

NOTES.

The recent meeting at Pahiatua resulted in a profit of £311.

The Hierarch appeal case will be heard by the Racing Conference at Wanganui on March 8. The big events to be run at the A.R.C. meeting have filled splendidly,

on last year's figures. Achilles has been scratched for the Wanganui Cup, a step which was generally expected when it was seen that he had been allotted 10st 71b by Mr.

Morse.

there being an advance in four events

Signalman continues to misbehave himself at the post. In the Dunedin Cup he once again played up, and was as usual, left behind when the bar-Some of the many backrier rose. ers he has let down so often will wish him no more harm than a friendly bullet.

Master Delaval is to be given a run in the Wanganui Cup. He is very well just now, and will have to be reckoned with in the Southern race.

Acceptances for the Wanganui Cup and first day's events of the autumn meeting are due to-morrow at nine

The ex-Aucklander Up-to-Date has been nominated for the big jumping event to be run at Onkaparinga on Easter Monday.

Among the Southern entries for the A.R.C. Easter Handicap are Pink-'un, Marguerite, Aeolus, Cross Battery, Ballarat, Zimmerman, Sir Tristram, Intelligence, King Billy, and others of less note. The local brigade will have to be on its best behaviour prevent the rich stake going South.

The Otahuhu Trotting Club's recent meeting was the most successful in the annals of the club. The sum of the annals of the club. The sum of £8761 10s went through the totalisator, which is very nearly double last year's figures.

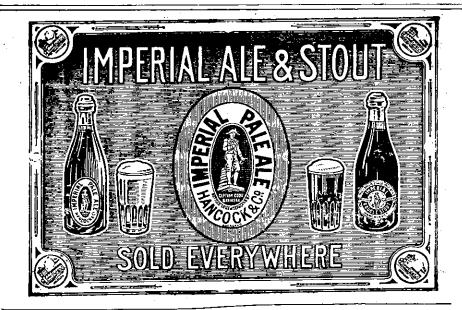
First payment for the Maiden Stakes and All-aged Stakes, which will be run under the auspices of the North New Zealand Coursing Club in April, close with the secretary, Mr. C. R. Tapper, on Monday next at nine p.m. at the Pitt-street Baths.

The Auckland Cup winner Putty ran last in the St. George's Stakes at Caulfield. On that form his Australian Cup prospects are far from rosy.

How long will it be before Australasia sends its list of new 2min 10sec trotters to be included in the list published by the trotting authorities in the United States? asks a writer in the Sydney "Mail." Time was in America when nearly all the fast ones came from two States, Kentucky and California, but now the fast ones are spread all over the United States. We have blood in Australia equal to anything in America, and as the best of our horses do not leave for other shores, as is the case with gallopers, and given the opportunities for deve-loping speed, the time should not be far distant when Australia produces a two-minute harness horse. Certain it is the product of the imported article, be it the animal or vegetable, thrives apace in our salubrious climate. The pioneers who settled on the Hawkesbury produced a race of The racehorses imported here thrived apace until the best of them, Sir Modred, Trenton, Carbine, and others left our shores, and now again the imported horses sire most of our winners. The fox, the rabbit, the sparrow, the starling, the briarbush, and prickly pear run such riot in growth that it costs thousands per annum in a hopeless attempt to eradicate. The trotter in Australia now has the blood and the power to go, but we do not appear to have the appliances or the skill to develop ex-treme speed. Take the careers of two horses alone, Sal Tasker and Lord Elmo. As two-year-olds they raced first and second in the same race, the former in 2min 20sec, the latter in 2min 24sec. And what have these two promising youngsters done since? Sal Tasker has won one race in comparatively slow time, and, it is stated,

is now in the shafts of her owner's buggy. Surely there was the material

in that mare for a 2min 10sec pacer?



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RACING CALENDAR.

NEW ZEALAND.

FIXTURES.—1907.

