



THE PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING.

The members of the P.H.C. met at the Haymarket on Friday afternoon, when the Master, Mr J. G. Ralph, presided over a large attendance. The balance-sheet which was read and adopted showed a credit balance of £14 12s 9d. The assets of the club are estimated at £864 12s 9d, and the liabilities at £370 6s 5d.

The Chairman, in the course of a few remarks, mentioned that during last season there had been a large following of members, both on the Wednesday and Saturday meets, and this reverted to a large item in the balance-sheet, viz, £49 odd for repairing fences, etc. The club were indebted to Mr W. A. Wallace for the use of his yards, and posts and rails, and owed him a considerable quantity of the latter. The large followings naturally resulted in a number of fences being damaged, and necessitated the employment of men to follow on Wednesdays as on Saturdays, and effect repairs, hence the additional expense. The Pukekohe farmers had treated the club liberally, and he would advocate that some grant in this direction be made to them, and he would propose that at least four of the names of Pukekohe farmers be placed on the committee. It was also proposed to make a few additions to the kennels, which would run into some £40 or £50, but there had some little difficulty in the matter, but that was now settled. The annual social had done much to cement the feeling between the club and the farmers, and he trusted that the social would become an annual institution since it had done so much to promote such a good feeling. The club was now registered under the Unclassified Societies Act, and as they were possessed of assets, it was considered the proper thing to do. Mr Purchas had taken the matter in hand, and had carried out the work free of cost, and deserved the thanks of the club. Another matter was the desirability of obtaining a totalisator permit for the club. Although they were thankful to the Auckland Racing Club for their assistance, it was thought that if it were obtained the club would not be under such an obligation to the Racing Club. A sub-committee had been appointed to wait on the Hon. J. G. Ward, and the result had been satisfactory, as he had informed them that he proposed to introduce legislation towards increasing permits, and if this were done, the club would most assuredly obtain one. He was pleased to state that Mr W. Gentry Bingham had not lost sight of his promise to present a cup for competition between the lady members, and understood that he would be presented by the representatives of the Auckland Electric Tramways Company. He trusted that this would induce greater competition between ladies. In conclusion, he thanked all the officers and members for their support in the past in promoting the success of the club.

Mr A. B. Harris drew attention to the amount of damage done in the field to gates by the younger members negotiating them, and suggested anyone leading over gates when not necessary should be compelled to pay for any damage he might cause. He would recommend the matter to the attention of the incoming committee.

The Chairman said he would like to mention the difficulty of obtaining payment of subscriptions from new members. It was found that gentlemen who had been elected members were willing to pay their subscriptions at the time, but when approached at the end of the season repudiated the debt, and professed to know nothing about it. Many new members had come into the club, and it seemed to him that there should be a rule in the matter, and that a time should be stipulated within which the subscrip-

tions be paid. He would move, "That all members' subscriptions be paid on election."

Mr Purchas suggested that it might be added that if the subscription be not paid within a month from the date of his election, the member's name would be crossed off the roll. Of course, the club, since registration, had the power to sue for subscriptions.

The Chairman said that it had since occurred to him that rule 12, of the articles of association of the Club fully met the case, and he would withdraw his motion.

The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year—Master, Mr J. G. Ralph; treasurer, Mr W. A. Carminer; secretary, Mr R. P. Kinloch; auditor, Mr H. T. Gorrie. Committee: Colonel Dawson, Messrs W. McLaughlin, B. Crowe, N. Kerr-Taylor, W. R. Blomfield, H. O. Nolan, W. Percival, H. Laxon, H. Moody, J. G. Ralph, A. R. Harris; J. Gray, H. C. Tonka, E. Ellett, W. Paul, H. T. Gorrie, W. Somers, T. C. Schnackenberg, J. Rae, J. Rutherford, Wildeblood, J. Douglas, Fleming, Roulston John Johns (Pukekohe), F. L. Wright, (Drury), Herbert Smales (East Tamaki), C. Roberts, and A. Hattaway (Pakuranga).

