT HAWERA, FEBRUARY, 1897.  
 Of 200 sovs., and Cup, value 5 sovs., to go to the nominator of sire of winner. Nominator of Sire, 50 sovs and Cup value 5 sovs. Nominator of winner, 40 sovs. First horse, 100 sovs; second horse, 15 sovs; third horse, 5 sovs. For three-year-olds (now foals). Derby weights. One mile and a quarter. Qualifications for this race:—Colts or fillies that have never won a race, are not nominated, or have been nominated for any race (hack and hunter races excepted). Nominations—Stallions, 2 sovs; close on SATURDAY, 28th October, 1893, at 9 p.m. Colts and fillies, 1 sov; close on SATURDAY, 23rd February, 1894, at 9 p.m. Colts and fillies—First acceptance, 10s; close February, 1895. Second acceptance, 10s; close February, 1896, when name of horse to be given. Final payment, 1 sov; close February, 1897.

Nominations and Acceptances will be received at the time and on the dates mentioned at the office of the Club, Hawera; and by H. E. Hayr, Auckland, and A. T. Danvers, Napier.  
 Telegraph office closes at Hawera at 5 p.m.  
 ALEX. G. BRETT,  
 Secretary.

N.B.—The stakes in the above programme are subject to revision by the Committee prior to closing, as to the dates of entry, acceptance, etc., amount of added money and conditions. The Committee also reserve to themselves the right to alter the dates on which the handicaps appear should they deem fit to do so.

RACING PROGRAMMES

**AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.**  
**SPRING MEETING,**  
 TO BE HELD ON  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4th, 1893.**  
**PROGRAMME.**

**Maiden Trot Handicap of 40 sovs;** second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised race exceeding 30 sovs in value. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile and a half.

**Flying Stakes Handicap of 30 sovs;** second pony to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Nomination, 10s, acceptance, 20s. Distance, five furlongs.

**Spring Handicap Trot of 100 sovs;** second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs out of the stake. The winner of any trotting race after the handicap is published to receive a penalty of 12 seconds behind its original start. Nomination, 2 sovs; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, two miles and a half.

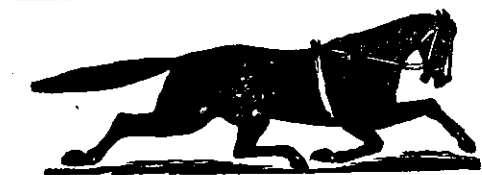
**Tramway Handicap of 50 sovs;** second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. The winner of any handicap after the declaration of the weights to carry a penalty of 7lb extra; two or more, 12lb extra. Nomination, 20s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, seven furlongs.

**Harness Handicap Trot of 50 sovs;** second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. The winner of any trotting race after the handicap is declared to receive a penalty of 10 seconds; the winner of two or more, 20 seconds behind its original start. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, two miles and a half.

**Handicap Hurdles of 35 sovs;** second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, one mile and a quarter, over five flights of hurdles.

**Electric Handicap Trot of 40 sovs;** second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. No horse to receive more than 22 seconds handicap. The winner of any trotting race after the declaration of the handicap to receive a penalty of 5 seconds behind its original start. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile.

**NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.**  
 Nominations for all events close with the Secretary, Durham-street East, on FRIDAY, October 20th, at 10 p.m.  
 Handicaps to appear about the 24th October.  
 Acceptances for all events close with the Secretary on FRIDAY, 27th October, at 10 p.m.  
 Auckland Trotting Club Rules.



TARANAKI TROTTING CLUB

**TROTTING MEETING,**  
 To be held on  
**THE RACECOURSE, NEW PLYMOUTH,**  
 ON  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9th, 1893.**

**OFFICERS—**President—Mr Romulus Street. Vice-Presidents—Mr Albert Bayly and Dr. Christie. Stewards—Messrs. W. J. Glassford, John Honeyfield, C. Tate, Pigott, Anderson, E. Julian, W. Elliot, Monte Mills and H. Lepper. Committee—Messrs. Pardy, J. Healy, J. W. Corbett, Alex. Colson, C. Tate, M. Craig, P. Duddy, Treasurer—Mr Tate. Clerk of Course—Mr M. Mills. Clerk of Scales—Mr A. Colson. Judge—Mr R. G. Pardy. Starter—Mr G. Gibson. Handicappers—A Committee.

**PROGRAMME.**

- Maiden Handicap Trot of 10 sovs.** For horses that have never won an advertised trotting event. Nomination, 10s; no acceptance. Two miles.
- Pony Trot Handicap of 15 sovs;** second to receive 2 sovs from the stakes. For ponies 14h 2in and under. Nomination, 10s; Acceptance, 5s. One and a half miles.
- Taranaki Trotting Club Handicap of 40 sovs;** second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. The winner of any handicap trot after declaration of handicap to receive a penalty of 12secs behind original start. Nomination, £1; Acceptance, £1. Two and a half miles.
- Farmers' Trot Handicap of 15 sovs;** second horse to receive 3 sovs from the stakes. For horses owned and trained by bona fide farmers for three months prior to date of entry. Nomination, 15s; no acceptance. Two miles. N.B.—The Committee have defined a farmer as follows:—A farmer is a person who resides on a farm and derives his living from such occupation.
- Harness Trot Handicap of 17 sovs;** second horse to receive 2 sovs from the stakes. Winner of any trotting race after declaration of handicap to receive a penalty of 10secs behind original start. Nomination, 10s; Acceptance, 7s. Two miles.
- Stewards' Handicap of 18 sovs;** second horse to receive 3 sovs from the stakes. Nomination, 10s; Acceptance, 5s. Winner of any trotting event after declaration of handicap to receive a penalty of 7secs behind original start. One and a half miles.
- Consolation Handicap of 15 sovs.** Open to all beaten horses competing at this meeting. Nomination, 15s; no acceptance. One and a half miles.

Nominations close with the Secretary at the Taranaki Hotel on SATURDAY, October 21st, at 9 p.m.  
 Handicaps declared on WEDNESDAY, October 25th.  
 Acceptances close on SATURDAY, November 4th, at 9 p.m.

- The Auckland Trotting Club Rules strictly adhered to.
- Previous performances of horses must be given at time of nomination.
- All horses to be ridden and driven in colours to be specified at time of nomination.

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[BY "ORPHEUS."]  
*Spectatum admissi risum teneatis amici?*  
**THE WEDNESDAY POPS.**  
**LAST** week's programme, containing some attractive novelties, again filled the City Hall to repletion. Mr Hunter's band contributed three excellent items, viz, Boniton's 'Silver Star,' Round's waltz 'Lucky Stars,' and a sparkling galop by Heller. Mr Edward Lees made a successful debut with Mark's 'On the Rolling Wave' and Jude's 'Plymouth Sound.' The singer has a baritone voice of good quality and fair volume. His intonation is good, and with more confidence and training he will do very well indeed. Mrs Florence Anderson, another debutante, sang Millard's 'Waiting' with effective dash and passion, but her intonation was not always perfect. In response to an encore the lady gave a pleasing trifle, 'Ask me again and I will not say no.' In the second part Mrs Anderson sang Millard's 'Say not Farewell.' Mr John Fuller, in his best form, sang Bishop's 'Pilgrim of Love,' arousing a storm of applause. The encore was 'We don't know how we love them,' Wallace's 'Let me like a soldier fall,' proved another triumph, which brought Mr Fuller back with Blumenthal's lovely song 'My Queen.' More fresh talent appeared in the person of Mr Alexander Smith, whose recitations created a sensation. 'Whaur's ma Stockin',' given in pure Doric, took the house by storm, and Mr Smith received a double encore, giving 'A cure for a cold' and 'A weight on his chest,' with admirable humour. Later on 'The Labourer's Complaint,' won another encore—'Pat's Love Letter.' Another 'first appearance' was that of Miss Birdie Butler, a very young lady who promises, with care and study, to make a good singer. 'The Blind Girl to her Harp' showed considerable intelligence and correct intonation, but the voice-production requires further cultivation, and at the same time care not to overwork so young a voice. As an encore Miss Birdie sang 'There's no one like

mother.' For Piccolomini's 'Ora pro nobis' the young lady won a hearty recall. Mr Elliott gave as a flute solo a fantasia on airs from the familiar 'Madame Angot,' playing in good tune and with nice execution. One of the features of the concert was Cooke's fine old duet 'Love and War,' capitably rendered by Messrs Fuller and Alex. Reid, which those gentlemen had perforce to repeat. Mr Fuller also sang Braham's duet 'All's Well' with Mr Edward Lees. Miss Clarice Brabazon played all the accompaniments with characteristic sensibility and care. Her solo was Gotschalk's exquisite 'Dying Poet,' and as a matter of course an encore brought Miss Brabazon back with 'The Brook.' Last night, owing to the City Hall being otherwise engaged Mr Fuller was to give the Onehunga people a treat, which I feel sure will be appreciated. For next Wednesday Mr Fuller has secured the Opera House. I would suggest that the substitution of the fine concert grand piano which Mr Hoffman supplied for the Albu concerts, instead of the very ordinary instrument now used, would be a great improvement, and an especial boon to Miss Brabazon, whose splendid solos deserve a better pianoforte.

