

THE MANGATARATA SALE OF YEARLINGS.

The sale of the Mangatarata yearlings took place at Hastings on Friday, but the bidding was slack, and many of the lots were quitted very cheaply. The principal sales went as follows:—

	Gs.
Ch g, by The Possible—Maid Marion, Mr. J. Small (Kaikora North)	21
Br f, by Waiuku—Miss Stent, Mr. J. Hannah (Hastings)	33
Br f, by Waiuku—Bonnie Idee, Mr. G. D. Beatson (Meeanee)	41
Ch f, by Sylvia Park—Misfortune, Mr. Allen (Taradale)	33
B f, by Waiuku—Julia, Mr. H. H. Pharayn (Newstead)	38
Br f, by Waiuku—Motuotaraia, Mr. Hunter (Porangahau)	25
Br f, by The Possible—Primula, Mr. R. Gooseman (Hastings)	100
Ch c, by Waiuku—Namo, Mr. J. S. McLeod (Hastings)	27
Ch c, by The Possible—Hine Nui-tepo, Mr. Egan (Hastings)	41
Ch c, by The Possible—Seraph, Mr. J. Cameron (Hastings)	32
Br c, by The Possible—Scotia, Mr. E. J. Watt (Hastings)	60
Br g, 2yrs, by The Possible—Primula, Mr. H. H. Pharayn (Newstead)	75
B f, by The Possible—Violet, Mr. R. Gooseman (Hastings)	45
Total for 13 lots	570

RACING IN THE NORTH ISLAND.

Southern writers have been hitting out from the shoulder concerning the easy-going methods adopted by many honorary stewards at some North Island race meetings. The "Weekly Press," after discussing the Rangitikei meeting, about the leniency shown in a very bad case says:—"The Rangitikei stewards have before now been charged with being very tolerant of things that ought not to be allowed to go unchallenged. In the present case they held an inquiry and administered punishment which in many quarters is not considered sufficient. A good deal happened during the racing which called for some enquiry, so I am informed, and really it is this failure to act on the part of honorary stewards which makes the demand for stipendiary stewards more persistent day by day. At Ashhurst, too, the stewards could have done no harm by asking some necessary questions, while two correspondents write me of an affair at the Wairarapa meeting which, if as stated, should certainly have received attention at the hands of the stewards. I am told that the rider of one horse struck another horse with his whip while at the post, and when remonstrated with, threatened with foul language, to deal similarly with the jockey. I hear that this occurred with the full knowledge of the starter and a steward who was present to witness the start. I mention this so as to give the Wairarapa officials the opportunity of making any explanation. If the facts as stated by my correspondents are correct, then there is no doubt at all that the starter and the steward failed in their duty. I have said that day by day the demand for stipendiary stewards is becoming more persistent. This demand particularly comes from those who regularly attend the race meetings of country clubs, and certain occurrences this season have given the paid steward movement a big lift onwards.

DEVELOPMENT OF COLTS' TEETH.

The horse has two sets of teeth, the milk teeth are temporary, and are the ones which the colt sheds, while those that come in or remain without being shed, are called the permanent teeth. The cutting of the teeth in the foal varies some, but at or within nine days after birth the foal has four front teeth, two in the centre above the two below, and in the back part of the mouth he is found to have twelve molars, three on each side of jaw; at from seven to nine weeks he gets four more incisors in each jaw; at nine months old he gets the last of his milk or temporary teeth, these being the four corner teeth, two in the upper and two in the lower jaw.

