

such great heart that it may not be necessary to look further for the winner, even though he has incurred a 3lb penalty. Lady Annie is certain to run well, and will take a lot of beating. Gladstone, who is in the Cup, has also been accepted for in this event, so that it would seem his owners are doubtful as to which event he is to be started for. King Billy has a good winning prospect, for his form at the A.R.C. Spring Meeting was by no means the best he is capable of. On that form Annette should beat him, and there is no denying the fact that she can gallop six furlongs at a great pace. A good word comes from the South in favour of Glenowlet, the three-year-old half-sister to Quarryman, and a win for her would be popular. Carl Rosa is fancied by some, and this applies also to St. Bill, who at his best should be included in the dangerous division. If Landlock could only be cured of his rooted objection to facing the barrier he must have a great chance, but he cannot give any points in a six furlongs race, especially with Hohoro in it, who on the narrow Takapuna track last week ran the distance with 9st 10lb on his back in the great time of 1min 15sec. In addition to King Billy, Mr Watts has accepted for Boomerang and Starshoot, while none of the others look to possess much chance. The probabilities are: Hohoro, Lady Annie, King Billy, Annette, and Glenowlet.

There are only seven in the Auckland Steeplechase, with Inniskillen as top-weight. At the present moment the race looks to rest between Nor-west and Swimmer, and on what was seen at Takapuna the latter is the better treated of the pair.

Entries for the other events to be run at the meeting close to-morrow evening, and there are indications that among the lists will be found quite a number of Southern horses. Altogether things promise very well for a highly successful gathering.

## NOTES.

(By "THE JUDGE.")

The Cup horse Quarryman has been greatly pleasing the touts in his track work.

The second day's events of the Otahuhu Trotting Club's Spring Meeting takes place next Saturday.

Mr. W. H. Potts is calling for tenders for the privileges at the Thames Club's Summer Meeting. They must be sent in before Saturday.

The New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company will offer the following horses by auction at the Harp of Erin stables to-day at three p.m.:—Sweet Alice, Austerlitz, Sonoma, Kildarkin, Forth, Lady Farrington, Apologue, Le Mascotte, and Glondyke.

The death is reported of the brood mare Catherine Wheel. She was got by Maxim from Miss Kate in 1891, but was never raced. Treadmill is the best of her descendants.

The well-known rider, F. D. Jones, will in future ride for Murray Hobbs.

Lady Annie is said to have bruised her heel last Thursday, but is fast recovering from the mishap.

Nightfall, Cuneiform, and Huascar will probably be the Yaldhurst team for Ellerslie at Christmas.

Acceptances for the Thames J.C. Summer Meeting have been extended until Friday, December 15.

General entries for the big A.R.C. summer fixture are due to-morrow evening.

Mr. J. Chadwick has been appointed to do the handicapping at the A.R.C. Summer Meeting, as Mr. Evett has not recovered sufficiently to resume duty.

Akarana is generally considered to be very well treated in the Goldfields Cup at the Thames Summer Meeting.

Nightfall has been nominated for the Manawatu Cup, and the speedy daughter of Multiform is also in the Auckland Plate.

Armistice, by her double win at Feilding, has incurred a 7lb penalty in the Auckland Cup. Even now she only has 7st 5lb—a nice racing weight.

Mr. G. G. Stead has not a single representative in the Derby, a most unusual state of affairs. The death of Sungod upset his plans in this respect.

The annual meeting of the Ngaruahia R.C. takes place on the 13th inst.

It must not be overlooked that nominations for all events to be run at the Auckland Trotting Club's big summer meeting close with Mr. C. F. Mark to-morrow evening.

Some of the early punters were heard lamenting when the acceptances were posted for the Cup and Railway, and Scotty's name was missing from the list. Some of the bookmakers helped themselves to the liberal odds laid last week. The gelding went from 5's to 8's to 1 offered; they are now wiser, if not sadder, men.

Girton Girl's Alexandra Park performance was consistent with her Takapuna form, for after putting up a penalty in each race, she won somewhat easily. Solitary, who invariably runs well on this course, was runner-up in each case.

Franklin has been penalised for his two recent wins at Takapuna, and now carries 9st 9lb and 9st 12lb respectively in his Ngaruahia engagements. The big son of Leolantis ought to make a useful sort over either hurdles or across country.

Mr. R. Hannon, the Cambridge owner and trainer, further added to his banking account on the second day of the Takapuna J.C. meeting with the aid of Sol and Millie in the Steeplechase and Spring Handicap. In the Spring Handicap the little mare Millie went to the front soon after the start, and was never afterwards caught.

