

open race, but a quarter of a mile from home Lett brought Monte Carlo to the front, and galloping in grand style, eventually won easily by a couple of lengths. Time, 2min 13 2-5th sec. Dividend, £4 3s.

Pihanga was successful in both hack events, paying £15 12s in the mile race and £3 1s in the five furlongs.

Priores was again successful in the Railway Handicap, beating a field of seven, King John being second and Daisy Clipper third. Time, 2min 1sec. Dividend, £4 8s.

Owners, Note!

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

To-morrow, Friday, December 8th, by 10 p.m., acceptances will be due for the following events:—

FIRST DAY.

Maiden Pony Handicap of 30 sovs, 6½ furlongs, 1 sov.

Maiden Trot Handicap of 40 sovs, 2 miles, 1 sov.

Pony Cup of 150 sovs, 1 mile, 3 sovs.

Maiden Hurdle Handicap of 30 sovs, 1 mile, 1 sov.

Telephone Handicap of 40 sovs, 4 furlongs, 1 sov.

Maiden Trot Handicap of 40 sovs, 2 miles, 1 sov.

December Trot of 50 sovs, 6½ furlongs, 1 sov.

SECOND DAY.

Auckland Trotting Club Handicap of 400 sovs, 3 miles, 5 sovs.

Glasgow Trot Handicap of 80 sovs, 2½ miles, 2 sovs.

Champion Trot Handicap of 80 sovs, 2 miles, 2 sovs.

Electric Trot Handicap of 50 sovs, 1 mile, 1 sov.

On Friday, December 15th, by 10 p.m., nominations for the third day's racing will close with Mr C. F. Mark, secretary, as follows:—

Second Maiden Trot of 40 sovs, 2 miles, 1 sov

Grand Stand Handicap of 40 sovs, 5 furlongs, 1 sov

President's Handicap Trot of 150 sovs, 2 miles, 3 sovs

New Year's Handicap of 50 sovs, 7 furlongs, 1 sov

Harness Trot Handicap of 50 sovs, 2 miles, 1 sov

Steeplechase Handicap of 60 sovs, 2½ miles, 1 sov

Pony Trot Handicap of 40 sovs, 2 miles, 1 sov

Telegraph Trot Handicap of 50 sovs, 1 mile, 1 sov

POVERTY BAY TURF CLUB.

On Monday, December 11th, by 9 p.m., nominations for the following events will close with Mr J. H. Aislabie, secretary, Gisborne:—

Flying Handicap of 80 sovs, 6 furlongs, 1 sov.

First Hurdle Handicap of 60 sovs, 1½ miles, 1 sov.

Turanga Stakes of 200 sovs, 1½ miles, 2 sovs.

Publican's Purse Handicap of 70 sovs, 5 furlongs, 1 sov

County Stakes Handicap of 40 sovs, 1 mile, 1 sov.

Sunderland Stakes Handicap of 110 sovs, 1 mile and a distance, 2 sovs

Second Hurdle Handicap of 60 sovs, 1½ miles, 1 sov.

Stewards' Handicap of 70 sovs, 7 furlongs, 1 sov.

Welter Handicap of 40 sovs, 1 mile, 1 sov.

OTOROHANGA RACES.

On Monday, December 11th, by 9 p.m., nominations will close for the following events:—

Hurdle Race of 10 sovs, 2 miles, 5s

Maiden Plate of 5 sovs, 1½ miles, 5s

Otorohanga Cup of 12 sovs, 2 miles, 7s

Pony Race of 5 sovs, 1 mile, 5s

Settler's Race of 7 sovs, 1½ sovs, 4s

ORMOND JOCKEY CLUB.

On Friday, December 15th, by 8 p.m., nominations will be due for the following events:—

Handicap Hurdles of 30 sovs, 1½ miles, 1 sov

Flying Handicap of 25 sovs, ½ mile, 15s

Welter Handicap of 15 sovs, 1 mile, 15s

Ormond Cup Handicap of 40 sovs, 1½ miles, 1 sov

MANAWATU RACING CLUB.

