



AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE-SHEET.

GENTLEMEN—Your committee have much pleasure in presenting their Annual Balance-sheet and Profit and Loss Account for the past season.

On reference to the profit and loss account you will see that the club has made an actual profit of the year's working of £211.

They have pleasure in reporting that the meetings held under the club's auspices continue to retain their popularity with the public.

There have been some serious cases of mal-practice dealt with during the year, notably, those of one owner and two riders, who have been disqualified for life in connection with the Try me and Karaka cases, several others having been disqualified for shorter terms and several fined.

Your committee feel that a word of praise is due to the stewards for the careful and impartial manner in which they have dealt with every case on which they have adjudicated.

They have to report that during the season the limits in all important handicaps have been materially reduced, and they would recommend a still further gradual reduction.

Stakes were increased to some extent during the season, and your committee recommend that not more than eight races be placed on any one day's programme, and that the amount of the stakes for the ninth race as on the last year's Summer programme be distributed over the other races at the meeting.

Your committee wish to inform you that they have arranged to pay stakes in full at the Spring Meeting, and would recommend that the club adopt this course in future at all meetings.

Messrs Harford, Rhodes, Kidd, McEwin, Morrison, Harris, Caulton, and Coates, retire from the committee, the last four, that is, Messrs Harris, Caulton, Coates, and Morrison, with Messrs Ralph, McManus, and Maconochie offer themselves for election, and as this is the number of vacancies it will not be necessary to have a ballot.

Trusting, gentlemen, that you may again have a successful season.—I remain, for the committee, A. R. HARRIS, Chairman.

BALANCE-SHEET.

For Season ending 31st July, 1900.

Dr.				
To Profit and Loss Account	...	...	697	4 5
" Sundry Creditors	...	...	12	10 0
			£709	14 5
Cr.				
By Course Fittings	...	...	21	8 0
" Office Furniture	...	...	46	4 7
" Deposit, Gas Company	...	...	1	0 0
" Sundry Debtors	...	...	184	8 0
" Cash in Bank and in hand	...	...	456	13 10
			£709	14 5

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

For Season ending 31st July, 1900.

Dr.					
To Stakes, Gross	...	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Less 5 per cent.	...	2850	0 0		
		117	10 0	2232	0 0
" Rent of Course, etc.	...			178	10 0
" Wages, Men at Gates, etc.	...			107	18 6
" Advertising and Printing	...			154	8 0
" Salaries—Handicapper, Starter, Clerk of Course and Scales, Totalisator Clerk, and Secretary	...			224	7 0
" General Expenses, including	...				



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H. TATE, A PROMISING LIGHT-WEIGHT JOCKEY.

TROTTING CALENDAR.

FIXTURES.

- Oct 12, 17—Tahuna Park Trotting Club's Spring Meeting
- Oct 24—Ashburton Trotting Club's Spring Meeting
- Oct 25—Masterton Trotting Club's Spring Meeting
- Nov 3, 7—Auckland Trotting Club's Spring Meeting
- Nov 6, 9—New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club's Spring Meeting
- Nov 2, 8—Plumpton Park Trotting Club's Spring Meeting
- Nov 21, 25—Wellington Trotting Club's Spring Meeting

NOMINATIONS.

- Oct 2—Ashburton Trotting Club's Spring Meeting
- Oct 4—Masterton Trotting Club's Spring Meeting
- Oct 13—Plumpton Park Trotting Club's Spring Meeting

HANDICAPS.

- Oct 15—Masterton Trotting Club's Spring Meeting
- Oct 22—Plumpton Park Trotting Club's Spring Meeting
- Oct 9—Ashburton Trotting Club's Spring Meeting
- Oct 6—Tahuna Park Trotting Club's Spring Meeting

ACCEPTANCES.

- Oct 15—Wellington Trotting Club's Spring Meeting, second payments
- Oct 16—Ashburton Trotting Club's Spring Meeting
- Oct 20—Masterton Trotting Club's Spring Meeting
- Oct 27—Plumpton Park Trotting Club's Spring Meeting

There are 41 paying members of the Auckland Trotting Club, besides six life members, and the new members who have not yet been elected.

The balance sheet of the Auckland Trotting Club shows that the finances are in a healthy state, and that the Club has a good surplus in hand for the coming season.

