

## THE NEW TATTERSALLS' CLUB.

## THE OPENING CEREMONY.

On Friday evening the recently formed Tattersalls' Club opened their rooms in Durham Street West, the function taking the form of a smoke concert. The rooms, which have been thoroughly renovated and splendidly furnished, have a bright appearance, the largest room being set aside for a billiard-room, and contains a first-class Alcock table. Mr. J. Beckett, who is so well known amongst the sporting fraternity, will have charge of the room, and everything has been done to ensure the comfort of members.

The attendance was a large one, and included several gentlemen prominent in the sporting world. The committee left nothing to be done to make the evening a success, and they are to be complimented upon their efforts. Mr. A. E. Glover, M.P., who was himself a member of the old Tattersalls' Club, occupied the chair, being supported by Mr. F. Lawry, M.P. The Chairman, in his opening remarks, said he was glad to see the club re-established, and he hoped the members would keep up the traditions of the old Tattersalls' Club. The toast, "Tattersalls' Club," was proposed by Mr. E. Hackett, who contended that there was room for both bookmakers and totalisator, and spoke strongly concerning that section of the community who wanted to dictate to us the way we shall take our sport. The toast was responded to by Messrs. W. Tidyman and F. Leslie, the latter stating that he thought the club would be one of the finest in the Dominion. Mr. F. Lawry, M.P., proposed "The Racing Clubs," Messrs. R. Wynyard, F. Yonge, and H. Hayr responding. All three contended that the reforming of the club was a step in the right direction.

The following contributed items to the musical programme:—Lyric Quartette, Messrs. F. Lawry, M.P., H. Beresford, A. McElwain, R. Noton, Wynn-Gray, J. W. Ryan, Blakely, W. Aspinall, D. Bannatyne, and Cato's Orchestra.

A telegram was received from the Hon. J. Carroll (Acting Premier) yesterday, congratulating the members on the establishment of the new club, contending that it was a step in the right direction, and deserved the support of all.

## AUCKLAND BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

## RECORD ENTRIES FOR TOURNAMENT.

As noted in our boxing columns, the Northern Boxing Association hold their tournament at the Opera House on Saturday afternoon next, when the Auckland Provincial Amateur Championships are to be contested. There appears to be a revival of interest in boxing in the North Island at present, and Saturday's contests should therefore receive wide patronage. The fact of there being record entries in the five championship classes gives promise of there being some exciting bouts, while the names of many prominent local boxers figure among the list of entrants, which is as follows:—

**Bantam-weight.**—D. Wright, Tuakau; S. Dawson, C. Little and E. O'Meara, D. O'Brien, T. Taylor.

**Featherweight.**—H. McNeil, A. Watson, J. Matthews, A. Trezise, Ashburton.

**Lightweight.**—A. Meek, R. Craig, L. O'Halloran (Waikino), J. G. Thompson (Otago), T. Hesse, L. G. Ross, B. F. England, J. Henderson, G. H. Singer, and A. J. Blewden.

**Middleweight.**—T. Mahoney (Onehunga), E. West, E. Manly (Otago), A. Pooley, W. Millen, R. W. Hill, P. Jackson.

**Heavyweight.**—A. McLiver, F. Pearce, Gunner S. Moore.

A valuable gold medal is to be awarded to the winner in each class, while the second prize will consist of a trophy valued at £2.

In addition to the above contests, Mr. Tom Lee, the ex-champion heavyweight of Australia, will give an exposition of teaching, without injury to the pupil.

Patrons should bear in mind that the tournament will commence at 2.30 p.m. sharp.

