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Have received instructions from the Takapuna Jockey Club to Sell

THE GATES, BOOTHS, CARDS, REFRESHMENT STALLS,

For their Winter Meeting, advertised to be held at the Takapuna Racecourse on Thursday, May 24, and Saturday, May 26, 1900.

OHURTON AND CO.



Lands and Survey Office, Auckland, April 28, 1900.

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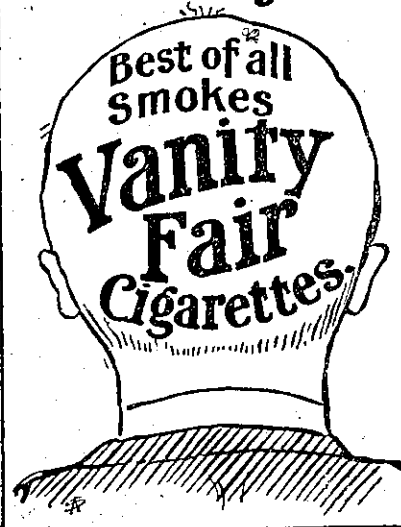
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NORTHERNER.—No; Macaroni only carried 12st when he won the Great Northern Steeplechase in 1885, and Levanter, when he won in 1897—his second victory in the race—carried 12st 11b, the heaviest burden that has yet been borne to victory in the Great Northern Steeplechase.

RACING CALENDAR.

PRINCIPAL AUSTRALIAN FIXTURES.

May 5, Sat.—Victoria Amateur Turf Club
May 5, Sat.; 9, Wed.; 12, Sat.—South Australian Jockey Club Autumn
May 24, Thurs.—Victoria Racing Club
May 26, Sat.; 28, Mon.; June 2, Sat.—Adelaide Racing Club Birthday
June 9, Sat.—Melbourne Hunt Club
June 23, Sat.—Victoria Amateur Turf Club
June 25, Mon.—South Australian Jockey Club Winter
July 7, Sat.; 11, Wed.; 14, Sat.—Victoria Racing Club Grand National Steeplechase
July 21, Sat.—Victoria Amateur Turf Club

NEW ZEALAND.

FIXTURES.

May 4, Fri.—Wellington R.C. Autumn, second day
May 5, Sat.—Avondale Jockey Club Autumn, second day
May 8, Thurs.; 5, Sat.—Ashburton County R.C. Autumn
May 9, Wed.; 10, Thurs.—Egmont R.C. Winter
May 23, Wed.; 24, Thurs.—Otaki Maori R.C. Autumn
May 24, Thurs.; 26, Sat.—Takapuna J.C. Winter
May 24, Thurs.; 26, Sat.—Dunedin J.C. Winter
May 24, Thurs.; 25, Fri.—Wanganui J.C. Steeplechase
May 20, Wed.; 31, Thurs.—North Otago J.C. Autumn
June 9, Sat.; 11, Mon.—Auckland R.C. Winter
June 20, Wed.; 22, Fri.—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter
June 27, Wed.; 28, Thurs.—Napier Park R.C. Winter
July 18, Wed.; 20, Fri.—Wellington R.C. Winter

NOMINATIONS.

May 5—Otaki Maori R.C. Autumn
May 25—Auckland R.C. North New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase—general entry night
November 1—Wellington R.C. North Island Challenge Stakes!

HANDICAPS.

May 4—Takapuna J.C. Birthday Handicap, First Hurdles, and Handicap Steeplechase
May 8—Wanganui J.C. Steeplechase
May 9—Waipawa County R.C. Autumn
May 11—Takapuna J.C. Winter
May 11—A.R.C. Grand National Hurdles and Great Northern Steeplechase

May 12—Otaki Maori R.C. Autumn
June 4—Auckland R.C. North New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase

ACCEPTANCES.

May 5—Egmont R.C. Winter
May 15—Wanganui J.C. Steeplechase
May 16—Waipawa County R.C. Autumn
May 16—Otaki Maori R.C. Autumn
May 18—Takapuna J.C. Winter
May 25—A.R.C. Grand National Hurdles and Great Northern Steeplechase
June 1—Auckland R.C. North New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase

FINAL PAYMENTS.

June 9—A.R.C. Grand National Hurdle Race
June 11—Great Northern Steeplechase

Sporting and Dramatic REVIEW

REVIEW

LICENSED VICTUALLERS' GAZETTE.

WITH WHICH IS INCORPORATED THE WEEKLY STANDARD.