The double-event machine is not an un-mixed blessing to a racing club, as it locks up (for a couple of hours) several hundred pounds. This was the case at the Takapuna gathering, when on the first day the money, £800 odd, went into the pockets of only three who selected the winning combination. This money, we might reasonably consider, was not afterwards speculated, as it most assuredly would have been on the ordinary machine.

Ben Deeley, the well-behaved Sloanite, put up a very nice performance at the last Takapuna Spring Meeting, catching the judge's eye on no less than four occasions. The popular light-weight also captured three races at the Te Aroha meeting. Deeley probably does more track riding than any other jockey in New Zealand, as he attends the early morning gallops regularly, and rides for all and sundry, never refusing a mount. This has not a little to do with his continued successes.

Armistice, who is in the Auckland Cup, won the St. Andrew's Handicap and Manchester Handicap, the two big events of the Feilding meeting.

Times were very fast at the Takapuna meeting. Hohoro is credited with running six furlongs in 1min 15sec, despite a welter weight in the saddle, while Millie was timed to gallop a mile race in 1min 41 3-5sec, which is a remarkably good performance when one takes into consideration the sharp bends to be negotiated.

I understand that the International Live Stock Agency Company are giving Auckland best as far as insuring horses is concerned. With heavy losses incurred over the death of Fitzsimmons, St. Leger, Castor, Phœbus Apollo, and Hotchkiss, one can understand the company not wishing to continue.

In answer to "Telephone," when playing poker a straight headed by the King of Diamonds is of the same value as a straight headed by the King of Clubs. The holders should halve the pool, and, according to some customs, be paid twice the limit.

There is little or no straight-out betting on the Auckland Cup, but the double (Cup and Railway) has been humming ever since the appearance of the weights. All the bookmakers report good volumes. The leading lines are Gladstone, Mahutonga, and Paritutu for the Cup, coupled with Hohoro, Landlock, Glenowlet, and Lady Annie. The latter has been reported to be suffering from a bruised heel.

Mr. W. Lyons has turned out his two-year-old filly Lady Cressy, who has proved rather fractious on the training tracks lately.

As soon as the weights came out for the Thames J.C. summer events, the experts picked out Millie for the Thames Cup. The little chestnut looks well in with 7st 12lb after her Takapuna form.

For the G.N. Foal Stakes there are eleven acceptors. The race looks a fairly good thing for Kirriemuir.

The time is fast approaching when the great dispersal sale of the Wellington Park Stud will take place. We are all so accustomed to seeing the Park year by year turn out famous thoroughbreds that it is difficult to realise Saturday, December 30, will see the final break-up of the great stud. So it is, however, and the date mentioned will see the end, and the scattering far and wide of equines which have been got together with such infinite care and expense. In all thirty-three yearlings, twenty-three brood mares with foals, a similar number of brood mares without foals, three stallions and three miscellaneous lots will be submitted. The stallions are Seaton Delaval, whose stock have earned numberless winning brackets; Menschikoff, whose youngsters show great promise; and the Cup winner, Bluejacket. All these are too well known to need more praise. Among the yearlings are thirteen colts and twenty fillies, including some of the most beautifully-bred animals to be found in the colonies. They come from famous running strains, and among the list are doubtless many great future winners. The brood mares make a great array of blue-blooded dames, some of whom should command very big figures. The whole stud is to be sold absolutely without reserve, and it presents an opportunity which may not occur again in a lifetime to acquire some of the finest thoroughbred stock to be found in any part of the world. Particulars of the various lots will be found on reference to our advertising columns.

There are ten left in the G.N. Derby, and of these the likeliest are King Billy Annette, and Gay Spark.

The Soult gelding Sol, who has won five jumping races in succession, is not in the Auckland Steeplechase.

Fred. Webb, the once crack jockey, and subsequently fairly successful trainer of a small string of horses—including Mrs. Langtry's—has taken an engagement to train in France.

An alteration in the apprentice rule has just been passed by the Jockey Club. In future the 5lb allowance will cease when an apprentice has ridden 40 winners, instead of continuing for one year after the date of his first winning ride.

The match between England and the New Zealanders drew the huge attendance of 45,000 persons at the Crystal Palace grounds on Saturday. Although this is a record for Rugby it has been easily beaten in point of numbers by some of the Association League finals on the same ground. The sodden state of the ground militated against very fast play, but this did not prevent our representatives from winning easily. The New Zealanders attacked from the outset, McGregor soon scoring a try, which was not converted by Wallace. After a short period of vigorous attack the Wellington three-quarter again crossed the line, but Wallace again failed. Soon after McGregor was in evidence once more, and with a brilliant dash he put up his third try, only to see it unconverted. In the second half the Englishmen assumed aggressive tactics for a short time, but they were soon driven back, and McDonald crossed their line, but Wallace failed to add the extra points. Not long before time McGregor was heard from again with another try. This time the Canterbury player Gillett took the kick, but his luck was no better than Wallace's. The whistle going soon after left New Zealand winners by 15 points to nil.