The following acceptances will close with the secretary, at Palmerston North, or Mr H. H. Hayr, SPORTING REVIEW office, on Thursday, 14th December by 10 p.m.:—

Telegraph Stakes of 60 sovs, 7 furlongs, 1 sov.

First Handicap Hurdles of 60 sovs, 2 miles, 1 sov.

First Handicap Hack Hurdles of 35 sovs, 1½ miles, 1 sov.

Palmerston Cup of 250 sovs, 1½ miles, 5 sovs.

First Hack Flat Handicap of 30 sovs, 1½ miles, 1 sov.

Grandstand Handicap of 50 sovs, 1 mile, 1 sov.

Ladies' Bracelet of 25 sovs, 1½ miles, ½ sov.

Full programme see our advertising columns.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

To-morrow, Friday, December 8th, by 9 p.m., acceptances will close for the following events:—

Auckland Cup of 600 sovs, 2 miles, 3 sovs.

Auckland Steeplechase of 300 sovs, 3½ miles, 3 sovs.

On Friday, December 15th, by 9 p.m., nominations for the following events will be due with the secretary, Mr W. Percival, at his office, Durham-street:—

Trial Handicap of 70 sovs, 1 mile and a distance, 1 sov.

First Handicap Hurdles of 150 sovs, 2 miles, 1 sov.

Railway Handicap of 100 sovs, ½ mile, 1 sov.

Nursery Handicap of 70 sovs, 5 furlongs, 1 sov.

Pony Cup Handicap of 100 sovs, 1 mile, 1 sov.

Christmas Handicap of 100 sovs, 1½ miles, 1 sov.

Second Handicap Hurdles of 100 sovs, 2 miles, 1 sov.

Glasgow Handicap of 100 sovs, 7 furlongs, 1 sov.

Midsummer Handicap of 150 sovs, 5 furlongs, 2 sovs.

County Handicap of 50 sovs, 6 furlongs, 1 sov.

Maiden Handicap of 50 sovs, 1 mile, 1 sov.

Pony Handicap of 100 sovs, 7 furlongs, 1 sov.

Grand Stand Handicap of 150 sovs, 1½ miles, 1 sov.

Sylvia Handicap of 80 sovs, 6 furlongs, 1 sov.

Auckland Plate, w.f.a., of 150 sovs, 1½ miles, 2 sovs.

Pony Hurdle Race of 100 sovs, 1½ miles, 1 sov.

Musket Stakes of 150 sovs, 6 furlongs, 2 sovs.

Newmarket Handicap of 100 sovs, 6 furlongs, 1 sov.

The nomination for Great Northern Derby and Great Northern Foal Stakes must be struck out, or the nominator will be liable for forfeit of 5 sovs. The full programme appears in our advertising columns.

DRURY RACING CLUB.

On Friday, December 15th, acceptances will close with the secretary, Drury, or Mr H. H. Hayr, SPORTING REVIEW Office, Auckland, for the following events:—

Handicap Hurdles of 25 sovs, 2 miles, 15s

Drury Cup of 45 sovs, 1½ miles, 25s

Racing Club Handicap of 25 sovs, 1½ miles, 25s

Pony Race of 20 sovs, 7 furlongs, ½ sov.

Stewards' Handicap of 20 sovs, 6 furlongs, ½ sov.

Also nominations for Maiden Plate and Novel Race.

THAMES JOCKEY CLUB.

The following acceptances will close with the secretary of the above Club on Friday, December 15th, by 8 p.m.:—

Maiden Handicap of 25 sovs, ½ mile, 15s

First Handicap Hurdles of 35 sovs, 1½ miles, 1 sov.

Thames Handicap of 40 sovs, 1½ miles, 1 sov.

First Pony Handicap of 15 sovs, ½ mile, 5s

First Steeplechase Handicap of 50 sovs, 2½ miles, 1½ sovs.

For full programme see our advertising columns.

SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

Acceptances for the above Club will close on Friday, 15th December, 1893, at 9 p.m. for the following events:—

Maiden Plate of 20 sovs, 1 mile, ½ sov.

Handicap Hurdles of 25 sovs, 1½ miles, 15s

South Auckland Cup Handicap of 70 sovs, 1½ miles, 2 sovs.