Now he has his full set of milk or temporary teeth, consisting of twelve molars or grinders and twelve incisors or front teeth, six above and six below, making twenty-four teeth in all. As the colt advances in age he must shed all these. After this age the colt commences getting his permanent teeth. At one year old he gets four permanent molars, two in each jaw, one on each side behind the three temporary ones. At two years old he gets four more permanent molars, one on each side of each jaw. When the age of two years and nine months has been reached he sheds the four front nippers or center teeth, two above and two below, which are replaced by two permanent incisors in each jaw and at the age of three years these four permanent incisors are up in wear. At this age the first eight temporary molars are shed, two on each side of each jaw,

and are replaced by eight permanent molars, which are also up, and at three years and nine months old he sheds four more front teeth next to the ones shed at three years old, two above and two below. These are replaced by four more permanent incisors, or front teeth, which are known as the lateral incisors, which are up in wear at four years old. Also at this age he sheds the four remaining temporary molars which are replaced by four more permanent molars at the back of the mouth. Thus at the age of four years the colt has a full set of permanent molars, consisting of six on each side of each jaw, making twenty-four in all. This is the hardest year on the colt.

At four years and nine months old he sheds the four remaining temporary incisors or front teeth, which are replaced by four permanent incisors. These are known as the corner teeth, and should be up and in wear at five years old. It is well to become familiar with the time the colt sheds his different teeth, for sometimes the caps or shells of the teeth do not fall off when they should. These should be watched for if they do not fall off when they should, they greatly interfere with the animal's feeding, and should have the attention of some good veterinary dentist. At five years of age the canine or bridle teeth, four in number, make their appearance, so at the age of five years the colt has all his teeth, or what is known as a full mouth of teeth, numbering forty in all.—Frank L. Steele, D.V.S.

TARANAKI JOCKEY CLUB.

The Autumn Meeting of the Taranaki Jockey Club will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, March 25 and 26. It will be seen from our advertising columns, the programme is a good one and well deserving of attention. On the opening day the events are the Kawarua Hack Hurdles, 1½ miles; the Swards' Handicap, of 100 sovs, 5 furlongs; the Pukaka Hack Handicap, of 65 sovs, 6 furlongs; the Taranaki Cup, of 300 sovs, 1½ miles; the First Welter Handicap, of 100 sovs, one mile; the Kaitaki Hack Handicap, of 65 sovs, one mile; the Flying Handicap, of 110 sovs, 6 furlongs; and the Hack Scurry, of 50 sovs; 5 furlongs.

On the second day the items to be considered are the Pukoturi Hack Hurdles, of 60 sovs, 1½ miles; the Grandstand Handicap, of 100 sovs, 5 furlongs; the Warepapa Hack Handicap, of 65 sovs, 6 furlongs; the Paul Memorial Handicap, of 200 sovs, one mile and a distance; the second Welter Handicap, of 100 sovs, 7 furlongs; the Kawau Hack Handicap, of 65 sovs; the Farewell Handicap, of 80 sovs, 6 furlongs; and the final Hack Flutter, of 50 sovs, 5 furlongs. Owners intending to assist at the meeting should make a note of the date when entries are due with Mr Mussell Flutwood, the secretary. This is 9 p.m. on Friday, February 13. The fixture should receive liberal patronage from Auckland.

ENGLISH RACING STATISTICS.

Just before the last mail left England the flat-racing season closed, and the statistics published show that St. Frusquin failed to catch Gallinule in the race for the position at the head of the winning sires' list. Still, there was very little between the pair at the finish, the difference being only £42. The chief contributors to Gallinule's amount, £23,383, were Slieve Gallion and White Eagle. The former won Craven Stakes and Two Thousand Guineas, and White Eagle won four rich two-year-old races. Gallinule represents the line of Birdcatcher through Sterling and Isonomy, whilst St. Frusquin is of Galopin descent through St. Simon. St. Frusquin's chief contributor to his £23,341 was Lesbia, which credited him with £8066 10s, but Dusty Miller, Frugality, Rhodora, Elxir, St. Cyril, and St. Ollala all won good races for him. Desmond, mainly owing to the The White Knight and Land League, is third with £19,738, and but for Lally, Amphion would have had a very poor year, as Lally accounted for £11,555 of his £17,655. Orme had a good year, as Orby won the Derby for him, and Witch Elm the One Thousand Guineas, whilst Vamose earned £4084 10s. The St. Leger winner, Woolwinder, was mainly instrumental in placing Martagon sixth on the list with £14,587, as he won £10,417 of that sum. The expatriated Diamond Jubilee, who is now in South America, claimed nine winners of 15 races worth £13,647. Sancy was his best winner for £204, and Jubilee was responsible for £3083. Persimmon dropped from top place last season with £21,737, to eight with £12,301. Isinglass claimed two good winners in Witch Elm and Balinglass, and followed Persimmon with £11,907; then coming Cylena with £10,539, Marco with £10,025, and Matchmaker with £9782. Lally was the biggest winner during the season with £11,555, then following Woolwinder (£10,417), Sancy (£9204), Lesbia (£8066),