The New Zealanders have now played 24 matches in England, Scotland, and Ireland, and have won the lot. They have amassed the remarkable total of 708 points, while only 22 have been scored against them. This is a record which might almost excuse any of the members of the team for "suffering from swelled head."

The following cablegram was sent after the English match by His Worship the Mayor (Mr. A. M. Myers) to the New Zealand football team in England:—"Auckland rejoices: proud that the team are proving doughty sons of the Empire.—ARTHUR MYERS, Mayor."

The Premier has also broken out with a cable to the High Commissioner as follows:—"Convey hearty congratulations from the colony to the New Zealand football team. The people here delighted at their conspicuous success, and the worthy manner in which they are upholding the prestige of New Zealand football."

The New Zealanders were down to play a Cheltenham fifteen yesterday. This will probably have proved another "soft snap."

Despite a 3lb penalty, Hohoro will prove a very hard horse to beat in the Railway Handicap.

Mr. Spencer Gollan has taken the Heath House stables, at Lewes, Sussex, where Page will in future train his horses.

Thus the "Referee":—The jockey C. Bolton, who recently went to New Zealand, had a fair number of mounts at the C.J.C. meeting, but was unsuccessful. As he is not greatly in love with New Zealand, and has been offered Mr. J. McGill's riding at the Q.T.C. (Brisbane) summer meetin, the chances are that he is now on his way back to Sydney.

The Australian jockey F. Manly, has been doing a good deal of riding in England and France, and has recently been engaged to ride for a sporting prince in Italy.

Three of the greatest plungers in America, who have frequently bet from 5000 dollars to 25,000 dollars on a race, have agreed to limit their wagers to 100 dollars hereafter. This move is the result of a recent discussion by these men of chances to win on races. The three were unanimously of the opinion that betting on racehorses was a delusion and a snare, and to win a fortune from bookmakers was impossible. The outcome of the discussion was that 100 dollars should be the limit bet on a single horse hereafter. In order to make the agreement binding, and to provide a penalty for the one who should break it, it was expressly stipulated that if the agreement was broken the guilty man should pay to each of his fellow plungers a forfeit of 5000 dollars.

The New Zealand jockey, C. O'Neill, who arrived in Sydney last week, has, in addition to a jockey's license, been granted permission by the A.J.C. to train jumpers (says the "Referee.") O'Neill rides a forward seat over the jumps, and the style in which he took Levant over the schooling hurdles at Randwick one morning last week rather opened the eyes of the spectators.

In its comments on the Horse Show which took place at New Norfolk (Va.) last month, the New York "Sport of the Times" says:—"Amongst the more important events was the competition of high jumping for a prize of 500 dollars, to break the world's record, as well as the record for Virginia. Dick Donnelly, the acknowledged expert with high-jumpers, initiated the onlookers into the difficulties and joys of high timber-topping on thoroughbred horses on the opening night of the show by putting his own horse, Rifle, over 7ft 4 1/2 in, a fraction above the local standard. This whetted the public appetite for sensational work, and led up to the grand finale on the last night (October 20) of the show, when Donnelly, after a brilliant record during the meeting, put Howard Willets' famous Heatherbloom clear of the timber at the record height of 7ft 10in. This surpasses the horse's previous standard of an inch less made at Bryn Mawr, Pa., in September, 1903."

## ROUND THE STUD FARMS.

### A VISIT TO CAMBRIA PARK.

On a recent sunny afternoon, with the pretty hawthorn hedges in full bloom, and the country verdant with spring everywhere, I bowled along the nice even scoria road in the direction of Cambria Park. A free moving horse in front, and good company in the dogcart, with many an interesting anecdote, the journey seemed all too short when we arrived at Mr. Price's pretty homestead at Papaitoi.

I was much interested in the yearlings this season on account of the continued successes on the race track of others bred here. Curiously enough, at first there seemed to exist a sort of prejudice against Cambria Park-bred ones, and it is by sheer merit alone and not by any adventurous aids that the stud is winning its way to the very front rank. Cyrenian was scoffed at by some know-nothings, yet his stock keep winning, as may be seen without going into ancient history by glancing at the pedigree of such recent stakeholders as Marisa, Cambrian, Conductor, and Lady Nannie. The stock by Soult need no mention, for all his get can gallop, while the beautifully-bred Eben is steadily getting his name on the winning list.

Just one refresher and we started off to see the yearlings to be sold on January 3rd next.

The first was the colt by Cyrenian from Miss Annie, in colour and marking exactly the same as his brother Cambrian, but a more robust and better-