AUCKLAND CHORAL SOCIETY. — COWEN'S 'ST. JOHN'S EVE.'

A PACKED house thoroughly appreciated the excellent performance of a very charming idyll on Tuesday, the 26th ult. The music is mainly pastoral in character, but dashing and vigorous writing is not wanting, while the orchestration through-is alike charming and masterly. The band showed marked improvement in delicacy, light and shade, tune and precision. The chorus displayed the same qualities, and sang efficiently throughout. All the four soloists did well. Miss O'Sullivan as Nancy fulfilled my expectations, displaying good attack, faultless intonation, and a marked advance on the rehearsals in the matter of phrasing. So promising a soprano has only to continue careful practice, with severe self-criticism, to improve still more. A slight tendency to force the upper register, thereby producing just a soupçon of shrillness, should be restrained. But Miss O'Sullivan's intelligence, smoothness and contrasts of pathos and passion deserved all the applause she won. Mrs Gus Coates as Margaret sang the contralto music very effectively. Nervousness slightly detracted from the merit of a fine performance. Her great sensibility and finished taste in the cantabile would have been more effective for the infusion of increased dash and vigour in dramatic contrast. Mr W. Martin (tenor) as the young squire came out well, his rendering of the fine song (with chorus accompaniment) 'O Zephyr,' with its exquisite minor, being tender and graceful. Mr A. Stewart sang with dramatic force the bass part of Robert, and barring an occasional lapse in intonation conquered a very difficult part with great credit. In the interval the band played Mendelssohn's splendid overture 'Son and Stranger' very well indeed. I heartily congratulate Herr Carl Schmitt and the Society on a capital performance of a lovely theme.

THE AUCKLAND ORCHESTRAL UNION.

ON Friday evening last the third concert of the fourth season of this flourishing society proved a thorough success and a genuine musical treat. The band, in full strength and in its best form, played an exquisitely written overture, 'Nord and Sud,' by Bauer, with brilliant precision and tune; a 'Norwegian Rhapsody,' written in Svendson's happiest vein, proved equally delightful; Schubert's magnificent overture in E Minor deserved even higher praise, and at its conclusion Mr Towsey was presented with an enormous bouquet. Mozart's famous overture to the Marriage of Figaro was negotiated in 3min 27sec by ORPHEUS' stop watch, and considering the pace, was fairly well played, but perhaps it would have been better to allow another 20 seconds or so. A symphony by Goetz (allegro moderato in F Major) proved to be a fine piece of orchestral writing, and was played with refinement and delicacy, the pianissimos and crescendos being capably rendered. Mr Clough's scoring of Miss Wilson's 'Fidelite Gavotte' for full orchestra was fairly good, but perhaps the 'linked sweetness long drawn out' was a trifle overdone. The selection from Verdi's 'Trovatore' has been noticed before in these columns. It was well rendered. The Auckland Liedertafel contributed, including encores, five excellent numbers, of which the last, 'Rest, dearest, rest,'

was the gem. In the 'Image of the Rose' Mr F. Wright took the solo very creditably. Miss Warren sang a charming song, 'Whisper and I shall hear,' by Piccolomini, with a violin obligato nicely played by Mr Cooke, and was re-called. Mrs Gus Coates has never been heard to greater advantage than in Molloy's 'Home, Dearie, Home.' Barring that the tempo was perhaps a trifle fast, it would be difficult to find a blemish in a rendering so full of sensibility and correct vocalisation of exquisite taste and well-marked contrasts. In response to an imperative encore the singer gave 'The Murmur of the Shell,' with equal success. Mr Towsey played the accompaniments with taste and discretion and conducted the orchestral numbers with characteristic aplomb.

THE HOLLOWAY FAREWELL SEASON.

So rapid are the changes of programme given by Mr Chas. Holloway and his compact band of sterling actors that it becomes quite impossible for the critic to keep pace with the *embarras des richesses*. Capital plays excellently staged and acted with unflagging spirit and versatility of course mean constant rehearsals and unremitting study. Harvey's fine melodrama 'The Land of the Living' was replaced on Friday evening by an exquisite little comedy 'The Broken Idol,' which so pleased the audience that numerous requests for its repetition have been conveyed to Mr Holloway. I trust that he will see his way to play it once more before the season terminates on Saturday evening. On Saturday last that powerful drama 'The Wages of Sin' replaced 'The Broken Idol,' and was enthusiastically applauded by a large audience. But on Monday the production of 'The Shamrock and the Rose,' a strong melodrama of the transpontine class, drew a crowded house, and made the hit of the season. In all the foregoing pieces roles were excellently sustained by Messrs Chas. Holloway, Henry Willard, Olly Deering, G. R. Melville, E. G. Couglan, Andrew Money, etc., etc., and among the ladies by the misses Linda Raymond, Alice Deorwyn, M. Medway, Eva Jackson, Maggie Masters, and her talented little sister Florence, but space will not permit me to notice in detail the individual performances of a company which invariably does capital work however difficult the cast. The 'Shamrock and Rose' will be staged to-night (Thursday) and to-morrow night, but will be replaced on Saturday evening by the celebrated Adelphi drama, 'Woman's Sacrifice.'

MR JOHN FULLER gives his next Wednesday Pop at the Opera House on Oct'ber 11th. A specially attractive programme has been prepared. It would be well for visitors to purchase their tickets beforehand at Hoffman's or Williamson's, as a big crowd is expected.

I WISH to remind readers of the SPORTING REVIEW that the performance for the benefit of the Auckland Polo Club takes place on Monday evening at Abbott's Opera House. Last week I mentioned that 'O'Callaghan' and 'Written in Sand' would be acted by the pick of our local amateurs. Additional attractions will be solos on the violin by Mr Alister Maclean, whose proficiency on that instrument is well known to musicians, and some of the Auckland Liedertafel's best selections. I shall expect to see a bumper house.

OUR MELBOURNE LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)  
September 20.

ON Saturday night next the Theatre Royal, Melbourne, will re-open with Mr J. Parker Hall in command, Miss Eloise Juno being the leading attraction. This lady will, on the date in question, begin a series of farewells in 'The Heart of Midlothian,' followed by 'Guy Mannerling,' &c. The company engaged consists of Misses Maud Williamson, Aimee Moore (who with this company makes her first professional appearance), Julia Merton, Rose Vernon Paget, Beatrice Oxford, and about fifty other stars of lesser lustre. At the Princess Theatre the great thing is the arrival of the new Italian Opera Company and the Blue Ballet. It has been whispered me by the proverbial little bird that Williamson and Musgrove's latest venture is just a wee bit disappointing. I'm sorry for it—but then, sorrow doesn't count for much on 'Treasury Day.' Professor Miller's season at St. George's Hall did not turn out any too well.

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.

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

Mr. J. Forth ... Blue body, white sleeves and sash, blue and white cap. Mr. J. Malcolm ... Black body, pink sleeves and cap.

The following trainers have been granted licenses by the Auckland Racing Club:—H. Harrison, J. B. Williamson, John Rae, D. McRighan, Adam Byers, F. Stening, F. McManamin, W. McManamin, F. Dodd, James Kenne, G. Wright, J. Fletcher, H. Smith, Murdoch McKenzie, Archie McMullen, H. H. Brown, J. McHugh, G. Absolum, Michael Maher, Alex Smith, Robert Smith, William Harrison.

The following jockeys have been licensed by the Auckland Racing Club:—Thos. Taylor, R. Ryan, Thos. Stewart, Fred Gay, A. McP.erson, W. Gilly, W. Hayner, John Slater, D. Creamer, Jas. Skeats, T. McRighan, P. Hammond, James Byrne, G. Heaton, Alec Williams, W. Shaw, Hy. Priest, F. Davis, W. Smith, Harry Johnson, J. Gallagher, J. Carey, W. M. Hatfield, E. Donovan, R. Hall, C. Parker, J. Quinton, J. Homan, W. Moberley, J. Hickey (for 3 months), Sam Cook, H. Eva, J. Pennell, E. Duggan, G. W. Banks, Nathaniel Noble, G. E. Cudd, T. Geach, F. Burns, D. McKinnon, D. Wright, G. Donovan, T. Sharp, C. Coleman, W. Ashdown, Alfred Cook, John Cook, E. Monroe, Ambrose Dixon, Thomas Greenwood, E. Williams, James Donovan, James Buchanan.