Handicap Steeplechase of 50 sovs, about 3 miles, 1½ sovs.

Ladies' Bracelet Welter Handicap of 25 sovs, 1 mile, 12s 6d.

Flying Stakes Handicap of 20 sovs, 6 furlongs, ½ sov.

WAERENGA-A-HIKA JOCKEY CLUB.

On Saturday next, December 9th, acceptances for the above Club will be due by 9 p.m. for the following events:—

Handicap Hurdles of 60 sovs, 2 miles, 1½ sov.

Boxing Day Handicap of 120 sovs, 1½ miles, 3 sovs.

Flying Handicap of 60 sovs, ½ mile, 1½ sov.

Also entries for Maiden Plate.

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On arriving on the ground on Saturday morning the Wellingtonians expressed the opinion that the wicket prepared looked perfect and they anticipated a big scoring match, but the hopes in that direction were not realised.

Auckland won the toss and went in to bat, the innings totalling 137, out of which Mills, the Parnellite, made 56 by a perfect display of batting. His play all round the wicket was much admired, and it was greatly through his fine display that Auckland were able to get the very

moderate total they did. Rev. Richards materially helped with his score of 28, but did not give me the impression that he was quite at his best, getting most of his runs by snicks behind the wicket. R. Neil got 14 in a very creditable manner, and was getting nicely going when Upham beat him with a ball which Neil tried to cut to the boundary, and was rather surprised to find that he had cut it on to his wicket, and in the second innings this player got another turn of bad luck, being splendidly thrown out by Upham, when trying to make a brace from a cut by Mills.

Mills, Richards, and Neill's scores totalling 98, shows that very little was done by any of the other batsmen individually in raising the moderate total of 137.

Ansenne, the player most objected to in the team, showed very good defence in the first innings, while making 6, but I am certain that the committee are now convinced that he is not class enough for interprovincial matches as regards his batting. He fielded very well indeed, and saved many runs for his side.

Williams too, is, I think, although a very fair club man, outclassed. His display on the second innings was very poor indeed.

Gardiner, Fowke, and Hay did nothing towards sustaining their reputation, while Lawson, though getting a few off the bat lost a considerable number of runs through his bad fielding. The way he missed Cross on Saturday caused him to come in for severe handling from the on-lookers; but I think the majority of players will agree with me that 'skiers' are not the simple catches they seem, especially in the case of a greasy ball.

In the bowling department R. Neill stands out on the Auckland side as best with six wickets for 46, Kallender getting three for 37. Neill bowled remarkably well all through, and showed that experience and nerve are necessary for the success of a slow bowler. The way he handled the ball on Saturday showed that he possessed both, and though I favoured Kelly's inclusion in the team I must admit that I don't think he would have done so well under the circumstances.

Kallender bowled fairly well, but many were anxious to see the 'boy' (D. Hay) shape with the ball, but Captain Arneil considered it good enough to 'let well alone.'

On the Wellington side Cross proved a tower of strength to his side. He took the wickets when Niven got hurt, batted in first-class style on a bad wicket, and on the second day fielded admirably at point, and seeing that he was suffering from a severe cold the Wellington veteran did more than a fair share for his side.

Lush was the only other batsman to get into double figures. His 25 (not out) was made at a critical time, and should this young player keep going he will very soon be in the front ranks of New Zealand batsmen. The way he met Kallender's fast deliveries drew forth many very favourable remarks from the spectators, and it seemed as if he and Fitzsimmons were going to cause 100 at least to appear on the board; but the latter run himself out in a very foolish manner.

Holdship and Gore, from whom we expected great things, did not come off, both being caught off Neill for 3 and 2 respectively.

The bowling of the visitors did not appear to be any way nearly so strong as our own, but Holdship handled the ball in a very capable manner, and to this fact I attribute their success. Upham, 3 for 49; Fitzsimmons, 2 for 32; Holdship, 2 for 17; Benbow, 3 for 9; and Dryden, 0 for 27, were continually changed about, and consequently this did not allow the local men to get going against any particular pair of bowlers for very long. In the second innings Dryden came out with the excellent performance of 7 for 24, and the Aucklanders don't seem to know how he obtained their wickets. They say it was very simple to look at, but very hard to negotiate. The fielding of the visitors, taking it all through, was excellent, and few mistakes were made. Their captain, although he failed to hold Mills, made ample amends by taking the catches in the slips that dismissed Fowke and Arneil. It was generally conceded that the fielding of Wellington was immensely superior to that of the local team.