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 1900

The splendid entries for the two big races to be decided at the Winter Meeting of the Auckland Racing Club must have surprised the most sanguine supporter of the club. In the Grand National Hurdle Race, and in the Great Northern Steeplechase, the number of horses engaged largely exceed any previous records. In the Hurdle Race forty are nominated, and thirty-eight have been entered for the big Steeplechase. Last year the nominations for both races only numbered forty-eight. This year the aggregate is seventy-eight. Such a result is not only satisfactory to the Auckland Racing Club authorities, but it is pleasing to everyone connected with the sport of racing. For the Grand National Hurdles several novices at the jumping game have been entered. Record Reign, Cavalier, Strathbraan, Tiki, The Hempie, Tukapa, Acone, Cuirasette, and Gobo, though known well enough on the flat, are at present unknown quantities over the sticks. Some of them may be proved jumpers by the time the National Meeting comes along, for they have been entered for fixtures which come off prior to the Ellerslie gathering. Amongst the known and tried hurdlers we have Social Pest (a Grand National winner), Bellman, Drum Major, St Simon (winner in '97), Shylock (last year's winner), Troubadour, Blackdust, Favona, Dummy, Nor'-West, Torpina, Tim, and Voltiguer. With the old stock and the new leaven Mr Evett has the material wherewith to furnish an excellent handicap, and we believe that a big field will be the result of his adjustment. Amongst the novices there are several good and sound horses,

and if they have had sufficient schooling they ought to make a very respectable show against the tried veterans. In the Northern Steeplechase we find Dummy and Muscatel—both winners of the race—and the former, like Blackberry, a winner of the Grand National Steeplechase, Nor'-West, who was rather unlucky to be beaten by Dummy last year, Rhino—who, however, is probably a light of other days—Blackdust, Ruby, Venture, and Kanaka. There are a lot of strangers amongst the nominations, but in this race, too, there is, undoubtedly, splendid material for a fine race.

ANOTHER ST. SIMON STALLION.

Everybody interested in the breeding of the thoroughbred will be ready to congratulate Mr Thomas Morrin upon his acquisition of Phœbus Apollo for the Wellington Park Stud. The all-conquering St. Simon blood has made its mark in Australia, and therefore it was only natural that New Zealand's leading studmaster should endeavor to obtain a sire possessing the fashionable strain. In purchasing the son of St. Simon and Polynesia, Mr Morrin has gained a fit mate for his fine collection of brood mares. He has Musket blood in plenty, and of the finest quality, and therefore great things may be expected from the alliance with the St. Simon strain. Phœbus Apollo was an average performer on the English Turf during his active career. He held his own in first-class handicap fields, and proved that the Barcaldine blood, inherited from the dam's side, was invaluable. That has been well demonstrated lately in Australia, for La Carabine, winner of the Australian and Sydney Cups, descends from a Barcaldine mare. The pedigree of Phœbus Apollo reads as follows:—

Table showing pedigree of Phœbus Apollo (1893) with columns for sire, dam, and various ancestors like Voltigeur, Voltaire, and King Tom.

The pedigree is worth studying, for it contains the stoutest blood in the history of the English Turf. Phœbus Apollo has a great future before him. He is only seven years old, and he comes to an establishment containing the best collection of brood mares in the colonies. As the Simon stallion arrives in Auckland about the beginning of July he will be here in good time for the season. The result will be eagerly looked forward to, but it must in any event be successful.

Sporting Topics.

[BY PETERONEL.]

The Avondale Jockey Club got a good send off at the sale of privileges, and if Saturday is fine the officials of the club will have to be congratulated upon a most successful and satisfactory meeting.

I hear that Mick McAuliffe goes to San Francisco by the next mail boat. He has not had the best of luck since he came over from Queensland, but I hope he may meet with plenty of it on his travels in America.

Mr Alic Phillips bought Major George's two-year-old filly Minerva, at Messrs Buckland's sale on Friday. The owner of knight of Athol gave 35gns for the daughter of Nelson and Hestia.

Tolstoi, St. Elyn, Matamata-harakiki, and the St Leger—Janet yearling were offered for sale on Friday, by the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Co., but as the reserve was not reached for any of the quartette, so all were passed in.

On Friday Messrs Churton and Co. sold the privileges in connection with the Avondale Jockey Club's Meeting this week. Mr A. B. Dunn, of the Market Hotel, obtained the booths for £71; the gates were bought by Mr L. Adams for £120; and the cards were purchased by the proprietors of the SPORTING REVIEW for £32.

As I thought would be a very likely event, Record Reign has been nominated for the A.R.C. Grand National Hurdles. Mr Roulston's gelding can only receive a novice's weight, and therefore, his debut over sticks will be anxiously awaited. If he is as proficient over hurdles as he is on the flat, his future should be of a roseate hue.