Apprentices' licences have been granted to Ben Jones, W. Brown, E. Headley, James Mitchell, W. Oliver, J. C. 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 Wnatawhata Races—Jan. 1 Waerenga-a-Hika R.C.—Dec. 26 Thames Jockey Club—Dec. 26 and 27 Matamata R.C.—Dec. 26 Poroti Racing Club—Nov. 9

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 jockies 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 disqualifications have been removed from D. Sullivan's Alic, and J. Corboy.

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OUR LETTER RACK.

Letters wait at our office for Utiku Marumu, Mr and Mrs Bland Holt, Mr Harry Norman, Professor Heller.

Sporting Review. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1893.

THE dispute between Mr D. O'Brien and Major George in connection with the First Challenge Stakes is exercising sporting people on the other side. Commenting upon the affair as it stands at present, and more particularly on the action of the Canterbury Jockey Club in placing Mr O'Brien on the forfeit list, the Australasian of September 23rd writes:—

How Mr O'Brien came to be placed upon the forfeit list was curious, not to say questionable. Two horses of his breeding were entered in his name for the First Challenge Stakes, but before any fees for the race became due the two horses had been sold, and, in accordance with racing custom and practice, Mr O'Brien ceased to be responsible for them.

forfeits due for the two horses sold by Mr O'Brien were paid by Mr O'Brien under protest, but the club refused to receive the money under protest, and as remaining on the black list involved disqualification on all recognised courses, Mr O'Brien, who was contemplating a visit to Australia with horses, paid the money unconditionally. The stewards of the Canterbury Jockey Club proposed to hear the objection under circumstances which made it impossible for all the members of the tribunal to receive proper notice to be present, but Mr O'Brien took exception to such hurried procedure, and obtained an interim injunction restraining the stewards from dealing with the protest.

THE Takapuna Jockey Club, like a good many other clubs, had a deficit to show over the season's operations at their annual meeting on Wednesday of last week. From the report and balance-sheet, appearing in another column, it will be seen that £210 5s 4d is the amount of the club's loss on the season—less than we expected under the circumstances. The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and balance sheet, could not help alluding to the fact of the present stake money limit being largely responsible for the loss made by the club during the season, but, bearing in mind no doubt the fact that the Conference of Auckland Country and Suburban Clubs had elected him as their delegate and representative at the next Conference of Metropolitan Clubs, wisely restrained himself, and refrained from talking about those arbitrary acts of the self-constituted Metropolitan Clubs, etc.

BUT the shoe has pinched not only the Country and Suburban Clubs but some of the Metropolitan Clubs, and none more so than the Dunedin Jockey Club, which has for a long time been a staunch opponent of the present stake money limit, and the roll of clubs under whose jurisdiction is indeed a large one. The Dunedin Jockey Club have just brought out their programme for the season, and no less than £770 is the reduction in the four programmes. It is hard indeed to see races like the Otago Cup reduced from 500sovs to 400sovs, the Dunedin Cup from 600sovs to 500sovs, the D.J.C. Handicap from 350sovs to 300sovs, and the Forbury Handicap from 250sovs to 200sovs.

THE decision of the Australian Jockey Club not to hear the complaint brought by Mr J. B. Clark, a well-known Australian-side racehorse owner, against a jockey for foul riding on Jeweller in the Wycombe Stakes at the recent A.J.C. Meeting, opens up the question whether the rules re complaints might not be advantageously amended. Mr Clark in lodging his plaint made it clear that he did so not with a view of its affecting the result of the race, but merely to investigate an offence said to be on the increase, and one which must be viewed with great seriousness seeing that it endangers not the loss of a race but probably the loss of human life.

older or leading jockeys are concerned, the younger division are naturally afraid to speak of any real or fancied ill-treatment that they may sustain, lest worse befall them next time. These matters do not come before the owner or trainer immediately, and when they do he has to search carefully for the evidence, and to estimate its value ere occupying the time of an important tribunal with the matter. All this is impossible in fifteen minutes, or even during the afternoon of a busy race day." This is very true, and an alteration from the time limit of fifteen minutes to say a week, where an owner does not wish to upset the race but merely to bring to light an instance of unfair riding, might profitably be entertained by all racing clubs.

THE "riding to order" style of horsemanship which is unfortunately only too common on the turf, has received a salutary check by the action of the Victoria Racing Club in refusing to grant licenses to three leading Australian jockeys. The affair has created consternation amongst the riders in Sydney and Melbourne, for it was never dreamt by the parties interested that such decided action would be taken by the V.R.C. committee. When the time for licensing approached there was a general feeling that something would happen to certain jockeys, but those who felt they would be singled out for notice, never imagined that anything more serious than the usual words of caution would happen. But the men who at present have the guidance of the governing Australian turf body in their hands are determined to check the growing opinion that riding must be most decidedly and unmistakably "cronk" before official notice will be taken, and as an earnest of their future intentions they have suspended George Robson, James Hayes, and Joseph Cunningham from riding at registered meetings, the suspension to remain in force during the pleasure of the committee. The first named jockey's claim to distinction may be said to rest on the fact that he steered Glenloth home to victory in the last Melbourne Cup; but that result was probably as great a surprise to Robson as to everybody else. Hayes, however, is perhaps as good a rider as there is on the other side just now, consequently his services are much in demand, and his suspension must mean a serious thing to him. But an example was necessary, and the three jockeys who were selected were no doubt answerable for acts which the V.R.C. has set itself to put down. The news that riding which does not commend itself to the governing racing body will be visited with such severity cannot but have a very salutary effect for the Australian turf has shown lately that the tendency amongst even first class jockeys is to ride with a charming disregard for the rules of honest racing.

BUT there is another side to the question which must suggest itself to fair-minded people, and that is that the V.R.C. are striking at the branches of the tree which is supposed to be diseased instead of attacking its roots. Why not deal with those people who are responsible for the ranning of their employees? The jockeys in question are mere boys, and may be more sinned against than sinning. To most of them the question is not, 'Shall I ride straight or stiff?' but, 'Shall I decline to follow orders and lose my situation?' It is doubtless a hard thing to get at those who are at the head of the evil, but it is probably a harder thing to punish those who by their peculiar environment are forced into the practices which lead to their suspension. No doubt the V.R.C. Committee will temper justice with mercy and restore the jockeys' licenses after a time has elapsed sufficient to show the lads in question that the loss occasioned by a refusal to 'pull' their mounts is infinitely smaller than that which will assuredly follow any acquiescence in such a style of riding.

THE Carrie case which has been exciting so much attention in coursing circles, and to which the Auckland Coursing Club have devoted so much time in fishing out information ever since a protest has been laid, has at last been settled. After a mass of documentary evidence had been brought before the Club, and a host of letters and telegrams had passed between them and the National Coursing Club of New Zealand, it was decided to refer the question to the latter body, who have now given their decision. They hold that Carrie could not claim the stakes under the Club's Rules, because she was

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 Kotero, 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 Kotero, 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 Kotero 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 ferretted 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 Plumpton.

## 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's 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.

WAIKARAPA TROTTERING 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'

(softs, sawneys, sillies, &c.), could not keep away. The police took a front stand, and saw that no one removed the fencing or rails, and not a blade of grass was surreptitiously taken without their knowledge. The sister colonies were well represented, both by those in the laying and taking line. Layers scored on Saturday.

The ladies dresses—well, it requires 'granny' to write about them in full—yet to a looker on the dear ones looked as charming as ever with those baggy sleeves, but not quite such high shoulders as were in vogue lately. Many ladies wore light airy dresses, which they have regretted since to the accompaniment of bad colds, for the wind turned very cold long before the racing was over. The novelty of wearing a skirt about the same length the fair one wore when a little girl, but over the top of a long one, is becoming fashionable.

The racing, though so promising from a sportsman's standpoint, turned out somewhat tame, as with the exception of the Derby and Spring Stakes, all other races were as good as won at the distance.

