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RACING CALENDAR

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FIXTURES—1905

Oct. 19 and 20—North Otago J.C. Spring
Oct. 20 and 21—Wellington R.C. Spring
October 21 and 25—Auckland Trotting Club's Spring
Oct. 25 and 26—Gore & C. Spring
October 26 and 27—Masterton J.C. Spring
Oct. 26 and 27—Poverty Bay Turf Club Spring
Nov. 1 and 2—Southland H.C. Spring
November 2—Waihi Sport Club Annual
Nov. 4, 9 and 11—Auckland R.O. Spring
Nov. 4, 6, 8 and 11—O.J.C. Spring
November 9 and 10—Winton J.C. Annual
November 9—Waipawa County R.O. Spring
Nov. 23 and 24—South Canterbury J.C. Spring
November 25 and 30—Feilding J.C. Spring
December 26 and 29 and January 1 and 2—Auckland R.C. Summer

NOMINATIONS.

October 20—Auckland R.C. Spring (general entries)
December 8—Auckland R.C. (general entries)

WEIGHTS DECLARED.

Oct. 21—Poverty Bay T.C.
October 23—Auckland R.C. Spring
November 17—Auckland R.C. (Auckland Cup)
December 12—Auckland R.C. Summer

ACCEPTANCES.

October 20—Auckland R.C. Spring (special events)
Oct. 21—Poverty Bay T.C.
October 23—Auckland R.C. Spring
December 1—Auckland R.C. Summer (Cup and special events)
December 15—Auckland R.C. Summer

FIRST FORFEIT.

December 1—Auckland R.C. Champagne Stakes, 1906, and Oaks

SECOND FORFEIT.

November 8—Wanganui J.C. Jackson Stakes, 1906,
December 1—Royal Stakes, 1905-06, Derby and G.N. Foal Stakes

REMINDERS TO OWNERS.

A further payment of 6sovs on the New Zealand Cup is due on October 20.

General entries for the Auckland R.C. Spring Meeting close on Friday, October 20 by 9 p.m., on which date acceptances for the Manukau Hurdles and City Handicap must also be made.

General entries for the spring meeting of the Auckland Racing Club close with the secretary to-morrow (Friday) evening, at nine o'clock. The events and amounts required for nomination are as follows:—President's Handicap, 1sov; Welcome Stakes, 1sov; Shorts Handicap, 1sov; Pony Handicap, 1sov; Flying Handicap, 1sov; Spring Handicap, 1sov; Penrose Hurdles Handicap, 1sov; Musket Stakes Handicap, 1sov; Onehunga Steeplechase Handicap, 1sov; Maiden Plate Handicap, 1sov; Pony Handicap, 1sov; Epsom Handicap, 1sov; Hunt Club Cup, 1sov; Maiden Handicap Hurdles, 1sov; Ascot Handicap, 1sov; Juvenile Handicap, 1sov; Pony Handicap, 1sov; Parnell Handicap, 1sov; Welter Handicap, 1sov; Hunt Club Hurdles Handicap, 1sov.

Handicaps for the first day's events of the A.R.C. Spring Meeting are due to appear on Monday, October 23, at noon.

Sporting and Dramatic
REVIEW
AND
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1905.

THE BISHOP AND THE TOTALISATOR.

In the course of his charge, delivered to the members of the Synod a few days ago, Dr. Neligan, the Anglican Bishop of Auckland, spoke very strongly against the vice of gambling, and at the same time levelled some severe charges against the totalisator. "Gambling," he is reported to have said, "must offend the social law, must contradict the principle of the brotherhood of man, must run counter to all that makes Democracy a

thing worth having. It must thus happen because essentially it makes the appeal to undiluted selfishness. Herbert Spencer and Mr. Martineau, two thinkers of wholly opposite religious points of view, condemn gambling as being, *per se*, a violation of the social law. Pagan governments of old, not concerned with the religious or moral aspect of the question, as we understand it, recognised the social offence, and legislated accordingly. It has, apparently, been reserved for the most democratic part of the British Empire, New Zealand, to exhibit to the world a democratic Government legalising, and receiving revenue from, the most abominable machine that ever was invented for turning out citizens who care more for selfishness than for socialism. The legal existence to-day of the totalisator in this democratic country is about as glaring a contradiction of true democracy, of genuine socialism, as one could well find. Let me give you some facts which will justify that allusion. The number of permits to use the totalisator is fixed by statute at 156, and in twelve months—August, 1904, to July, 1905—284 days' racing were held in the colony. Ten per cent. is deducted from all moneys going through the totalisator, of which 1 1/2 per cent. goes to the Government. The total sum put through the totalisator in New Zealand for the period named amounted to £1,391,422. A very considerable additional sum would be handled by bookmakers laying totalisator odds.

"The amount of money that passed through the totalisator for the year I have quoted is £10,000 greater than the value of the export butter trade of the colony for 1904—£1,380,460. The Government received from the totalisator, for the year quoted, a sum of over £20,000. Furthermore, the Government offers facilities for betting and gambling through the post office. Practically every racecourse of note in the colony has the telegraph; money can be sent on to the course for 'investment' by means of the Government telegraph office; the homes of the colony are brought into direct and immediate connection with the totalisator through the Government telegraph office. I am informed that the Government telegraph office is so keen on getting business in this method that 'on one racecourse in the North Island, when it was deemed inadvisable (for certain club reasons) to have a wire, arrangements were made by the Department to connect with a building in close proximity.'

"The machine has not at all suppressed the bookmaker, nor has it wholly stopped the publication of betting odds in the newspapers. For myself," concluded Dr. Neligan, "I would far sooner see the bookmaker plying his trade openly (he has to be honest), and the attendant barrier put to people because of 'what people would think if they saw us making bets with a bookmaker,' than the existing state of affairs."

The Bishop's remarks on the subject are well worth recording, in that he claims to speak as a sportsman as well as a clergyman. Unfortunately, he has fallen into the common error of mistaking cause for effect. It cannot be too strongly pointed out that it was because of the large amount of gambling which was carried on that the totalisator was introduced to regulate it, and that it is not because of the totalisator that the gambling is so extensive. Gambling in all shapes and forms existed long before the totalisator was ever even thought of. It prevailed to an immense extent in the days when Rome was in its zenith, and all through the ages it has flourished. Being inherent in human nature it will continue to exist long after we are all dead and forgotten. What the totalisator has made plain is the extent of it; for the totalisator, having nothing to conceal, has its figures made public. This leads to the incorrect supposition that it is the machine which is the cause of a supposed increase, whereas it is but the

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