Slieve Gallion (£7905), White Eagle (£7571), Orby (£6717), The White Knight (£6495), and Beppo (£5008).

Bill of Portland did well in England last season, as his stock accounted for 24 races, worth £8164. Carbine had a bad year, his stock only winning 21 races, valued at £4066. Other Australian sires represented by winners were:—Merman (£665), Patron (£105), Seneschal (£1052), and Trenton (£3310).

NOTES.

(By The Judge.)

The Tahuna Park Trotting Club, Dunedin, have purchased a new race-course near Tahuna Park.

The Otamatea R.C. meeting takes place to-morrow.

Miss Winnie has been asked to give Black and Gold 14lb over five and a-half furlongs at the Shore meeting. If only the big fellow was at his best!

The Onewhero meeting takes place to-day.

The hurdler Crucesot, is now an inmate of H. Howe's stable.

The Ohaupo R.C. Meeting will take place on February 26.

The race for premier position on the list of winning sires in the Old Country was very close. Galimule (by Isonomy) just beat St. Frusquin (by St. Simon) by £23,383 to £23,341.

Mrs Coombe's Soult—Dreamland yearling colt, and her Soult—Miss Annie filly have gone into Dennis Morrighan's stable to receive their education.

Sweet Alice was in a kinder mood than usual at Whangarei, and pulled off a double, the Cup and Tradesmen's Plate.

Elevation has been entered for the Newmarket and Doncaster Handicaps.

Mr J. F. Hartland, the secretary to the A.R.C., has gone to Wellington to assist at the meeting and to attend the conference.

Among the entries for the Sydney Cup appear the names of the New Zealanders Seddon, Cross Battery, Apologue, Putty, and Maranui. The list is longer still in the Newmarket Handicap, as it includes Munjet, Captain Shannon, Elevation, Pink 'Un, Equiform, Dusky Morn, Mararui, Grenadier and Seddon. Master Delaval's name appears in the list for the Australian Cup and Champion Stakes.

Entries for all races to be run at the Wanganui Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting close with Mr W. Hall on Friday week, January 24th.

L. Hewitt had 165 rides for 15 wins in England last year. The Victorian, F. Bullock, won 30 of the 215 races in which he rode, and F. Wootton 39 out of the 282 in which he figured. The last-mentioned lad finished thirteenth in the winning list.

In England during the season recently closed, R. Wootton won thirteen races of a total value of £2741.

Although the Sydney owner, Mr Crick, was offered 2500 guineas for Collarit, some few months ago, nothing near that figure was forthcoming on January 21 when he was offered by Messrs W. Inglis and Son, and he retired from the ring when bidding had ceased at 1350 guineas, which was offered by the well-known Victorian bookmaker, Mr Sol. Green, but it was afterwards given out that it would take 1700 guineas to secure the brilliant son of Haut Brion and Collaretta. Another of Mr Crick's horses, the 2-year-old, Borodino, elicited a bid of 1300 guineas, which was refused.

Two jockeys were killed in the hurdle race at the W.A.T.C. (Perth) meeting, and strangely enough, the mishap which brought about their respective deaths occurred at the same hurdle on different days. The jockeys were W. Skelton and J. Kent.