The Hurdles, with fourteen starters, set the racing ball rolling, and from a good start Fog and Whitefoot cut out the running, with Barzan and Bruce handy. Fog led past the stand the first time, and with Barzan and Bruce held a long lead round the back. The mare was done with at the sheds, and Barzan clearing out from Bruce entering the straight he won easily by ten lengths from Whitefoot and Hilma, who beat Bruce for third place. Bettina blundered at the last hurdles when going fast, and all but came down. Williams, her jockey, made a wonderful recovery.

Eleven saddled up for the Trial Stakes. The syndicate Pulvil was backed down to evens, and Jeweller carried big wagers at twos. The Trier and Pulvil cut out the pace to the bend, when Harris sent Jeweller to the front, and it was all over. Ich Dien (a New Zealander) second, and Dickens third.

A more farcical Derby has not been witnessed in N.S.W. than was seen on Saturday. The mediocre five contestants when stripped must have made more than one owner regret scratching his entry, and from all accounts Projectile was another Camoola, and a follow-my-leader race was expected. The brown and pink sleeves elect was made a strong favourite at 6 to 4, with Delaware at 3's, Solanum 5's, Trenchant 6's, Pharamond 7's. A good start set the five cantering, with Pharamond leading, and so they continued round until the five furlong post was reached, when Solanum went up and racing commenced. He drew well to the front, and came round the bend with a good lead. Pharamond was done with, and Trenchant, well up, went for the leader, who appeared to have the race at his mercy, but the son of Trenton—Bridesmaid would not be denied, and beat Mr Oxenham's colt by a long neck after an exciting finish. Delaware, who was shut in coming round the bend, was third, but would have been hard to beat had he got through. The favourite was last.

The colours worn by Lady Duff would have looked in unison with the stable colours had Projectile won, and had the Blue Ribbon been placed round his neck.

The great betting race, the Epsom Handicap, now came on, and it can be favourably compared with previous years both as to class of horses running and the interest taken in the races. The whole of those numbered in the book were starters, and heavy wagering was the order of the last hour. Brockleigh had a very strong following at 6's. Shamrock was treated as a certainty at 7's. Sainfoin 8's, Elymas and Paris 10's, Little Bernie 15's, Dan O'Connor 16's, were all well backed, but Belgiorno, a strong tip throughout the week, was unbefriended at 25's. Blue Blood, Buccleugh, and Cannon were the quickest away from a fair start, but the latter soon showed most prominent. Buccleugh and Cannon, with Lullaby, negotiated the back, with Brockleigh, Budgeree, Wakawatea, and Shamrock's colours well forward. Buccleugh faltered at the six furlong post, Cannon still leading, and Lady Trenton coming up. Her ladyship led into the straight, with the three-year-old Lullaby and Budgeree on her flank, and Brockleigh well favoured for position. Once in a line for home Brockleigh sailed out to the front, and all interest in the race was gone, for he won as he liked by three lengths from Little Bernie, who came to the front in a startling manner. Lullaby was third, Lady Trenton fourth, and Melinite last. Time, 1min 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec.

The champions of N.S.W. known to be

contesting the Spring Stakes gave this race an interest and zest very seldom equalled. Alas for the infatuated admirers of Camoola who was backed at 6 to 4 and Cremorne fancied at twos, for through some inexplicable reason (to 99 out of every 100) both these equine wonders went down before the New Zealanders Loyalty and Stepniak in no fluke manner. The race to the straight needs little description, as the pace not having been too hurried every horse should have been equal to winning from the positions held. Oxide was leading opposite the Leger, but gave way to Loyalty and Stepniak at the distance. All the flogging in the world (and Fielder laid it on stiffly) could not make either of the great C's catch the leaders, and Loyalty won by a length from Stepniak, with Oxide half-a-length in the rear third. Cremorne fourth. Bungebah conspicuous by his absence in the lead throughout. Time, 2min 38sec.

The Kensington Handicap attracted 24 to the post, and Wabba was pitched upon as real good, and backed at 3's. The stable provided the winner, which turned up in Antæus, with 9.10 (J. Fielder up), who was backed for a little at 12's. After Clinker and St. Blaize had made the running to the bend, the latter collapsed, and Antæus, holding a good position, came away and won as he liked in 1min 43sec. Merry Belle second and Aurelius third. St. Blaize completely broke down, and is hardly likely to see the post again. With difficulty he was got home.

#### THE OAKS AND METROPOLITAN DAY.

Heavy rain in the early morn, and then again from nine to eleven, made matters look very ominous for this favourite racing day in Sydney last Tuesday. At midday the sun was shining as brilliantly as ever, and the people began to move out to Randwick. Considering the state of the ground, the cutting wind, and discomfort of cold, the attendance was good. Again 'ours' and the Governor of Victoria were present, besides many ladies. Wraps and cloaks covered up most of the charming dresses, and our daily describers must have been either tutored or privately interviewed to describe them as they did.

The Shorts was the first race. Twenty-five competitors marshalled before Mr Watson, several horses being well backed. Moorefield, whispered as having been readied for the race and in great fettle, was made a warm favourite, and started at twos. Panoply was befriended by the right sort at 5's, and Cameline was trusted with Newcastleite money at 7's. The start gave Buccleugh, Cameline, and Whakawatea and the favourite a good show, and they kept well forward to the bend, where Whakawatea was leading. As soon as Moorefield was fairly in the straight he settled all opposition quickly, and another uninteresting finish ensued. Messmate was second, Panoply third, and Shamrock fourth. Time, 1min 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec.

The Oaks only attracted four 'young ladies' to the post, and from the saddling bell to the finish there was only one in it. Bessie McCarthy opened in the betting at evens, and finished at 5 to 4 on. The race was another cantering exhibition to the five-furlong post, when earnest business commenced, but Bessie held the others in check, and won easily in 2min 48sec.

The A.J.C. Derby and Oaks, 1893, resulted in two of the poorest races for classic events ever witnessed in N.S.W.

The Maiden Stakes, with 10 starters, was looked upon by not a few as a certainty for Marechal Ney, and he was backed down to 6 to 4. Ich Dien, who ran such a good filly to Jeweller on Saturday, was also trusted, and not for shillings and crowns, but something more solid at 4's and 5's. Dickens and Colossus were not running unbacked. The two last named took up the running from the start, which Colossus retained until the back straight, when Ich Dien showed the way. So they ran to the bend, when the N.Z. filly came away and never being greatly hurried won easily by two and a half lengths from The Trier. Colossus third, Dickens fourth, and Blarneystone (the brother to Marvel) last.

The great race now came on, and the Metropolitan of '93 numbered 23 on the board. In such a large field to make Brockleigh, with 9.3, a 2 to 1 favourite speaks volumes for such a good horse. Oxide, the black favourite, carried hundreds of pounds and bobs of the public besides stable money, and started at 6's. Little Bernie, whose abilities are well known, and Warpaint, the much talked of, went out at 8's, and Jeweller and Sunshine at 12's. 20's to 30's were given about either Paris, Sainfoin, or

Solanum, and any price others. After a lot of frisky work on the part of Oxide the field was sent away to a good start, with Sunshine and Paris quickest on their legs. Solanum was leading past the stands. Elymas went up first rounding the bend, but was passed by Solanum near the mile post, Warpaint next, Sainfoin well up, the others bunched, and Ethelbert last. Little change occurred along the back, except that Brockleigh had taken a front position. Before the six furlong post was reached the sudden disappearance of three or four horses showed an accident had occurred. Pharamond is said to have swerved into another horse, which brought Mr Franks' horse down and Brockleigh, Little Bernie, and Salutation fell over him. No serious consequences are entertained. But to resume the race. At the five furlong post Warpaint was leading, and at the bend showed Sainfoin, Oxide, and Elymas the way, with Paris in a good position. Once in the straight Fielder let Paris out, and going like a true racehorse as he is, he mowed the opposition down, passing Warpaint, the then leader, at the end of the Leger, and eventually won by two lengths. Aureus, who had been unnoticeable to those watching, came through in the straight, and secured second money, just beating Sunshine by a head and Warpaint by a neck. Then came Oxide, and with him the Victorian Sainfoin, the N.Z. Launceston, and the coming horse Jeweller. Sir William, otherwise 'Billy,' was last.

The time, 2min 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec, is slow, even in the holding going, and the backers of the favourite and Little Bernie contend that the verdict would have been different had no accident occurred.

A truer little horse (although correct in one sense, may not be so in these galloway days) than Paris never looked through a bridle in N.S.W.

