Robin Adair by Robinson Crusce, in work at Greenmeadows, but the Gold Reef young 'un does not show such a leaning to coarseness as does the Robinson Crusce horse.

W. Davidson, who was for a long time in the service of Mr R. J. Platt, has joined the Hon J. D. Ormond's establishment. He is installed in the position lately vacated by Alick Smith.

A report has been published here that Mr W. Rathbone, of Waipawa, intended relinquishing racing, and was selling his horses in training. I have that gentleman's authority for stating that there is not the slightest foundation for the rumour as regards his giving up racing. He certainly has advertised six of his horses in training for sale, and therefore the conclusion has been jumped at that he was going out of the pastime. Luckily such is not the case.



THE PAKURANGA HOUNDS.

[BY FOLLOWER.]

These hounds had been out several times before the opening meet at Sylvia Park, an : had given some very good sport. The scent having been good in the early morning the pack had killed four or five brace of hares before the season commenced in earnest.

We have had three good days over the Sylvia Park country. The second day (June 23) was considered by some of the oldest members of the Club to have been the best day's hunting ever seen with this pack. We have had good runs at Ihumata, Mangere and at Messra wray and Moody's. I think the followers of these hounds have been most fortunite, as at all the above meets the occupier of the land where t e hounds have been thrown off have provided refreshments. This goes to show what a good hold and how popular hunting is in this part. The farmers, not content with giving their land and farmers to he widden agent and damaged are and fences to be ridden over and damaged, are such a sporting lot that they provide something subtantial for the riders in the way of jumping powder, therefore it is our duty in return for such hospitality to be as careful as possible not to ride over new grass and other crops, and generally to do as little damage as possible. Our meet on Saturday last was at Pukekohe

Station. About forty members went up by the 9.80 train, and were met at the station by a number of local sports. After the horses were taken out of the boxes we were all invited by Mesers Douglas, Rutherford, Roulston, John Johns and others I do not know by name to lunch at Mr Goo man's boarding house. We were quite surprised to be treated and entertained in such a hospitable manner Needless to say, this was much appreciated after our journey. If the grand old sport of hunting is dying out in some parts of the world, I am glad to see that it has not done so in this part of the worlds. the colony, for a better lot of sporting men than those at Pukekohe it would be hard to find. After partaking of the excellent lunch we were led by that good sport, Mr Douglas, towards the school, where we were informed a hare was sure to be found. After drawing the first field with out success, we were rewarded with a find in the next, and a rare strong one she proved to be. Taking a line to a small swamp over a nice country, the hounds did not run very fast until after we had gone through a small patch of bush. Then the scent was frustrated, and the hounds ran for quite four miles in a straight line and very fast, in fact they seemed to have flowr out of eight when we came out of the bush, and ride as hard as we could, we could only just hear them now and again in the distance quite a mile ahead. The country ridden over was a very stiff one, big posts and rails and wire fences, about a dozen of the latter, and I think without anyone falling over this kind of fence. When we came up to the hounds they had checked, and on being cast back got on to the line of another hare, which they soon killed. Though the huntsman was told where the hunted hare was, it was decided to leave her for another day as the hounds had had a kill, and the hunted hare was a real good one. Those fond of a fist run with pienty of jumping had a most enjoyable gallup, and it suited those who were not mounted on jumpers, as a road ran parallel with the line taken by the hare and hounds. These saw far more of the run than any one else. I cannot remember ever riding with harriers after a hare that gave such a long straight run as this one gave us, and several others have passed the same remark. After giving the hounds and horses a short rest, we were taken by Mr Douglas to his farm, were he said we were sure to find. This gentleman has the gift of knowing just where the hares are to be found, for no sooner were the hounds in his paddock than one was seen on the move, and the pack soon in full cry. The scent just at this time was anything but good, and the hounds sould only hunt slowly. The hare, running in a circle, giving the followers a lot of big jumping, was lost. We then drew towards where we found such a good hare last season, and found again tais time, and had a nice short run, but had to call the hounds off, as they were on some land We were not forthat we could not ride over. tunate enough to find again for some time, but at last chopped one on Mr Houlston's farm and at that time another got up, and the pack were soon after her, and ran well to the la ge swamp and ti tree and were going well when they had to be cailed off as it was time to leave for Pukekohe to entrain the horses. I am sure all who jour-neyed from here for a hunt over the Pukekohe

country, thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I hope

all those who reside in the neighbourhood and joined in the sport, were as well pleased and satisfied with the day's fun as we all were, and that we shall have many such days together. On behalf of the Pakuranga Hunt Club, I beg to thank all those gentleman whose land and fences we rode over and through, and also those who took so much trouble to make the day enjoyable.

THE WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The following satisfactory report will be presented to members at the Annual Meeting to be held on Wednesday next, July 25:-

In presenting the annual balance-sheet to Members, the Committee congratulate them on the successful result of the year's operations.

Comparing figures with those of the previous the comparing figures with those of the previous comparing figures with those of the previous comparing figures with the comparing the comparing

year, the receipts show an all round increase, the total receipts being £8,240 8s Id, as against £7,502 8s 0d, or a net increase of £738 0s Id. On the expenditure side, stakes show an increase of £330, and £631 8s 11d was spent on permanent improvements. Notwithstanding the heavy expenditure disclosed in the balance-sheet, the net profit for the year amounts to £379 is 10d. In view of the strong financial position of the Club your Committee recommend that the stakes for the ensuing season be materially increased, feeling sure that such a course will tend to popularise the Club with horse owners, and in the interest of racing generally.

At the last Annual Meeting Mr Freeman R. Jackson resigned his resistion as Traceruse.

Jackson resigned his position as Treasurer, and subsequently intimated to the Committee that, owing to continued ill-health, he was compelled to resign his secretarial duties. Your Committee reluctantly accepted Mr Jackson's resignation, and in appreciation of his past services, voted him a full year's salary as a retiring allowance. It is now with deep regret your Committee have to record Mr Jackson's death, which took place a few weeks ago. In view or his many services to our Club your Committee recommend that some lasting memento be arranged for to per-petuate the memory of one who did so much for

Us.

Consequent on Mr Jackson's resignation, Mr F. Moffatt was appointed Secretary, and your Committee congratulate members on having secured the services of a gentleman so well qualified to fill such a responsible position.

The following members retire from the Com-

The following members retire from the Committee, but are eligible for re-election, viz:—Messrs R. Anderson, Jas Watt, A. Cameron, and Dr Saunders.

In concluding this report your Committee desire to thank all the officials of the Club, honorary and otherwise, for the careful attention they have given to their respective duties.

Dr Connolly has given notice that he will move at the Annual General Meeting, "That the office of Judge be a paid one," and in the event of this motion being carried, "That the by-laws

be altered accordingly."

The Annual Meeting of active members be held at Chavannes' Hotel, on Wednesday, July 25, 1900, at 8 p.m. Business: To receive report and balance sheet, elect four members of Committee, other honorary officials and an auditor, and the consideration of Dr Connolly's notice of motion given above.

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Australian Racing.

THE V.R.C. GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

The above meeting at Flemington was brought to a conclusion on Saturday when a large attendance was present to witness the racing. Chief interest, of course, centred in the Grand National Steeplechase. The field numbered sixteen, but through falls and running off only six horses completed the journey. The favorites Chelsea and Mysore were amongst those who failed to finish, the former falling at the first fence in the straight, and the latter running off passing the sheds for the last time. The winner turned up in Rosebud, who started at 33 to 1. Rosebud, who is by an aged mare by Quintin out of Mat-sep, was followed home by Wallaby and Hayseed. The details are as follows :-

THE GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE, & handicap of 15 sovs each, with 1000 sovs added.