## THE TAURIKI CASE.

## LIFE DISQUALIFICATIONS.

The Auckland Metropolitan Committee on Monday last disposed of the Tauriki case, their finding being drawn up in the following terms:—

"The Metropolitan Committee, after reading the evidence taken before the

Takapuna Jockey Club in the Tauriki case, and after hearing the further evidence adduced, find that Joseph Grant, in whose name the mare Tauriki was raced, is guilty of a corrupt practice in wilfully and corruptly supplying false information in connection with the inquiries in this case before the Takapuna Jockey Club and this committee; that Samuel Darragh is guilty of corrupt practice in wilfully and corruptly supplying false information in connection with the inquiries in this case before the Takapuna Jockey Club and this committee; that the Metropolitan Committee disqualify the said Joseph Grant and Samuel Darragh for life. That the Metropolitan Committee find that the evidence appears conclusive that the mare Tauriki is a 'ring-in,' there being no satisfactory evidence in regard to the said Tauriki being the property of either Samuel Darragh or Joseph Grant prior to the month of April, 1908. That the evidence also shows that the nominations of the mare Tauriki for the Avondale Jockey Club's races and the Takapuna Jockey Club's races are irregular. That the Metropolitan Committee disqualify the said Samuel Darragh and Joseph Grant and the mare Tauriki for life. These disqualifications to date from the 14th of May, 1909. That the Metropolitan Committee endorse the finding of the Takapuna Jockey Club in awarding the stakes won by the said mare Tauriki—viz., the Maiden Plate and the Pupuke Handicap—to the owner of the second horse in those races—viz., Cyreniac, and the stakes won by the said mare Tauriki, viz., the Weiter Handicap, to the owner of the second horse in that race, viz., Tui Cakobau. The Metropolitan Committee have to express their dissatisfaction with the evidence given in this matter by Richard Hannon and Philip Brady."

It is understood that Messrs. Darragh and Grant intend to appeal.

of the race was known. This, of course, is a very old dodge, but as bookmakers leave themselves open to be played upon, by accepting telegraphic commissions almost up to the moment of a race being started, they can hardly blame anyone else.

## HIS MAJESTY'S TRAINER.

King Edward's trainer, Richard Marsh, rode in eleven Liverpool Grand Nationals, and only once got a place, that being when he finished third on Thornfield in 1882. An English exchange says that at the commencement of his career as a trainer, Marsh, like many another good man, was hard put to it for money, and in order to get the wherewithal to back one of his horses for a Maiden Hurdle Race sent a friend up to London to pawn his (Marsh's) watch. The amount advanced (£15) went on at 7 to 1, and the horse won. Subsequently Marsh won the first Grand Hurdle Race at Auteuil on the same horse, Jackal, who was then sold for £2000.

## NOMENCLATURE.

In respect of naming racehorses, there is, perhaps (says a Sydney paper), no owner more original than Mr. Francis Foy, of which he has given so much proof. It is waste of time wading through books and taxing the memory to discover if Mr. Foy's latest choice for one of his representatives has already been appropriated. It is not likely to be there, though several languages have now and again been called upon, including English, Irish, and French, to furnish what was wanted. Mr. Foy's latest effort under the head of nomenclature is "Something Irish," for his imported two-year-old colt by

## TURF TOPICS.

Australia papers have a good word to say about Grafmax, who figures in the V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase with 10.0.

The death of Melwood is reported from the South. During her racing career Melwood was a good performer and filled the role of runner-up to Tortulla in the N.Z. Cup. Melwood was by St. Leger—Ladybird, and was 11 years old at the time of her death.

The Gisborne Racing Club will inaugurate the winter meeting on Thursday.

The Cyrenian gelding Cymri acquitted himself well over the big fences the other morning.

Kiatere and Waipu are at very short prices in the V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase and Hurdles respectively. The first mentioned race will be decided on Thursday next.

Among the sires nominated for the V.R.C. Sires' Produce Stakes of 1912 are the ex-New Zealanders Canteen, Menschikoff, San Francisco, Royal Artillery, and Multiform.

The New Zealand jockey Steve Howie, met with a bad accident when riding Phaetontis in a steeplechase at Williamstown recently, and was kept out of the saddle for a couple of weeks.

It is probable that F. Davis will not send a team to Australia.

The sale of Prospector and Defeat has fallen through.