The First Steeplechase, with sixteen runners, had Frantic, last year's triple winner over the little and big sticks, as favourite. Ensign, Hilma, and Cardigan were fancied, and carried money of their respective stables. A chapter of accidents as usual marked the race, and with the exception of J. E. Brewer, the jockey who is rather badly injured inwardly, and now lies in the hospital, not much damage was done. Buckley was in front at the first fence, but turning head over heels, Ensign led. Recruit took up the running round the back, but was passed near the sheds by Bruce, who nearly came down at the next fence. Recruit again led over the treble with all sorts of distances between the others. Cardigan was going well after the leader along the back, with Hilma sticking too. Ensign and Bassanio upended at the obstacle near the seven furlong post, and Cardigan, Beggar Boy, Frantic, and Bruce passed Recruit. Hilma laid down at the jump near the sheds, and Frantic came a purler at the next (the most dangerous at Randwick), and from there Cardigan had it all his own way, and won easily from Bruce. Beggar Boy was third, with the unlucky Recruit fourth.

Thirteen essayed the Squatters' Handicap, and Antæus was backed on his Saturday's running at 3's. Warpaint 5's, Lady Trenton 6's, Confidence 8's, Cannon 10's, and 12's others. Antæus held a good position to Bendigo's lead at the start. Cannon soon showed forward, and La Perouse going well. Thus the back was negotiated. Blue Peter whipping in. Warpaint went up as second at the six furlong post, and Cannon shot past the leaders, but the three came into the straight almost on terms. Confidence moved forward followed by Blue Peter going very fast, and a good race between the leaders ended in favour of the last-named by a length and a half, Confidence beating Warpaint two lengths for second place, and Lady Trenton fourth.

St. George, the sire of Loyalty, the champion New Zealander of the A.J.C. Meeting, is a full brother to Chester.

Stepniak and Melinite are both by Nordenfeldt.

Launceston, another New Zealander, ran well in the Metropolitan and second in the Sydney Handicap.

New Zealand horses and New Zealand cyclists may be said to have taken the two buns for racing in the Spring Meetings.

It is not believed there was any truth in the assertion that the bicycle accident in the championship was readied.

They should change Ich Dien's (another New Zealand winning gee) name if she lives to go to the stud.

It is wonderful how steeplechase jockeys escape after some of the terrible falls they receive. Brewer, who received

such a smash when Frantic fell in the First Steeplechase, hopes to be out again in a week or so. Death, although with crutch still, as a friend hopes to be in the saddle again soon, but it is feared poor Kinsman will never have the pleasure of seeing a horse race again.

*Hors de combat*—Pharamond, Little Bernie, Salutation and Brockleigh.

Among the rumours concerning the accident in the Metropolitan the following is said to be the truth. Soon after passing the six furlong post Pharamond endeavoured to have matters a little too much his own way, and pursued a somewhat erratic course. McCarty, his jockey (who declared 11b overweight and rode at 7.3), endeavoured to pull him together, but the son of Clan Stuart swerved on to another horse, collided, and was thrown completely off his legs and partly under the rails. As he held the position of either fifth or sixth those horses immediately in his wake came croppers over him, amongst them being two of the most fancied in the race—Brockleigh and Little Bernie.

Little Bernie was the most unfortunate and received a gash just above the stifle, which will necessitate an easy time for weeks to come.

Buckley, who fell in the Steeplechase, received such injuries that he died the same evening. The excruciating jokes about this little gee-gee chances in the past are, we hope, buried with him.

In the grand: 'Are you speculating, Miss Linnocent?' 'Oh, yes.' 'May I enquire which you favour?' 'Oh, pa is for me.' And he didn't see till afterwards that it was the horse she meant, and not her pater. He swore a swear.

On the flat: 'What price Whack-a-waiter?' Sharp, the bookie: 'Forty, or seven days.'

They say that if so many ladies had not chosen to wear the brown bodice and pink sleeves the syndicate would have won a race or two. Did it call too much attention to the stable?

'Have you ever kissed the Blarney-stone?' said Colleen. 'No, but I cussed it on Tuesday in—the Spring Maiden language.'

Underwood first over wood again with Cardigan II. (and the fearless) in the First Steeplechase. This horse owed several knowing punters a bit, and they didn't forget it.

'Have you heard the news?' 'No; what is it?' 'New Zealand and Newcastle.' Get out.'

Brockleigh, it is said, was won in a raffle for a note. How many entries could be ensured if he were put up again this week?

That good old slave Oxenham (the horse, of course) broke a blood vessel whilst running in the Second Hurdles.

Solanum, although by Somnus, displayed no sleepiness when he won the Fourth Biennial, and showed such a bold front to the bend in the Metrop.

The A.J.C. Derby was a farcical affair, but if the many more of the fancied ones in the V.R.C. Derby go wrong, there will be no race at all. Both Light Artillery and Carnage are reported 'gonoph.'

A Sydney sporting writer says, 'Trenchant's condition is a monument of Alsopp's abilities as a trainer.' Fancy Gardiner, on a monument—weighting.

Influenza is in training again. It has been doing easier work since the very warm weather set in, but up to that had put several well-known sportsmen down.

Some people thought Rosstillan was spelt 'Rustillan. Kelso could have told them different if they had not found it out by experience.

## Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's Races.

[BY WIRE.—OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

NAPIER, October 2.

THE Hawke's Bay Jockey Club Spring Meeting opened to-day, when there was a good attendance. Glorious weather prevailed, so the course was in good order, and everything looked well.

Lochness was scratched for the October Handicap, but the other seven horses donned silk, and it turned out to be a good race. Fleta had the inside and Waterlily the outside running. When the flag fell Dreamland was turned the wrong way and started last. Rangiatea was first at the stand, with Waterlily, Free Lance, and Mystic close up. Crusader ran a bit wide at the turn, where Free Lance shot well out and took the lead. He maintained it to the back turn, where Rangiatea was pulling very hard. Fleta then went up and took second place, Crusader being a length away. Free Lance led into the railway bend and right into the straight, where Water-

lily made a momentary show, but Rangiatea started to come up, as also did Dreamland. The pair singled themselves out from the field, and a great race ensued. Rangiatea had slightly the best of it, but Dreamland disputed every inch of the ground and won a great race on the post. The time was 2min 2sec, and the dividend £4 4s. Mystic was third, while Crusader was a bad last.

The First Hurdles saw eight horses face the starter, and of course Satyr was made favourite, though Kapua was very nearly as good. The Auckland horse jumped away at the start, while Oddfellow appeared dilatory, and was soon lengths away last. At the back of the course Jack led Satyr, while Chester lay third, Joker, Dromedary, Kapua, Avis and Oddfellow following in that order. The latter, however, rushed up here and improved his position. All were jumping well, but at the railway bend Dromedary ran off, and was afterwards out of it. When the stand was reached Oddfellow was in front, with Jack next, Satyr, Joker, Chester, Kapua, Avis and Dromedary following in the order named. Jack led Oddfellow and Satyr at the back of the course, but Satyr took second place. At the next hurdle, however, Oddfellows' big jump brought him next the leader. Before the turn was reached Chester was prominent, but after the last hurdle had been negotiated Satyr shot to the front and his victory was loudly proclaimed. Kapua came with a wet sail on the inside, however, and took command of the field, winning comfortably without the whip. Satyr tired before the post was reached, and Jack and Chester filled second and third places, Satyr being fourth, and Oddfellow, Avis, Joker and Dromedary following in that order. The dividend was £3, and the time 4min 15 4 5sec.

There were only four starters for the Hawke's Bay Guineas, and it was a kind of duel between Auckland and Hawke's Bay, each district having two representatives. Pegasus was an undoubted favourite on his Auckland running, while there was only a point more invested on Noyade than there was on Stanmoor, Tussock being the outsider. The Hon. Mr Ormond's horse had the inside running, Noyade being next. Then there lay Pegasus, while Stanmoor was on the extreme outside. There was a little delay at the post, during which Noyade was rather fretful. Stanmoor did not appear so, but he kicked at Pegasus four times, and nearly landed him each time. Tussock looked half asleep. Pegasus went to the front at the time signal, Stanmoor being his nearest attendant. Before the back stretch was reached Noyade had rushed into second place. This order was maintained until the bend was reached, when Stanmoor left Tussock behind and went after the leaders. Gallagher took out his whip, and by the time the straight was reached all the horses were under punishment. Stanmoor passed Noyade, who was tiring, and went after Major George's colt, but could not get within a length and a half of him, and the Auckland Spring Handicap winner got home comfortably from Nordenfeldt's half-brother. Noyade was third, and Tussock last. The son of Nelson won from start to finish, and paid a dividend of £1 18s. The time was 1min 47 1-5sec. Pegasus was led into the enclosure, where Captain Russell made a neat speech congratulating Major George on his victory. Miss Russell decorated the winner with blue ribband amid the cheers of those present and strains of 'See the Conquering Hero Comes' from the band.