About three miles and a furlong. Rosebud (by Quintin-Matsep), aged, 90, Jackson Wallaby, 9.3, Smith
Hayseed, 11 7, Mooney
Sixteen horses started. 2 ... 3

Betting: 9 to 2 against, 9 to 1 Chelses, 33 to 1 Rosebud.

The race was a chapter of accidents, only six horses finishing. Euro made the running along the back. Mutiny piloted the way over the first fence in the straight, where Chelsea fell. Wallaby took command at the riverside, leading Rosebud Euro, Crusado, Mutiny, and Mysore, who were strung out along the back the second time. Possing the sheds Crusado fell, and Mysore ran off. Wallaby swept into the straight clear of Rosebud, but the latter gradully wore down the leader in the run home, and won by four lengths. Time, 6min 39\sec.

WINNERS OF V.R.C. GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE.

Yr. Owner.	Winner.	Wgt.	Time.	
1881 Mr F. C. Goyder	Sussex	18 1	7 2	
1882 Messrs Robinson				
and Wagner .	Great Western	11 0	21	
1883 Mr T. W. Phillips	Blackthorn			
1884 Mr W. Neill	Chippenham		7 0	
1885 Mr M. Loughlin	Wymlet			
1886 Mr M. Loughlin	Game			
1887 Hon W. Pearson	Royal Oak	10 12		
1888 Mr W. Y. Bryant	Ruby	12 7	6 53	
1889 Mr S. Miller	Eaglet	11 2	6 59	
1890 Mr J. S. Edge	Fearless II.	99	70	
1891 Mr W. T. Jones	May Be	10 6	7 15	
1892 Mr S. Miller	Redleap	13 3	6 45	
1893 Mr J. W. Edge	Trojan	11 9		
1894 Gibson Bros	Daimio	98	7 0≨	
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1896 Mr T. P. Manifold	Dungan	12 9	6 583	
1897 Mr S. Miller	Havseed	10 0	6 41 4	
1898 Mr A. W. Beazley	Floater	12 7	$654\frac{7}{6}$	
1899 Manifold Bros	Mysore	9 0	6 42%	
1900	Rosebud	9 0	6 39}	
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THE CONFERENCE OF NEW ZEA LAND TROTTING CLUBS-

The Annual Conference of delegates from trotting clubs in New Zealand was held on Tues-day. Mr P. Selig, the President of the New Zealand Trotting Conference, in his report, stated that trotting on the whole had been raised to a higher standard during the last season, but he dwelt upon the necessity of clubs acting promptly and fearlessly in cases of fraudulent practice, and also strongly deprecated stewards adjudicating on cases of protests in races in which they are momentarily interested: Referring to the latter question, he thought an expression of opinion from the Conference might have a beneficial effect. The report made reference to the success ful manner in which the Hon Mr Carroll had coped with all the difficulties that presented themselves when assisting the Conference to a happy solution of totalisator allocation business.

It was decided that rule 7 be amended so as to

provine that it should not be necessary for clubs to accept appeals from the decisions of stewards for incorrect descriptions of foul riding or driving. The idea was to prevent the totalisator money being locked up and a case to remain undecided

for perhaps two months.

It was decided to amend rule 68 so as to pro-

vide that a man disqualified may also be fined.

It was resolved, "That any rider or driver speaking to any person or persons with the exception of the starter or the clerk of the course on the course after leaving the saddling puddock may be disqualified for the race in which he is engaged to ride or drive, or fined, as the stewards may direct."

"That all trotting clubs shall have parroll round the troiting track to watch the running of horses during a race."
"That the Conference expresses gratification

at the action of the Trotting Association in regard to interested stewards adjudicating in cases of protests."