Hatch's claims to supremacy on the flat are undisputed, and B. Deeley is sure to finish in second position. C. Jenkins and J. Buchanan, who have now been riding for many years, have done remarkably well to have both ridden over forty winners at the present stage. The Bulls horseman holds the record for the greatest number of winning rides, as he won 88 races some years ago. Though Hatch is very close up, it is not likely that he will beat this record.

Mahuta is said to have finished his turf career, and the black horse is to be relegated to stud duties.

C. Cochrane and W. Young continue to keep together at the head of the list of winning horsemen over hurdles, while J. Hall is close up in the next position. The contest between these from now till the end of the season promises to be very interesting.

Paritutu has at last begun to come down in the weights, and has been let off with 10.11 in the Winter Hurdles at Wellington. From what one saw at Eilerslie, there would not appear to be much chance of the aged son of Castor going to the post.

Vernicle (Sout—Pretoria), who was sold to an Australian sportsman for 900 guineas, and raced without success in Melbourne, is to be retired to the stud.

A new starting machine, a New Zealand invention, is to be tried in Melbourne. It works by electricity, and is highly spoken of.

Paritutu is reported to have seriously broken down, and is not likely to be seen on the tracks again for some considerable time.

The V.R.C. Grand National Hurdles will come up for decision at Flemington on Saturday, when chief interest in New Zealand will most probably be centred round Waipu, who figures in the race with 10.5. So far Waipu has not done anything to warrant one ticking him off as a winner.

Mundic fully demonstrated, by his dual win at the Park, that he is a great hack. It would be hard to say whether Mundic or North East is the best.

Ataahua came to grief while doing a schooling task the other day, and received serious injuries. Up till the time of his mishap, the New Zealand-bred horse was first favourite for the V.R.C. Grand National Hurdles, which takes place on Saturday next.

In his few schooling lessons Scotty has performed satisfactorily each time.

yard, amidst excitement.

## VICTIMISING BOOKMAKERS.

Some very ingenious frauds, committed by bogus telegrams, to fleece bookmakers in England, have recently been brought to light by Scotland Yard, and one of them was exposed in one of the London police courts. The accused, who was charged with swindling bookmakers, would write out a long, meaningless telegram, addressed to himself at a newsagent's shop. Directly afterwards, he would, it was alleged, hand in five betting telegrams to different bookmakers, in which he offered to back a horse named Poker for £2 to win. Immediately the telegrams were handed in, the accused, it was alleged, telephoned to a bookmaker, who told him the result of the race. The sender of the five betting telegrams then hurried again to the post office, and asked for those telegrams back, saying that he had forgotten to put in two words. The obliging postal clerk handed them back to him, and on each one he added, before the name of the horse mentioned, "Athlete or." Thus, in their amended form the telegrams contained a bit on Athlete, or, if that horse was not running, on Poker. It was suggested that the long and meaningless telegram had been handed in for the purpose of delaying the transmission of the betting telegrams until after the result

by her lines, Snood is full sister of Winkfield and Morion, two of the most powerful horses England has produced. Winkfield has given the turf any number of good winners and Morion won, among his races, Ascot Gold Cup and Ascot Royal Hunt Cup, two particularly hard events to win. Winkfield is standing in Ireland at a fee of £48. Unfortunately Something Irish, being bred to English time, will not be available in weight-for-age events, but if he never races a yard he is an acquisition to the State's blood stock resources.

An unfortunate incident occurred in connection with the Selling Plate at Kempton Park last month (says an English exchange). Eight numbers having been hoisted, including that of Nimrod, odds were freely betted on him, while bar one 5 to 1 and 6 to 1 were laid. Meanwhile Nimrod was careering like a mad savage in the paddock, and had rid himself four times of Maher before—by permission of the stewards—the idea of racing him was abandoned. He had not been under the starter's orders, and consequently his backers do not lose a penny, but the bookmakers were left in a most unhappy position, for all other bets stand, and they had practically laid the long odds against a 6 to 4 chance in Snatch, who eventually won, and was then bought in for 200 guineas. Nimrod, it may be added, is a half-brother to the Newmarket Handicap winner, Playaway.