Welcome Nat and Sunlight were scratched for the Maiden Plate, but still ten were left in, the Auckland Miss Letty was of course favourite. There was a long delay at the post owing to Kohine being very fractious. Eventually a good start was effected, Mystical and Pinrose getting slightly the best of it. These two, with Porepo and Kohine, were well in front when the grandstand was reached. Porepo assumed command subsequently, Kohine being second at the back of the course, and Pinrose third. At the bend Haeta went up, as also did Flaneur, and both looked dangerous when the straight was reached. Pinrose held his own on the inside, however, and was laying level with Flaneur, when Miss Letty came up on the outside, and racing down without the whip won by three parts of a length rather comfortably. Pinrose was second, Flaneur third, Porepo, Haeta, Mystical, Huia, Patchfeldt, Kohine, and Colorado following in that order. Time, 2min 16 4-5sec. Dividend, £2 1s.

As the Auckland horses were in good form, it was deemed proper form to back

Forme for the Welcome Stakes. All started except Maluri, and the Auckland filly looked the best of the eight. Pom-pom got the worst of the start, of which Planet got much the best. Forme rushed to the front, however, and the issue was never in doubt, for the daughter of Nordenfeldt won easily from Nixie and Huata, who occupied second and third places Pom-pom was fourth, and then followed Tartan, Blarney, and St. Kevan. Tartan looked prominent in the turn, but died away in the straight. The dividend was £1 13 and the time 53 2-5th sec.

Dreamland, Dromedary, Waterlily, and Auckland were absentees from the Corinthian Plate. The race is easily described. Chris, who had the inside running, jumped off at the start and won all the way, the distance being a mile and a quarter. Eclipse and Premium were his nearest attendants after the start, but when it came to racing in the turn Prairie Grass and St. Anthony were seen to be the leader's most dangerous opponents. Praire Grass challenged him in the inside when fairly in the straight, and then St. Anthony, who carried 11.10, sneaked up on the inside. Chris won comfortably, however, without his rider Mr Harley drawing the whip on him. St. Anthony, who was second, was ridden by Mr J. Ormond, and Prairie Grass, who was third, had Mr Beecroft in the saddle. There was nothing really in the race at the finish but these three. Chris was a great favourite, only paying £1 14s on the machine. The time was 2min 27sec.

All the accepted horses started for the Flying except St. Hippo and Miss Letty, but the other in the stable was allowed to have a go. The starters were St. Katherine, Swivel, Ua, Lochness, Stanmoor, Purepo, Fleta, Spinaway, Dingo, and The Parson. After some little delay Dingo, who is by Remington—Cornelia, and related to Cordelia, who paid £13 12s at Rangitikei the other day, had the inside running, and got lengths the best of the start. He then came away at a great rate, and was never caught winning anyhow. Ua was the last to leave the post, but made up her ground in a wonderful manner. Stanmoor came round the bend into the straight at a good pace, but the leader had too much of a start, and the Auckland could only play second fiddle. Ua was third, but she eased up, and St. Katherine was given the barren honour. Lochness and the rest were simply out of it. The time was 1min 18sec and the dividend £11, the best awarded during the day.

#### SECOND DAY'S RACING

The second day's racing was, like the first day, favoured by fine weather. There was a larger attendance than on the first day owing to a public holiday being observed in town.

The first race was the Trial Handicap for which Prairie Grass and Colorado were scratched. Wheriko was favourite, Flaneur being next in demand, but Pinrose was well backed. When the flag fell Wheriko got away first, and Flaneur delaying in the turn, Waterlily led Pinrose and Flaneur, Kohine being last. At the back Wheriko was lying fourth. Waterlily led into the turn where Wheriko looked dangerous, but he soon died away. Pinrose then came up and passed the leaders in the straight under the whip winning rather comfortably. Flaneur just beat Waterlily for second place, Wheriko being fourth, Harmony fifth and then followed Patchfeldt and Kohine. Time, 2min; dividend, £4 10s.

The Second Hurdles proved somewhat of a surprise. It was whispered round as a good thing for Kapua despite his weight, and he was made favourite. Satyr and Jack being next in demand. Jack went off with the lead. Natatrix ran round the first hurdle and was afterwards out of the race. Joker led with Satyr round the turn, but the latter was first over the hurdle. In front of the stand Joker was second over, Jack and Eclipse following, Oddfellow being last. In the turn Dromedary went up and took command, and he had a good lead after the back had been traversed. At the bend Kapua gradually went up, and rounding into the straight had passed Satyr and Jack and set sail after Dromedary. She had such a good lead however that he could not catch her although he came very fast under the whip. Dromedary won by three lengths from Mr Douglas's colt, Jack being third, Satyr fourth, Eclipse fifth, and then Oddfellow, Joker and Avis. Time, 3min 37sec; dividend, £10 10s.

The big event of the day was of course the Spring Handicap for which Purepo was scratched. The Auckland horse Pegasus was the fancy of the majority of the public and was made a pronounced

favourite. Rangiatea was nominally second favourite, but Stanmoor and Ua were within a few pounds of his total on the machine. Pegasus looked well as did Rangiatea and Dreamland. Krina worked herself into a great state and was never prominent in the race. Pegasus was quickest on his legs but Stanmoor took the lead, and was accompanied by Lochness as he came into the straight. In front of the stand the order was Stanmoor, Lochness, Rangiatea, Tussock, Ua, Pegasus, Rosefeldt, Krina and Dreamland. Lochness led Stanmoor in the turn, Rangiatea being third, with Dreamland last. Before the back was reached Rangiatea had assumed control, and Stanmoor had dropped back into last position with Rosefeldt and Dreamland moving up. In the turn the Somnus horse had a good lead, but Pegasus went up and looked dangerous. In the straight Pegasus commenced to tire and could not reach the leader, whose victory was now loudly proclaimed, but Rosefeldt and Dreamland came along under the whip. Young Watt shook Rangiatea up and he came along and won easily by three lengths from Rosefeldt, Dreamland being third, Ua fourth, Pegasus fifth, and then followed Lochness, Tussock, Stanmoor and Krina. Time, 2min 44 2-5sec; dividend, £9 7s.

Blarney dropped out of the Nursery Handicap for which Forme, who won yesterday, was a good favourite. When the flag fell Bugler got left at the post. Tartan assumed the lead, but before the straight was reached Lyrebird and Forme went along and passed the leader. In the straight Pom Pom came at a great bat and beat Lyrebird rather easily, Tartan third, Forme fourth and Bugler last. Time, 52 1-5sec; dividend, £3 7s.

There were eight starters for the Post Stakes, and owing to the form displayed by Pinrose he was made a red hot favourite. A splendid start was effected by Mr Powell opposite the stand, Pinrose, T Rose and Georgina going off with the lead. In the turn Financier had assumed command, Pinrose lying second and Allan-a-dale third. Sister Mary was last. At the back Financier still led, but T Rose went up in turn racing with Georgina. The favourite here went to the front, and coming on was never caught winning comfortably from T Rose who made an ineffectual run on inside. Allan-a-dale just beat Waterlily on the post for third place, Georgina and Avis followed Financier a long way behind next, and Sister Mary about forty lengths behind the winner last. Time, 1min 58 2-5sec; dividend, £1 13s.

St. Anthony and Dingo were scratched for the Welter, for which there were ten still left in. Mystic was made favourite, but Dreamland, Chris and Freulance were well backed. There was ten minutes delay at the post owing to Dreamland for whom the starter was waiting. When he dropped his flag she whipped round and lost seventy or eighty yards. Fleta went off with the lead followed by Zaccho at the back. Dreamland was hopelessly out of it but commenced to make up her ground. Fleta had the lead in the turn, but was subsequently supplanted by Mystic, who led into the straight. Dreamland came along at a great bat but could not catch Mystic who won easily. There is no mistake that Dreamland ran a wonderful race. Fleta was third, and then followed St. Malo, Chris, The Parson, Freulance, Musketeer, Premium and Zaccho in the order named. The time was 1min 49sec, and the dividend £3 14s.

The Final Handicap was looked upon as a certainty for Ua, but she was scratched. Purepo was as much enquired after as Swivel, and the Wairarapa horse, who is by Remington—Mascotte, won, but only just won. He led right up the straight and was challenged by Haeta who almost got level with him, but Porepo held his own and just got home under the whip. Flaneur was third, and the rest followed in straggling order. Time, 1min 19 1-5sec; dividend, £2 17s.

