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All the results will be sealed before the Match commences, and deposited with the Manager of the Sydney Daily Telegraph, who has kindly consented to hold them during its continuation.

RACING CALENDAR

[NEW ZEALAND]

FIXTURES—1903-4

January 22 and 23—Wellington R.C. Summer
January 29, 30, and February 3—Takapuna J.C. Summer
February 11 and 12—Gisborne R.C. Summer
February 18—Papakura R.C. Annual
February 18 and 19—Poverty Bay T.C.
March 3 and 4—Wanganui J.C. Autumn
March 19—Northern Wairoa R.C. Autumn
April 14 and 15—Masterton R.C. Autumn

IN NOMINATIONS.

January 22—Papakura R.C. E
January 29—Canterbury J.C. Summer, general entries
January 29—Wanganui J.C. Autumn
February 6—Poverty Bay T.C.
February 28—Northern Wairoa R.C. Autumn
March 25—Masterton R.C. Autumn

WEIGHTS DECLARED

January 25—Gisborne R.C. Summer
January 25—Canterbury J.C. Summer
February 4—Papakura R.C.
February 12—Poverty Bay T.C.
February 19—Wanganui J.C. Autumn
March 1—Northern Wairoa R.C. Autumn
April 5—Masterton R.C. Autumn

ACCEPTANCES.

January 22—Takapuna J.C.
January 29—Canterbury J.C. Summer
February 5—Gisborne R.C. Summer
February 5—Papakura R.C.
February 8—Canterbury J.C. Summer
February 18—Poverty Bay T.C.
February 28—Wanganui J.C. Autumn
March 12—Northern Wairoa R.C. Autumn
April 9—Masterton R.C. Autumn

REMINDERS TO OWNERS.

Second forfeits for the A.R.C. Champagne Stakes, 1904, falls due on Friday, February 5.

Nominations for the Easter Handicap, Brighton Hurdles, St. George Handicap and Autumn Handicap, to be run at the A.R.C. Easter Meeting, are due with Mr Percival on Friday, February 26, at 9 p.m.

Acceptances for the Takapuna Cup and First Handicap Steeplechase are due with Mr Wynyard on Friday, January 22, at 9 p.m. Acceptances for all minor events to be run on the first day are due at the same time.

Nominations for all events to be run at the Autumn Meeting of the Wanganui Jockey Club close with the secretary, Mr. Moffatt, on Friday, January 29, at 9 p.m.

Nominations for all events to be decided at the Annual Race Meeting of the Papakura Club close with Mr F. D. Yonge, the secretary, to-morrow (Friday), January 22, at 9 p.m. Nominations can either be made at the Durham-street office or at the Papakura Hotel.

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THE NORTHERN BOWLING ASSOCIATION'S TOURNAMENT.

THE great bowling tournament, which has just been brought to a conclusion in Auckland, has proved beyond question the most successful function of its kind that has ever taken place in the land of the moa. Favoured as it was throughout by ideal weather conditions, the great carnival will be looked back upon by the hosts of visitors who came from all parts to attend it as the most pleasurable event of the year. For no less than twenty-six clubs to be represented gives some idea of the hold bowling has upon the affections of New Zealanders. Although of course one of the most ancient of games, bowling had not up to within the last few years made any great strides, but now quite a different tale has to be told. The idea that it is simply a game for old men has been completely exploded, and thus we saw at the recent tournament many young men taking a hand, while even a match for boys was

played. The reason for this growing popularity is not far to seek, for it lies in the fact that bowling is essentially a summer game which requires a minimum of exertion, while a maximum of interest is maintained. It is a game of skill, for although a certain amount of luck necessarily enters into it, the scientific player triumphs in the end.

The peculiar fascination which the game unquestionably possesses may in a measure be traced to the fact that the issue frequently remains in doubt to the very end. A very good illustration of this was shown in the exciting final struggle for the championship between Wellington and Ponsonby, which was won by the very last bowl played by the skip of the Southern club, a really well-deserved victory. The tournament was carried through from start to finish without the semblance of a hitch, the various contests being played in the most harmonious spirit possible. The meeting of so many followers of the game from the different centres will serve to still further heighten the popularity of the old-time sport. At present it is estimated there are quite two thousand players in the colony. If the present rapid increase is maintained this number will soon be doubled, and the game become almost a national one.

TROUT AS AN ASSET.

THERE can be no disputing the fact that the stocking of the lakes and rivers of the colony with trout has proved a success beyond the most sanguine expectations of those who inaugurated the movement. Trout fishing throughout the whole of New Zealand has proved a very great attraction, and beyond question the sport, which has but to be tried for anyone to realise the fascination it possesses, has been the means of greatly increasing the influx of visitors to our shores. We are, however, rather apt to overlook the fact that because we have the trout now nothing more therefore remains to be done. This, however, is very far from being the case, and it behoves the powers that be to prevent any depletion of stock which at present is threatened. It is very evident that some alteration will have to be made in the amount charged for a license, for at present the number of trout fishermen are very greatly on the increase, and it is simply impossible for the supply to be maintained at the present high pressure. Take for instance Lake Rotorua. When netting was permitted some eight tons of fish were caught, and there was naturally a great outcry against such wholesale destruction. Is there such a great difference now the rod fishermen have matters all to themselves? From Lake Rotorua itself between five and six thousand fish have been caught this season, amounting in all to nearly six tons of trout, and this makes no allowance for the fish of which no record has been taken. The license fee will certainly have to be dealt with. For instance on one occasion a visitor paid half-a-crown for a day's license and caught one hundred and seventy pounds' weight of fish. Can this be in any way considered an equitable *quid pro quo*, that is to say from the Acclimatisation Society's point of view? The townsfolk, who can only devote a few days to the sport during a season, have to pay a license far more than the visitor who during his short visit to the Hot Lakes is able to spend nearly every hour at the pastime.

Two things should be done to maintain the supply of trout at Rotorua. The first and probably most important is that the hatchery at Waimakariri should be moved to Rotorua, and secondly the amount of the license fee should be regulated by the number of fish caught. If this was done there would be far less chance than at present of Rotorua losing one of its chief assets—the trout fishing.