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SPRING MEETING, 1905.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER
28TH AND 29TH, 1905.

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PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY.

THURSDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1905.

12 noon—Spring Handicap of 125 sovs;
second horse to receive 15 sovs and third horse 10
sovs from the stakes. Nomination, 1 sov; accep-
tance, 2 sovs. Distance, one mile.
12 45 p.m.—Maiden Hack Race of 60 sovs;
second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes; open
to maiden horses only; three-year-olds to carry 7.7,
four-year-olds and upwards 8.2. Entrance 1 sov.
Distance, six furlongs.
1 30 p.m.—Wanganui Guineas; a sweepstake
of 10 sovs each for starters with 300 sovs added;
second horse to receive 50 sovs from the stakes. For
three-year-olds; colts 8.10, fillies and geldings 8.5.
The winner of any race of the value of 200 sovs after
1st September, 1905, to carry 7lb extra. Closed with
45 nominations. Acceptance, 4 sovs and 5 sovs at the
post. Distance one mile.
2 30 p.m.—Okahu Handicap Hurdle Race of
125 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs and third
horse 10 sovs from the stakes. Over seven flights
of hurdles, 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1 sov;
acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, about two miles.
3 15 p.m.—Gonville Hack Hurdle Race
of 75 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from
the stakes. Over six flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in in
height. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov.
Distance, about one mile and five furlongs.
4 0 p.m.—Putiki Hack Race Handicap of
80 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from the
stakes. Weights not less than 7st. Nomination, 1
sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile.
4 45 p.m.—Flying Handicap of 150 sovs;
second horse to receive 20 sovs and third horse 10
sovs from the stakes. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance
2 sovs. Distance, three-quarters of a mile.

SECOND DAY

FRIDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1905.

12 noon.—Owen Handicap of 100 sovs;
second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes.
Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance,
five furlongs.
12 45 p.m.—Moutoa Hack Handicap of 60
sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the
stakes. Minimum weight, 7st. Nomination, 1 sov;
acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, three-quarters of a
mile.
1 30 p.m.—Brunswick Handicap Hurdle
Race of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from
the stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in in
height. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov.
Distance, about one mile and three-quarters.
2 30 p.m.—Aramoho Hack Hurdle Race
Handicap of 75 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs
from the stakes. Over six flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in
in height. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov.
Distance, about one mile and a half.
3 15 p.m.—Wanganui Handicap of 250 sovs;
second horse to receive 40 sovs and third horse 15
sovs from the stakes. Nomination, 1 sov; accep-
tance, 4 sovs. Distance, one and a-quarter miles.
4 0 p.m.—Railway Hack Handicap of 70
sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the
stakes. Minimum weight, 7st. Nomination, 1 sov;
acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, five furlongs.
4 45 p.m.—Marangai Handicap of 100 sovs;
second horse to receive 15 sovs from the stakes.
Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance,
one mile.

PENALTIES.

Winner of any hurdle race after declaration of weights
to carry a penalty of 10lb in a hurdle race, winner of any
at race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb penalty
at flat race.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS,
AND ACCEPTANCES.

And Amounts to be forwarded to Secretary,
Wanganui Jockey Club.

SPRING MEETING.

28TH AND 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1905.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST, 1905, at 9 p.m.
NOMINATIONS—Spring Handicap 1 sov, Maiden
Hack Race 1 sov, Okahu Handicap Hurdles 1 sov,
Gonville Hack Hurdle Handicap 1 sov, Putiki Hack
Handicap 1 sov, Flying Handicap 1 sov, Owen Handicap
1 sov, Moutoa Hack Handicap 1 sov, Brunswick Handi-
cap Hurdles 1 sov, Aramoho Hack Hurdle Handicap 1
sov, Wanganui Handicap 1 sov, Railway Hack Handicap
1 sov, Marangai Handicap 1 sov.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 1905 (on or
about).

WEIGHTS—For First Day's Handicaps (open events).

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND, 1905 (on or
about)

WEIGHTS—For First Day's Hack Events.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 1905, at
9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—Spring Handicap 2 sovs, Wanganui
Guineas 4 sovs, Okahu Hurdles 1 sov, Gonville Hack
Hurdles 1 sov, Putiki Hack Handicap 1 sov, Flying
Handicap 2 sovs.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH, 1905,
at the Post.

Final Payment Wanganui Guineas 5 sovs

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH, 1905 (at
or about) 8 p.m.

Weights for Second Day's Handicaps.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH, 1905 at
10 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—Owen Handicap 1 sov, Moutoa
Hack Handicap 1 sov, Brunswick Handicap Hurdles 1
sov, Aramoho Handicap Hack Hurdles 1 sov, Wanganui
Handicap 4 sovs, Railway Hack Flat 1 sov, Marangai
Handicap 1 sov.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 1905, at
9 p.m.

FIRST FORFEIT—Jackson Stakes, 1906: 1 sov.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD, 1905, at 9 p.m.
SECOND FORFEIT—Jackson Stakes, 1906: 2 sovs.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

To which the attention of persons entering Horses is
particularly directed.

All entries, nominations, etc., will close at the
Secretary's office, Wanganui, at 9 p.m., except when
otherwise specified.

All entries to be addressed to the Secretary, Wanganui
Jockey Club, Wanganui, entrance money enclosed, with
the name, age at time of entry, name of owner,
pedigree, colours of rider, and in case of handicaps where
horses have not previously started on the Wanganui
Course, performances of the horse. Entrance moneys
go to the funds of the club.

Entries by telegram must give full particulars of the
horse, and must be confirmed in writing at the earliest
possible opportunity, otherwise a fine of 1 sov may be
imposed.