Messrs J. G. Ralph, J. McConnochie, and W. McManus are the new members of the Auckland Trotting Club Committee. They are all good sportsmen, and can be relied upon to do everything in their power for the welfare of the sport.

The Auckland Trotting Club intend to gradually decrease the limit in their trotting races. The handicapping of Mr Edwards for the coming programme will be anxiously awaited. I expect to see his work very favourably criticised, for he is undoubtedly a keen student of the game.

The annual general meeting of the Auckland Trotting Club was held on Friday last, when there was a good muster of members. Mr A. R. Harris was in the chair, and in the course of the proceedings he spoke of the improvement that had taken place in trotting, and the determination on the part of the Club to see that the sport moved ahead.

Luncheon on Course, Race Cards, Stamps, Telegrams, Stationery, Course and Office Sundries, etc.	...	...	69	15 10
" North Island Trotting Association, Liabilities Discharged	...	...	2	11 0
" New Zealand Trotting Association	...	...	7	2 0
" Levy Conference Expenses	...	...	9	8 0
" Funeral Expenses	...	...	8	5 0
" Auctioneers' Charges	...	...	27	15 4
" Banquet to Hon J. Carroll	...	...	34	0 0
" Auditor's Fees	...	...	5	15 0
" Delegates of Wellington (2)	...	...	40	0 0
" Balance Down	...	...	211	7 1
Total			£3380	1 7
Cr.				
By Nomination, and Acceptances	...	...	1015	5 0
" Gates and Stand	...	...	360	4 6
" Licenses	...	...	180	0 0
" Totalisator, Gross	1667	4 10		
Less Government Tax	303	2 9	1364	2 1
" Privileges	...	...	390	0 0
" Members' Subs	...	...	30	10 0
Total			£3380	1 7
£ s. d.				
To Bad Debts Written Off	...	...	399	5 6
Less Provided for 1899	...	...	79	13 0
" Balance per Balance-sheet	...	...	379	12 6
Total			£1016	16 1
By Balance, 1899	...	...	805	9 0
" By balance down	...	...	211	7 11
			£1016	16 11

I have examined the above Balance-sheet, together with its accompanying Profit and Loss Accounts, and compared it with the Books and Vouchers, and found it to agree therewith. I am of opinion that the Balance-sheet presents a true state of the Club's affairs on 31st July, 1900.

O. B. WAYMOUTH,
(Certificated Accountant, Eng.),
Corporate Accountant.
Auditor.

Auckland, 28th September, 1900.

NOTES.

The second payment for the Wellington Trotting Club's Subscription Handicap is due on Monday, October 15th. The final acceptance of 2 sovs is due with the secretary, Mr E. W. Garner, at the New Zealand Hotel on Monday, November 5th.

The following are the nominations received for the Wellington Trotting Club's Subscription Handicap Trot:—Messrs B. Edwards, 2; J. Carl, 1; J. Yarr, 1; M. Edwards, 3; W. Kerr, 1; O. Kerr, 1; J. Wright, 1; Geo Grant, 1; O. Piper, 1; J. Milne, 1; W. O. Hird, 1; J. McZernon, 1; H. J. Baker, 1; J. McGill, 1; S. V. Burridge, 1; E. Maidment, 1; J. Wilkinson, 1; W. T. Whittaker, 1; D. Nyan, 1; J. J. Smith, 1; J. Pettie, 1.

The champion pacer Star Pointer has a son called Sidney Pointer that is showing speed enough to warrant his admirers predicting that he will wear his daddy's crown some day, says the *Breeder and Sportsman*. At Cleveland recently he won the 2.15 pace in straight heats, the time being 2.10, 2.08½ and 2.09 and the report says he did it with ease. As Sidney Pointer was a green horse at the opening of the season, his showing is certainly a remarkable one.

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In reference to the above, I have much pleasure in recommending MESSRS BOYCE and FRANKLIN to my late patrons and the general public. They have been in my employ for a number of years, and I feel assured that any engagement entrusted to them will be carried out with every satisfaction.

CHAS. E. MACKIE.



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JOHN WHITEHOUSE, A WELL-KNOWN AUCKLAND JOCKEY.