

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



THE PAKURANGA HOUNDS.

[By FOLLOWER.]

These hounds had been out several times before the opening meet at Sylvia Park, and had given some very good sport. The recent 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.

Our meet on Saturday last was at Pukekohe Station. About forty members went up by the 9.30 train, and were met at the station by a number of local sports.

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 without 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.

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.

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 year, the receipts show an all round increase, the total receipts being £3,240 8s 1d, as against £2,502 8s 0d, or a net increase of £738 0s 1d.

At the last Annual Meeting Mr Freeman R. 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.

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 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.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE For the Year Ending June 30, 1900.

Table with columns for Receipts and Expenditure, listing items like Balance in bank, Salaries, and various fees, with amounts in pounds, shillings, and pence.

Continuation of the financial statement table, including items like Advertising, Stationery, and Fixed deposits, with final totals of £2,924 12s 6d.

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 GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE, a handicap of 15 sovs each, with 1000 sovs added. About three miles a day a furlong.

Rosebud (by Quintin—Matsep), aged, 9, 0, Jackson ... 1 Wallaby, 9, 3, Smith ... 2 Hayseed, 11, 7, Mooney ... 3

Sixteen horses started. Betting: 9 to 2 against, 9 to 1 Chelsea, 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.

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

Table listing winners of the V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase from 1881 to 1900, including owner, winner name, weight, and time.

THE CONFERENCE OF NEW ZEALAND TROTTEING CLUBS.

The Annual Conference of delegates from trotting clubs in New Zealand was held on Tuesday. 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.

It was decided that rule 7 be amended so as to provide that it should not be necessary for clubs to accept appeals from the decisions of stewards for incorrect descriptions of foul riding or driving.

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 paddock 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 patrols round the trotting 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-thinking people throughout the colony.

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 President moved the following resolution:—"That as this is the first meeting of the Conference since the Hon J. Carroll has relinquished 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 closed.

OUR SKILL COMPETITIONS.

£20 SKILL COMPETITION £20

FOR THREE WINNERS

IN THE

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

£20 FOR THREE WINNERS

£100

FOR THREE WINNERS

IN THE

CAULFIELD CUP MELBOURNE CUP N.Z. CUP.

For Full Particulars See Page 24.

RESULTS OF COMPETITIONS.

£245 PAID IN GOLD.

Auckland Easter Handicap, Autumn Handicap, Auckland Steeplechase; A.R.C. 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, Wanganui Jubilee Cup. H. S. Ashton, Auckland, £25.

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

Takapuna Cup, Calliope Handicap, T.J.C. Handicap, £25. O. Hannigan (Khyber Pass, Auckland), L. J. Richards (New North Road, Auckland), O. Morrisca (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 Emott (Paeroa), Joseph Watkin (Exmouth-street, Auckland), W. P. Shearman (Ellerslie), each received £5.