During the eight months in which he rode in England last year, W. Higgs had 732 mounts, winning 146 races, but in the matter of percentage, he was badly beaten by D. Maher, with 114 wins for 424 rides.

The New Zealand horse Volume was among the final entries for the Viceroy's Cup, which closed on the 2nd of last month. If he started he failed to run anywhere.

Early backers got a shock by the withdrawal of Boniform from the Wellington Cup. Evidently the handsome little son of Multiform is not to be overworked.

Elevation's handsome half brother, Gravitation, figures among the entries for the Wellington Stakes.

The Calcutta Turf Club has decided to have the totalisator installed at all future meetings.

Artillerie, who raced at Ellerslie at the Christmas meeting, has gone into J. Lowe's stable at Trentham.

It is reported that Elevation is to be sent to Australia to measure strides with Mountain King. A meeting between the pair should be worth going a long way to see.

The success of the Whangarei meeting was somewhat marred by the paucity of the fields, otherwise the fixture proved enjoyable, the weather being beautifully fine and the attendance large.

Fourteen horses are left in the Wellington Cup, Zimmerman heading the list with 9st 3lb, a weight he won under at Ellerslie.

Mr. C. F. Mark, secretary to the Auckland Trotting Club, is now making one of his periodical pilgrimages to Christchurch.

Sir George Clifford, president of the Racing Conference, came up to Auckland on Tuesday.

The Mexican Government, in order to encourage the importation and development of thoroughbred stock, has devoted a sum of £40,000 for a number of annual races for two and three-year-olds, among them a Mexican Derby, to be run for ten years, beginning in 1910. English stallions are greatly improving the quality of speedy horses in Mexico.

King Edward's horses only won £2944 in stakes last season in England.

Three of Canteen's stock were recently sold under the hammer at the dispersal sale of Sir Rupert Clarke's stud. Two by the grey record-holder were chestnuts, and the colour of the other was not stated.

Australian horses continue to more than hold their own in India, despite the importations from England. Realm failed to win the Viceroy's Cup, but Fitz-Grafton emulated the performance of Great Scot by winning his second Viceroy's Cup. He was bred in Queensland by Mr. James McGill, and is by Grafton from Olive Branch, and is by Grafton from Olive Branch, from Oliveria, by Laureate from Olive, by Orest. Mallard, who finished second to Fitz-Grafton, a position he filled the previous year, was bred by Mr. James Wilson, jun., at Bonnyvale, and is by Malvolto from Britomarte, by Neckersgat from Ada, by Lucifer; and Steinhager, who is an English horse, is by Count Schomberg, from Benedictine, by The Abbot from Black Corrie, by Sterling.

Blacklock, to whom the great excellence of the Galopin tribe is generally and probably erroneously ascribed, was an immense bay horse with a fiddle head of enormous size, which earned for him the sobriquet of the "Bishop Burton Monstrosity." He was foaled in 1814. His breeder purchased Blacklock's dam in 1810 for £3. He was a great racehorse, and a successful sire, but though he left Brutandorf, Buzzard, Laurel, Malek, Tranby, Warlaby, Velocipede, Young Blacklock, and Voltaine behind, all with the exception of Voltaine are dead in the direct line.

It is chronicled that in the reign of Edward the Great, A.D. 631, "The English first began to saddle horses." The earliest mention of "running horses" refers to those sent to England in the ninth century by Hugh, the founder of the Royal House of Capet in France, as a present to King Athelstan, whose sister, Ethelswitha, he was desirous of marrying. In the reign of William the Conqueror, Roger de Bellesme, Earl of Shrewsbury, imported several stallions from Spain, and Fitz-Stephen a monk of Canterbury, and secretary to the celebrated Archbishop A'Beckett, in the reign of Henry II., refers to some rough-and-ready races at Smoothfield (Smithfield), in which "the jockies, inspired with thoughts of applause, and in the hope of victory, clap spurs into willing horses, brandish their whips, and cheer them with their cries."