#### Rangitikei Racing Club.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

THE Rangitikei Racing Club held their Spring Meeting on Wednesday, the 27th ult., when a most enjoyable day's racing was witnessed by all who were present, in fact, the finishes for the different events were closer than is generally seen on a racecourse. The club's handicapper, Mr J. E. Henry, came in for well deserved applause, being cheered by the public twice during the day. The fields in all of the events were large, and the finishes most exciting, and the dividends during the day were fairly large.

The ball was opened with the Flying Handicap, for which 14 contestants faced the starter's flag. The Napier mare Ua, who was in splendid buckle, was installed first favourite, and she repaid those who gave her their confidence by getting home by a short half head from Fraternite and Banner, who made a dead heat for second places, the rest of the field being all in a cluster a length behind. When the flag dropped McCormick on Fraternite was the first to move, with Sunbeam next, and the big son of The Dauphin made the pace all the way. His victory was loudly proclaimed, but unfortunately, when in the straight on the run home, his jockey McCormick had the misfortune to break his whip, which caused the horse to stop, and although Mac rode a desperate finish with his hands, he had to suffer defeat by half-a-head. Had not his whip have broken he most certainly would have been returned the winner, and his followers would have been jubilant, as he was paying the splendid dividend of £19 odd. Banner (by Escutcheon), who made a dead heat for second place, ran with great gameness, and will be seen to better advantage later on in the season. The time for the race was 1min 21sec, and considering the course was heavy, it was not a bad go. The dividend was £4 10s.

The Hack Flying produced a field of 10. Hippodamia jumped away with the lead, and led for half the journey, when Kalmea (by The Premier) came to the front and led for awhile, but on turning into the straight Welcome Nat ran through his field, and never afterwards gave his opponents a chance, eventually winning as he liked, paying the good div of £9 4s. Time, 1min 24 4-5th sec. I fancy his dividend would have been less, but the public had an idea that he was not wanted.

Out of the eight that accepted for the Handicap Hurdles 7 came to the post, Caloola being scratched. This was a good race. On the fall of the flag Union Jack at once made play, and soon put a gap between his field, but at the back of the course he ran off taking with him Unity, who had run up alongside him. This left Hiamoe and Oaklands in the van, with Auckland close handy. At the last hurdle a bungle occurred, which lost Oaklands three lengths, and left Auckland and Hiamoe in front. From this out a ding dong race ensued, the judge being unable to separate them, Oaklands finishing a fair third. The owners of the dead heaters decided to run the race off and a better match was never seen between two horses, although the Wanganui contingent considered that Auckland could not lose it, but as it turned out he just managed to squeeze home by a half head after a close and exciting finish. The dividends paid out on the dead heat were £1 18 Auckland and £19 5s Hiamoe. Time, 3min 7 2-5th sec. Unity, who was carried off by Union Jack, would, I fancy, have troubled the winner, as he was going very strong at the time of his mishap.

The Hack Hurdles was a soft thing for Belle (by The Australian), who is trained by J. J. Russell, of Taranaki. She led from the start, never giving her opponents a chance, winning easily at the finish, running the one and a-half miles in 3min 1 2-5th sec, which was six seconds faster than the big hurdles, so that Union Jack, who is also trained by J. J. Russell, must have taken a power of beating in the Handicap Hurdles, as I hear he can beat Belle over one and a-half miles over sticks.

The big event of the meeting brought out ten contestants, only three failing to go to the post, viz., Prioresse 7.0, Kent 6.9, and King John 6.7. Speculation on this event was very brisk, and numerous were the different tips that were whispered round the paddock. Mr C. Durie's sterling little horse Musket was installed favourite, with Rosefeldt and Ua next in demand, all of the others bar Poinsettia and Kiriwai, who were the two outsiders, being very evenly backed. When the word 'go' was given the colours of Fraternite and Cordelia where the first to show in front, with Rangiatea, Ua and Musket at the head of the others. Fraternite kept at the head of affairs till half the journey, when he fell back beaten, Rangiatea and Musket then being the most prominent. On nearing the straight for the run home Rosefeldt improved her position, and was coming very fast, but notwithstanding Lindsay's efforts Rangiatea kept his position and ran home a winner by a length from Rosefeldt, with Musket, who ran a game horse, a good third. Time, 2min 17sec. Dividend, £9 12s.

The Hack Flat, of one mile, was another easy win for Welcome Nat, who





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WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

On Monday, 16th October, acceptances are due before 9 p.m. for the following events at the Wanganui Jockey Club's Spring Meeting:—

PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB.

To-morrow, 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, 1 1/2 mile, 1 sov.
Open Handicap of 45 sovs, 1 mile, 1 sov.
Hunt Club Cup (Steeplechase) of 45 sovs, 3 1/2 miles, 1 sov.

The full programme appears in our advertising columns.

POVERTY BAY TURF CLUB.

Acceptances in connection with the above Club will be due on Monday, 9th October, by 9 p.m. for the following events:—

- Spring Handicap of 100 sovs, 1 1/2 mile, 3 sovs.
Flying Handicap of 50 sovs, 3/4 mile, 1 1/2 sov.
Makaraka Handicap of 100 sovs, 1 mile, 3 sovs.
Waikanae Handicap of 50 sovs, 5 furlongs, 1 1/2 sovs.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB.

On Saturday next, Oct. 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, 1 1/2 miles, 2 sovs.
Federal Handicap of 150 sovs, 3/4 mile, 1 sov.
St. Andrew's Handicap of 200 sovs, 1 1/2 miles, 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.

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB.

On Tuesday next, October 10th., by 10 p.m., Mr F. D. Luckie, secretary, will receive entries for

- Hawke's Bay Guineas (1895) of 300 sovs.
The fee required will be 1 sov each.

GISBORNE RACING CLUB.

On Saturday, October 14th, by 9 p.m., nominations for the following events will be due:—

- Flying Handicap of 40 sovs, 3/4 mile, 1 sov.
Hurdle Handicap of 50 sovs, 2 miles, 1 sov.
Grandstand Handicap of 40 sovs, 1 mile, 1 sov.
Park Handicap of 75 sovs, 1 1/4 miles, 1 sov.

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The Betting Market.

[BY WIRE.—OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.] SYDNEY, October 2.

CAULFIELD CUP—RUN OCTOBER 21.

- 100 to 7 agst Division
100 to 6 — Jeweller
100 to 6 — Brockleigh
100 to 5 — Donation, Fulham, Donizetti
100 to 4 — Wild Rose, Fortunatus, Moss Rose

MELBOURNE CUP—RUN NOVEMBER 7.

- 100 to 7 agst Loyalty
100 to 6 — Camoola
100 to 5 — Malvolio, Vakeel, Portsea, Sternchaser
100 to 4 — Newman, Cremorne, Tridentate
100 to 3 — G'Naroca, Ronda, Splendide, Penance.

Very little business doing.

The Summer Carnival of the North Shore Amateur Athletic and Cycling Club will be held in the Domain on December 23rd.

Hanlan's nephew, Edward Durnan, has been challenged by Stephenson, the New Zealander, to scull three miles for £100 aside.

The City Rowing Club held its annual meeting last week at the Railway Terminus Hotel. The report, which was adopted, stated that the club had commenced the season under very disadvantageous circumstances, but nevertheless, when the balance-sheet was gone into, it would be seen that the outgoing officers had performed the duties allotted to them with credit, and at times at much inconvenience.

Our Sydney letter informs us that Prime Minister and Ruennaff have both gone to the stud. The success of Trenchant, says 'Ribboned', in the Australasian, in the A.J.C. Derby, came as a boon and a blessing to (ring) men and a surprise to everybody except perhaps the immediate connections of the stable, who could not have been by any means confident, considering the colt's previous performances, which were of anything but a promising character.

The big Australian events are coming round. Caulfield Meeting on October 14th, and Melbourne Cup on November 7th.

as men who never failed when the pinch came, and who could always be relied upon to pull a match out of the fire.

Pearce, the winner of the catch-as-catch-can wrestling championship at Hobart is in the Hobart hospital in a state of collapse. Pearce won his victory over Kneebone by four falls to three, but according to the latest report the win was a very costly one for Pearce.

Prof. Miller has given Australia the record for dumbbell lifting. At an exhibition given in St. George's Hall, Melbourne, last month the professor lifted a pair of dumbbells, weighing 29lbs, 5,000 times in 2hrs 28min 31 1/2secs. This is the record for the world.