Flying Fox will not race in the Ascot Gold Cup to be decided next month. There was some difficulty about training the colt, as Porter could not—owing to prior calls—undertake the task. Mons. Edmond Blanc sent his valuable animal over to France on March 16. Flying Fox will stand at Meautry, his owner's stud farm.

Screwgun did not accept for the Challenge Stakes, ran at Wellington yesterday, so a meeting between Mr Stead's colt and Advance is out of the question so far as this season is concerned. Perhaps the Yaldhurst owner is wise, for after Screwgun's recent attack of influenza he would hardly have been fit enough to try conclusions with the Vanguard fier.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales ran his first candidate for the Liverpool Grand National honors seventeen years ago. The Irish sporting brigade generally have something good for the Liverpool Spring Meeting, and it is reported that they did very well over the victory of Ambush II. in the contest for the blue riband of the jumping season.

St Hippo, who has not been at all successful as a sire of winners, will not stand at Sylvia Park during the coming stud season. Messrs Nathan's horse has been leased to Mr J. Stevens, of Palmerston North, and breeders in that district will have the advantage of the services of the St Leger horse.

Mr Harry Piper will act as starter during the Dunedin Jockey Club's Winter Meeting, which will be held on the 24th and 26th of the present month. The Dunedites have long wanted the services of Mr Piper, but hitherto, previous engagements have stood in the way of his fulfilling a task that would be agreeable to the Club and to himself.

Torpina, who is nominated for the A.R.C. Grand National Hurdles, is said to be jumping in great style. He is engaged in both hurdle races at the Wanganui Meeting, so we shall see then whether the reports as to his prowess are based on solid fact, Torpina has always been going to do something really good, and now is the time for him to bear out his admirers' opinion.

Messrs Duder Bros.' handsome jumper, Drum Major, is nominated for the A.R.C. Grand National Hurdles. After his conspicuous position in last year's race he is sure to be well fancied on June 9. He has been entered for the Takapuna meeting, so we should be able to tell if he has made the improvement nine people out of ten thought he would. Drum Major ought to get off very fairly in the handicap, for his retirement has been a long one.

The Hon. Hugh Mosman's two year-old, Hengist, has, it is reported, pretty well recovered from the contretemps which prevented his sporting silk at the A.R.C. Autumn Meeting. The news is good, and it is to be hoped that all may go well with the St. Leger—Hilda colt during the winter. By-the-way, I hear that it is not improbable that the Mosman string will presently make a change of training stable.

The nominations received by the Takapuna Jockey Club for the approaching Winter Meeting are excellent all round. The jumping events have filled exceptionally well, and this goes to prove that we ought to cater more for jumpers at the autumn and winter meetings, and confine spring and summer meetings to flat racing. Handicaps for the first day's events, and for the Steeplechase, are due to-morrow (Friday). I hope Mr Knight's adjustments will be framed on a scale that will attract a big acceptance list.

Messrs Pyne and Co held a sale of blood stock at Christchurch lately, when the following horses changed hands:—Macintosh, by Clanranald—Black loud, 2yrs, Mr J. Hayward, Masterton, 21gns; Terrapin, by Clanranald—Teredina, 2yrs Mr J. A. Holmes, 48gns; Crow's Nest, by Stonyhurst—Weathereye, 3yrs, Mr J. M'Lauchlan, 15gns; Romanoff, by St pniak—Banes Nuns, 2yrs, Mr W. Crossan, 29gns; Sequin, by Cuirasier—Radiant, 5yrs, Mr J. B. Reid, 29gns; The yearling colt, by Stepniak—Adulation, was passed in at 170gns, Prospect at 10gns, a gelding by Lakeshell—Dudu at 19gns; Rorty at 22gns, and Leather Medal at 17gns.

During George Fordham's long career as a jockey, he was very seldom disqualified through any fault of his own—indeed, he rather prided himself upon his carefulness in this respect. Like the rest of mankind, however, he was not perfect, and on one occasion was caught tripping. At Stockton, seventeen years ago, the Demon was engaged to ride Mr John Bowes' Pride of the Highlands in the Lambton Stakes, which was regarded as a good thing for Teviotdale, the property of Mr Jardine. Thanks to a fine finish by Fordham, however, Pride of the Highlands won by a neck. On returning to weigh in, the successful horseman was surprised to find an objection had been lodged against him on the ground of wrong weight having been carried by the winner. George leaped out of the saddle, and in a moment knew his suddenly-formed suspicion was correct. Believing Pride of the Highlands to be a filly, he had claimed the 4lb allowance. Someone in the weighing-room, noticing this, had a plunge on Teviotdale, and then informed the defeated favorite's owner immediately the race was over, with the result that Mr Bowes' colt was promptly disqualified.