March 2.—South Auckland R.C.
March 6.—Akaroa County R.C.
March 8 and 7.—Dannevirke J.C.
March 8 and 9.—Wanganui J.C.
March 13 and 14.—Napier Park R.C.
March 15 and 16.—Tologa Bay J.C.
March 16 and 18.—Ohinemuri J.C.
March 18.—Opunake R.C.
March 18 and 19.—Greymouth J.C.
March 18 and 19.—Horowhenua Hack
R.C.
March 20.—Waipawa County R.C.
March 21.—Waimate R.C.
March 21 and 22.—Masterton R.C.
March 21 and 24.—Thames J.C.
March 22 and 23.—Westport J.C.
March 30 and April 1.—Wairarapa R.C.
April 1—Patea Racing Club.
April 1.—Waipukurau J.C.
April 1 and 2.—Fellding Jockey Club
April 1, 2 and 6.—Auckland R.C.
April 20, 24—Avondale J.C.
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March 4—Feilding Jockey Club March 8—Thames J.C. March 11—Patea R.C. March 11—Waipukurau J.C. March 15—Auckland R.C. March 29—Avondale J.C. (special events)
April 5—Avondale J.C.

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March 5—Ohinemuri J.C.

March 11—A.R.C. (special events)

March 18—Feilding J.C.

March 18—Patea R.C.

March 19—Auckland R.C.

March 21—Waipukuran J.C.

April 1—Avondale J.C. (special events)

April 8—Avondale J.C.

ACCEPTANCES. March 1—Wanganui J.C.
March 8—Ohinemuri J.C.
March 19—Thames J.C.
March 15—A.R.C. (special events)
March 20—Feilding J.C.
March 22—Auckland R.C.
March 25—Patea R.C.
March 25—Waipukurau J.C.
April 12—Avondale J.C.

REMINDERS TO OWNERS.

Acceptances for the Easter Handicap Brighton Hurdles and Autumn Steeple-chase are due on March 15, on which date general entries for the A.R.C. Au-tumn Meeting are also due.

Nominations for all events to be decided at the annual meeting of the Patea Racing Club (other than local events) close with Mr. R. W. Hamerton, the secretary, on Monday, March 11, at 8 p.m.

Nominations for the Avondale, Autumn, Steeplechase, and Railway Handicaps, to be run at the autumn meeting of the Avondale Jockey Club, close with Mr. H. H. Hayr, the secretary, on Friday, March 29, at 9 p.m.

General entries for the Avondale J.C. Autumn Meeting close on Friday, April

Nominations for all events to be decided at the autumn meeting of the Thames Jockey Club close with Mr. W. H. Potts, the secretary, on Friday, March 8, at 8 p.m.

Nominations for the Easter meeting of the Fellding Jockey Club close on Monday, March 4th, at 8.30 p.m, with the secretary, Mr. E. Goodbehere.

Nominations for all events to be run at the annual meeting of the Walpukurau J.C. close with Mr. W. G. Nightingale, the secretary, Box 9, P.O., Walpukurau, at 8 p.m. on Monday, March 11.

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THE DOUBLE TOTALISATOR.

It is rumoured that the Auckland Racing Club is contemplating the installation of the double machine at the approaching autumn meeting. If this is really carried out it will unquestionably be a very popular step, for there is an undoubted fascination about the double totalisator owing to the tempting odds obtainable. The C.J.C. and the W.R.C. have both adopted the double machine, and have proved beyond question that it is a means for speculation which the public like to have. That this does not only apply to the Southern centres has been proved up to the hilt by the Takapuna Jockey Club, which club has tried the new method of betting for several meetings with conspicuously successful results. The Auckland Racing Club has not so far adopted the scheme, but signs are not wanting that pressure of public opinion will bring about its appearance at Ellerslie. The reason for the popularity which the double totalisator enjoys is not far to seek. It has long been realised that since the inauguration of the system of paying two dividends it is very difficult for the average punter to win money on a racecourse. Even when he manages to back the right horse the dividends for the most part rule small owing to thirty-five per cent. having been deducted from the amount invested on the machine. The small bettor is beginning to realise that if he is able to hold his own he has done very well, for the odds are invariably against This is where the fascination of the double machine comes in, for a lucky investment may set a man Thus when Captain Shannon and Star Rose won at Riccarton the dividend was one which ran into thousands of pounds. At Takapuna we have seen a dividend paid which was very close to four figures. It must follow that where there is a chance of this sort of return for pound invested the public will flock to ine machine in ever-increasing num-As to whether it is an additional incentive to gambling, we pre-fer to say nothing, holding emphatically to the opinion, despite the so-called reformers, that every man has a perfect right to do what he likes with his own money. It would seem that the double totalisator has come to stay, and its general adoption is simply a matter of time. are in reality merely catering for the public, and the successful ones are those which learn what the public want and give it them. No doubt this will be the case with the Auck-