The Australians have not opened their Australian tour very favourably, having been defeated by the Philadelphia team by an innings and 68 runs. This crushing defeat, however, is not likely to be repeated anywhere in the States, for Philadelphia holds the cream of the Yankee cricketers.

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Weights, etc.

NAPIER PARK RACING CLUB.—WEIGHTS. TRIAL HANDICAP HURDLES of 50 sovs, 1 1/2 miles.—Jack 11.5, Dromedary 11.5, Free Lance 10.13, Auckland 10.2, Quilt 10.0, Oddfellow 9.10, Joker 9.10, Maid of Loue 9.9, T Pose 9.7, Av's 9.7, F.Lipse 9.0, Natatic 9.0, Vasco 9.0, Recruit 9.0.

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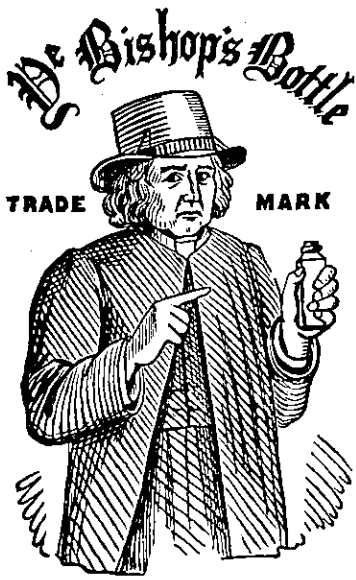
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- 62 Mr W. Douglas' b h Ua, by The Mute—Waitiri, 4yrs, 8.2, Lindsay ..... 1
14 Mr W. Wilson's br h Fraternite, 5yrs, 8.6, McCormick ..... †
28 Mr J. P. Belcher's b h, Banner, 3yrs, 7.4, Lind ..... †
37 Mr J. Paul's b h Boulanger, aged, 9.3, McKeague ..... 0
37 Mr A. Portland's b g Swivel, aged, 8.7 ..... 0
12 Mr McKinnon's b g Scot Free, aged, 8.6 ..... 0
11 Mr F. Watson's ch m St. Laura, 3yrs, 7.7 ..... 0
6 Mr J. Green's ch m Sunbeam, aged, 7.5 ..... 0
2 Mr A. Portland's b g Pinrose, 3yrs, 7.4 ..... 0
21 Mr J. Wilson's ch m Poinsettia, 6yrs, 7.3 ..... 0
40 Mr E. Halward's ch h Kent 4yrs, 7.2 .. 0
17 Mr E. Jackman's b h King John, 4yrs, 6.10, G. Reed ..... 0
21 Mr D. Campion's br h Gun Cotton, 4yrs, 6.10 ..... 0
5 Mr T. Potaka's ch m Kiriwai, 6yrs, 6.9 ..... 0

313 † Deat heat. Time, 1min 21s. Dividend, £4 10s.

HANDICAP HACK FLYING of 30 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. For horses that have never won an advertised race, nor entered for any race at this meeting; hack and hunter races accepted. Six furlongs.

- 32 Mr W. Tatham's ch g Welcome Nat, by Johnny Fawkner—Florence, aged, 8.8 ..... 1
50 Mr C. FitzHerbert's ch m Kalmea, 6yrs, 7.7 ..... †
39 Mr C. Leen's blk m Hippodamia, 6yrs, 8.4 ..... 3
35 Mr J. Green's blk h Bloomsbury, 6yrs, 8.9 ..... 0
46 Mr J. Armstrong's b m Sweet Dream, aged, 8.0 ..... 0
85 Mr G. Smith's ch m Pihanga, 6yrs, 7.12 ..... 0
19 Mr H. Peter's br m Luna, 6yrs, 7.2 ... 0
5 Mr W. J. Blake's b g Fashion, aged, 7.0 ..... 0
16 Mr J. Purcell's cr m Laitiere, 5yrs, 6.12 ..... 0
6 Messrs. Cameron & Holmes' b m Mona's Isle, aged, 6.10 ..... 0
333 † Deat heat. Time, 1min 24 4-5sec. Dividend £9 4s.

HANDICAP HURDLES of 50 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. from the stakes. Over six flights of batten hurdles. 1 1/4 miles.

- 7 Mr J. G. Wilson's b g Hiamoe, by Somnus—Topaz, aged, 9.5, Hall ..... †
70 Mr J. M. Fraser's b g Auckland, by Natator—New Year's dam, aged, 9 0, Higgins ..... †
26 Mr T. T. Watts' ch g Oaklands, aged, 9.5, Morris ..... 3
55 Mr C. Hawkins' br g Unity, 6yrs, 10.7 ..... 0
23 Mr E. Barnes' blk g Raven, aged, 10.5 ..... 0
21 Mr F. Roberts' b g Glenelg, aged, 10.1 ..... 0
98 Mr J. J. Russell's ch g Union Jack, aged, 9.10 ..... 0
300 † Deat heat. Time, 3min 1 2-5sec. Dividends, Hiamoe £19 5s.; Auckland £1 18s.

HANDICAP HACK HURDLES of 30 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. Over 6 flight of batten hurdles. Conditions same as Handicap Hack Flying. 1 1/4 miles.

- 48 Mr J. J. Russell's ch m Belle, by The Australian—Nimrod, 6yrs, 9 2, McCracken ..... 1
20 Mr J. Abbot's ch g Nanakia, 6yrs, 9.0, Higgins ..... 2
13 Mr D. D. McKenzie's b g Elk, aged, 9.12, McGregor ..... 3
48 Mr C. Chubbins' b g Lonely, aged, 10.2 ..... 0
38 Mr A. Nathan's br g Maunganoho, aged, 9.13 ..... 0
46 Mr J. M. A'Court's ch g Referee, 5yrs, 9.4 ..... 0
30 Messrs. Cameron & Holmes' b g Kaffir, aged, 9.0 ..... 0
— Mr C. Leen's ch g Spraydon, 4yrs, 9.0 ..... 0

243 Time, 3min 1 2-5sec. Dividend £5 5s.

SPRING HANDICAP of 110 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. 1 1/4 miles.

- 40 Mr A. Portland's b h Rangiatea, by Somnus—Wairuareka, 4yrs, 7.6, Watt ..... 1
83 Mr W. Douglas' br m Rosefeldt, 5yrs, 8.2, Lindsay ..... 2
43 Mr D. Campion's br h Guncotton, 4yrs, 6.7 ..... 3
23 Mr McKinnon's b g Scot Free, aged, 8.3 ..... 0
35 Mr W. Wilson' br h Fraternite, aged, 8.3, McCormick ..... 0
103 Mr C. A. Durie's gr g Musket, 5yrs, 7.13, Ross ..... 0
54 Mr W. Douglas' b h Ua, 4yrs, 7.11 ... 0
27 Mr D. Scott's br m Cordelia, 5yrs, 7.0 ..... 0
11 Mr J. Wilson's ch m Poinsettia, 6yrs, 6.9 ..... 0
3 Mr T. Potaka's ch m Kiriwai, 6yrs, 6.7 ..... 0

428 Time, 2min 17sec. Dividend, £9 12s.

HANDICAP HACK FLAT of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. One mile. Conditions same as Handicap Hack Flying.

- 62 Mr W. Tatham's ch g Welcome Nat, by Johnny Fawkner—Florence, 6yrs, 8.9 ..... 1
3 Mr A. Nathan's br g Maunganoho, aged, 6.7, Watt ..... 2
16 Mr J. Armstrong's b m Sweet Dream, aged, 7.13 ..... 3
37 Dr. Bennett's b m Eve, aged, 8.5 ..... 0
13 Mr G. E. Wilson's ch g Sunday School, 6yrs, 7.5 ..... 0
1 Mr J. Peters's br m Luna, 6yrs, 7.0 ... 0
2 Mr J. Purcell's cr m Lataire, 5yrs, 6.11 ..... 0
51 Mr J. J. Russell's ch m Belle, 6yrs, 6.11 ..... 0
185 Time, 1min 51 4-5th sec. Dividend, £2 13s.

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- 20 Mr D. Scott's br m Cordelia, by Torpedo—Cornelia, 5yrs, 6.9, Stevenson ..... 1
44 Mr J. P. Belcher's br h Banner, 3yrs, 7.9, Lind ..... 2
57 Mr J. Paul's b h Boulanger, aged, 9.6, McKeague ..... 3
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82 Mr W. Douglas' br m Rosefeldt, 5yrs, 8.9 ..... 0
20 Mr E. Halward's ch h Kent, 4yrs, 6.13 ..... 0
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