When the delegates resumed business in the evening the Hon James Carroll addressed the Conference. He said that the efforts they had made to regulate the conduct of the sport met with the commendation of all right-thicking people throughout the colony. He himself had been very pleased indeed with the work performed by affiliated bodies in that direction. It had been a source of delight to him to note the improvement in trotting throughout the colony, and the avidity shown in tracing or sheeting home misdemeanours or wrong-doing perpetrated on various trotting courses. This marked an advance on the part of the authorities toward the desired goal. Mr Carroll dealt fully with the question of permits. He said that as far as the Canterbury and New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Clubs were concerned, he has endeavoured to induce them to amaignmate, but without success. Gentle pressure had been put on the Canterbury Club, and he was prepared to go still further and 685 17 2 inflict further penalty. He intimated that in future the Hon Mr Ward would have charge of

the permit department, and they would find him

liberal, firm, and just.

After Mr Carroll's little speech the Conference proceeded to allot totalisator permits for the coming season. This business necessarily occupied a long time. The applications of the Northern Trotting Club (Auckland), Gore Trotting Club, and Wairau Trotting Club for permits were not granted, it being decided that they be placed on probation for a year. The following permits were recommended:—Temuka, one: Auckland Trotting Club, three: Ashburton, one; Auckland Trotting Club, three; Ashburton, two; Greymouth, two; Masterton, one; Nolson, one; Tahuna Park, three; South Wairarapa, one; Westport, one; Otahuhu, two; Hawke's Bay, one; Canterbury Trotting Club, one permit on condition that it trots on the Metropolitan Club's course and takes steps to amalgamate as soon after the Meeting as possible; Inangahus, one; New Brighton one; New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club, three; Plumpton Park, two; Wellington, three; Southland, one.

The President moved the following resolu-tion:—"That as this is the first meeting of the Conference since the Hon J. Carroll has relin-quished control of the Department that issues totalisator permits, a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to him for his valuable assistance to the sport."

This was carried unanimously.

Mr F. P. Selig was re-elected Chairman, and Mr W. Rollitt Secretary of the Conference.

It was decided that next year's Conference be held in Wellington. The Conference then

SKILL COMPETITIONS.

SKILL £20 COMPETITION £20

FOR THREE WINNERS

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G.N. STEEPLE G.N. HURDLES **HEATH, OTE** HANDICAP

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CAULFIELD CUP **MELBOURNE CUP** N.Z. CUP.

For Full Particulars See Page 24.

ESULTS OF COMPETITIONS.

£245 PAID IN GOLD.

Auckland Easter Handicap, Autumn Handicap, Auckland Steeplechase; A.R.O. Autumn Meeting. W. J. Dickey, Auckland, £20.

Auckland Cup, A.R.C. Handicap, Auckland Steeplechase; A.R.C. Summer Meeting. F. Robinson, Epsom Road, Mount Roskill, £25

Easter Handicap, Autumn Handicap Autumn Steeplechase; A R.C. Autumn Meeting. £10, nineteen receiving 10s 6d each.

Newmarket Handicap, Australian Cup, Wanga-nui Jubilee Cup. H. S. Ashton, Auckland,

Placed horses in Melbonrne Cup, £25. T. Robinson (Mount Roskill), Mrs J. H. Noonan (Victoria-street, Auckland), O. Ramun (Devonport), each received £8 6s 8d.

akapuna Cup, Calliope Handicap, T.J.C. Handicap, £25. O. Hannigan (Khyber Pass, Auckland), L. J. Richards (New North Road, Auckland), O. Morrison (Metropolitan Hotel, Auckland), each received £8 6s 8d

Caulfield Cup, Melbourne Cup, New Zealand Cup, £100. Maud J. Bell, Chapel-street, Auckland.

Grand National Hurdles, Great Northern Steeplechase, Second Winter Welter. R. H. Abbott (Wellesley-street, Auckland), Harry Emett (Paeroa), Joseph Watkin (Exmout) street Auckland), W. P. Shearman (Ellerslie), each received £5.