Owners, trainers, and others entering and accepting
horses for the W.J.C. Meetings are notified that no
entries or acceptances will be received unless accom-
panied by the necessary amount in cash.

This notification does not apply to owners and Trainers
who have standing arrangements with the Executive.
Owners are responsible for all penalties and
allowances.

All persons intending to withdraw horses are required
to give notice to that effect to the secretary one half-
hour before the official time for starting the race. Any
person neglecting or refusing to comply with this rule
shall pay a fine, to be imposed by the Stewards, not ex-
ceeding 20 sovs; to the Race Fund.
Stakes are paid in full.

All races to be run under the New Zealand Rules of
Racing.

Prior to any race, the Stewards may order a parade in
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RACING CALENDAR

NEW ZEALAND.
FIXTURES—1905
September 6 and 7—Marion J.C. Annual
September 14 and 15—Ashburton County R.C. Spring
September 16, 17 and 23—Avondale J.C. Spring
September 20 and 21—Rangitikei R.C. Spring
September 23 and 29—Wanganui J.C. Spring
September 28 and 29—Geraldine R.C. Spring
October 4 and 5—Hawke's Bay J.C. Spring
October 11 and 14—Dunedin J.C. Spring
NOMINATIONS.
September 2—Wanganui J.C. Spring
WEIGHTS DECLARED.
August 21—N. Z. Cup
September 15—Wanganui J.C. Spring
ACCEPTANCES.
September 1—New Zealand Cup
September 25—Wanganui J. C. Spring

Sporting and Dramatic
REVIEW
AND
Licensed Victuallers' Gazette.
With which is incorporated the Weekly Standard
THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 1905.

AUSTRALIA'S HORSE-BREEDING
INDUSTRY.

A CONFERENCE inaugurated by the Go-
vernment has been holding sittings in
Sydney, the business of which was the
making of inquiries into the allegations
by Colonel H. Goad, head of the Indian
Remount Department, as to deteriora-
tion of Australian horse stock. The
question was fully considered with a view
of introducing remedial legislation should
that course have been deemed necessary.
Colonel Goad based his assertions with
regard to the deterioration of Australian
horse stock on the difficulties experienced
by the department over which he presides
in procuring a sufficiency of horses of the
stamp required for army purposes, and,
while paying a well-deserved compliment
to the admirable manner in which the
Indian army had hitherto been mounted
with horses from this continent, inti-
mated that he had found it necessary to
seek other sources of supply. The de-
terioration of the horse stock Colonel
Goad attributed to the use of inferior
stallions and the exportation of the best
mares.

In dealing with the question the "Syd-
ney Mail" says that since the receipt of
Colonel Goad's circular the Chief Inspec-
tor of Stock in this State has been called
upon for a report, the gist of which was
submitted to the conference, and, taken
by and large, the official document did
not show great cause for alarm. Of the
66 districts in the State from which the
information had been collated, 38 showed
that horse-breeding was on improving
lines, in 23 districts matters were sta-
tionary, but in five deterioration was evi-
dent. In his report Mr. R. D. Jones
pointed out that for years past there has
been a steady importation of high-class

horse stock, no fewer than 74 stallions,
and 50 mares having been brought into
this State during the past four years. A
large percentage of these imported stal-
lions are advertised for public service in
the current issue of the "Mail," and a
glance at the list reveals the fact that all
the best families in the English Stud
Book are represented, while the conforma-
tion of the importations is up to the
best standard of the English thorough-
bred. An opinion was expressed in the
report of the Chief Inspector of Stock to
the effect that the prevalent fashion of
racing under light weights and over short
distances did not tend to the improve-
ment of the thoroughbred, and that the
numerous prizes for sprint handicap
races were responsible for a large per-
centage of the inferior stock placed upon
the market, because breeders, he said,
bred to sell, and to suit the class of pur-
chasers.

On the difficulty of procuring a suffi-
ciency of the class of horses required for
remounts in India, Mr. Jones' report
throws some light. The late disastrous
drought—the effect of which extended
right over the continent—as well as the
demand for army horses in South Africa
and Japan, has materially reduced the
numbers of horse stock in this State dur-
ing the last four years. In 1901 there
were 455,134 horses in New South Wales,
but the figures for 1904 show a decrease
of 115,174 on that number; the horses
exported during that period totalled
55,524, while the losses by drought
amounted to 74,962. The greatest loss,
owing to drought causes, was in 1902,
when the total reached 33,160, while the
greatest number of exportations were re-
gistered in 1901, when 19,760 horses left
the State. It must also be borne in
mind that during the drought period,
and for a year or two after, owing to the
lack of proper nutriment, there was of
necessity, a falling-off in the number and
quality of horses that would come up to
the high standard imposed by the Indian
Remount Department. In that connec-
tion, however, if the Indian authorities
are desirous of preserving the trade with
Australia, it will be needful for them to
alter their system of purchase, so that the
breeder will not suffer as he does at pre-
sent by the bulk of the profits going into
the pockets of the middleman.

However, the fact remains that the un-
restricted use of weedy, worthless, and
unsound stallions is the largest blot in
connection with horse-breeding in this
country, and it is to that phase of the
question most attention will have to be
directed at the coming conference.
Whatever deterioration may be apparent
in Australian utility horses is, in the first
place, due to that cause, and it is for
the conference—which, according to the
list of persons invited to take part there-
in, promises to be thoroughly represen-
tative of those interested in the horse in-
dustry—to devise a scheme whereby the
small breeder will be provided with the
services of thoroughly sound horses, of
good conformation, and at a reasonable
price. The Premier has given the ful-
lest scope and opportunity for the eluci-
dation of this question, which not only
involves the maintenance and betterment
of a great primary industry, but also an
important factor in national defence, and
it is to be hoped that the results will be
worthy of the occasion.