A special word of praise must be given to their wicket-keeper Niven, whose reputation of the best in New Zealand was amply justified. The clean manner in which he took the ball behind the stumps was the theme of general admiration, and when the visitors claim that

Williams is even better, it shows how weak we are here in that department of the game. The Gordon stumper is undoubtedly the best here, but I think that Niven is in front of genial 'Johnny.'

The visiting team are enjoying themselves immensely, and are being looked after by the local committee, and it will go a long way towards stifling the disappointment caused by the bad weather to know that, putting the result of the match on one side, Captain Holdship and his team are delighted with their trip to Auckland.

Local willowites will now settle down to practice for Saturday's championship matches, but I hear Auckland will be weak through the absence of Richards (who got hurt in the inter-provincial) and Jacobs (who has gone South on business). United should, therefore, just about win their match.

The Gordon—Parnell match ought to prove a good contest, and it will give their crack batsmen a further chance to distinguish themselves; but I think Gordon will carry to many guns for the maroon and gold.

I understand that the committee intend to select fifteen players only to practice for the Southern trip. This, I take to be a good idea, as from that number it can be ascertained at once who can get away or who can not. The places can thus be filled more expeditiously than by waiting for form at the nets. It will require all the efforts of the committee to get the best team away, as owing to the bad gate at the interprovincial match, the association funds will be fully taxed to pay steamer and train expenses. The Wellington association only pay travelling expenses, the members of the team paying their hotel expenses themselves. I commend this idea to the Auckland committee.

Music, Drama.
By "PROMPTER."

'ALONE IN LONDON' AND 'TAKEN FROM LIFE.'

MR BLAND HOLT changed his programme for the fourth time last Wednesday evening, when 'Alone in London,' the woman's play, was staged at the Opera House. This drama, which is from the joint pens of Robert Buchanan and Henrietta Jay, is more that well-worn as regards public favour, and the attendance during the three nights it held the boards showed a distinct falling off as compared with the audiences which assembled to hear 'A Sailor's Knot,' 'The Trumpet Call,' and 'A Million of Money.' The tale told by 'Alone in London' has been handled by the dramatist until it is thread-bare. There is the usual polished villain, who, clad in tourist costume and gaiters, disturbs the peace of an unsuspecting country maiden. The latter marries her dashing town swell in the prologue, and in the first act finds that the feet of her idol are made of clay. As the wife of a swell mobster she drags out a miserable existence in the most repulsive of surroundings, until Nemesis overtakes her smiling top-hatted villain of a husband and allows the fall of the curtain to show her within reasonable distance of marriage with the inevitable hero, who, jilted in the prologue, remains single through four whole acts. As Annie Meadows Mrs Bland Holt deserves hearty praise for her consistent and careful acting of a part, the steady dreariness of which is calculated to place a heavy strain on an artist who is generally seen in bright vivacious parts. Mr W. E. Baker, as the beautifully accomplished stage villain that we have seen for so long, played with his accustomed skill, and his ready change from the apparently polished gentleman to the callous and brutal husband was marked by steadily increasing dramatic power. Mr Howe was as usual the hero of the piece, and Mr Bland Holt was in his old part of Jenkinson, the the philosophising thief—a character in which Mr Holt gives his audience unqualified delight. Miss Harrie Ireland was surprisingly good as Gipsy Tom, the wif, and Mr Watson did full justice to the part of Spriggins, the swell and scamp-in-waiting to the principal villain. Miss Edith Blande and Mr Charles Brown supplied their fair share of the humour of the piece as Liz Jenkinson and Charlie Johnson, and the other characters were creditably sustained. The scenery was excellent and the mechanical effects worked admirably.

The fifth and last production, 'Taken From Life,' was staged on Saturday evening and drew a good house. This work has been produced before in Auck-

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All-round Sport

By "BLOCKER."

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