On Mr Harris' motion a special vote of thanks was accorded to the residents of Drury and Pukekohe, for their liberal entertainment of the club on their visit to those districts; also to Mrs J. G. Ralph (the wife of the Master), for her courtesy and entertainment, on more than one occasion, of the members.

Mr Bloomfield moved, "That the rules be printed, and circulated amongst the members." Carried.

On Mr Taylor's motion, votes of thanks were returned to Messrs A. Buckland and Sons for the use of their rooms, the master (Mr J. G. Ralph) Mr F. L. Wright, of Drury, and the other residents of Bombay; also to the Pukekohe residents for their entertainment of the members, and to the secretary (Mr R. P. Kinloch) and the lady members who so ably assisted in promoting the annual ball.

POLO.

There was an excellent attendance at the Hokowhitu Ground, Palmerston North, on Wednesday in last week to witness the encounter between the Victorian team and the representatives of New Zealand. Victoria was represented by Manifold, Hood and Robertson (2), and New Zealand by O. Robertson and J. Strang (Oroua), N. Wilson and K. Dalrymple (Rangitikei). Taken all through the match was not on a par with the club game played against Oroua the previous week, the latter being infinitely more interesting, and affording altogether a more brilliant exposition of the game. As may be expected, since they were only picked on the Saturday night, the combination of the New Zealanders was conspicuous by its absence, and in addition, N. Wilson, though showing up occasionally, failed to justify his inclusion in the team. His hitting was not up to the form and the "scooping" he attempts at times is, in particular, a bad feature of his play. Dalrymple did not play up to form in the first two spells, but thereafter played a rattling game and frequently earned well deserved applause. He was responsible for more than one of the goals scored, one in particular being very creditable stroke. Robinson, as usual, was very safe, though he was handicapped to some extent by only having two ponies to play. He seldom missed a stroke and on more than one occasion saved an apparently inevitable score. J. Strang put in a lot of hard work, and thoroughly earned his place in the team. He has never showed to greater advantage previously, and had his efforts been backed up as they should have been, the struggle between the two teams would have been intensified. The result of the game bears out the contention that Baker should have had a place in the team. His dashing play, hard hitting and fast ponies would have been invaluable and would have gone a long way towards reversing the result. Victoria, from the commencement of the first spell, played a winning



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THE FINISH OF THE PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP—W. REYNOLDS WINNING—AT THE AUCKLAND A.A. CLUB'S SPORTS AT THE DOMAIN.

game' and their defeat by Rangitikei last Saturday week is one of those things no follow can understand. Their ponies, with one or two exceptions, prove a long way faster than those ridden by their opponents, and their combination throughout was of the best. A thorough knowledge of one another's play was apparent, and added to good hitting and fast ponies, gave them an advantage they preserved from start to finish. Manifold, at back, played a sterling game, his safe and effective strokes earning him unstinted applause from discerning onlookers. Robertson senr, was a very dashing number one, frequently carrying play from one end of the field to the other. His ponies were, with the exception of a grey ridden by Manifold, the fastest on the ground, and he did not fail to take full advantage of every opportunity afforded him of putting in fast work. O. Robertson and Hood were responsible for brilliant play at times, the latter in particular showing up well. The game was entirely free from mishaps, with the exception of blows received by Manifold and O. Robertson from sticks, the former being incapacitated from play for several minutes. The play itself does not admit of much description, New Zealand being practically on the defence during the whole of the spells. Their best effort was in the fourth spell when they put on two goals and getting within one of Victoria, the game at that time being Victoria 5, New Zealand 4. The fifth and sixth spells were disastrous, Victoria adding three more goals while their opponents' register remained unaltered.

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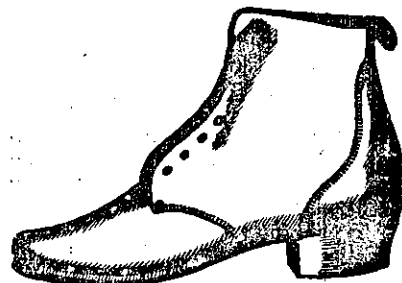
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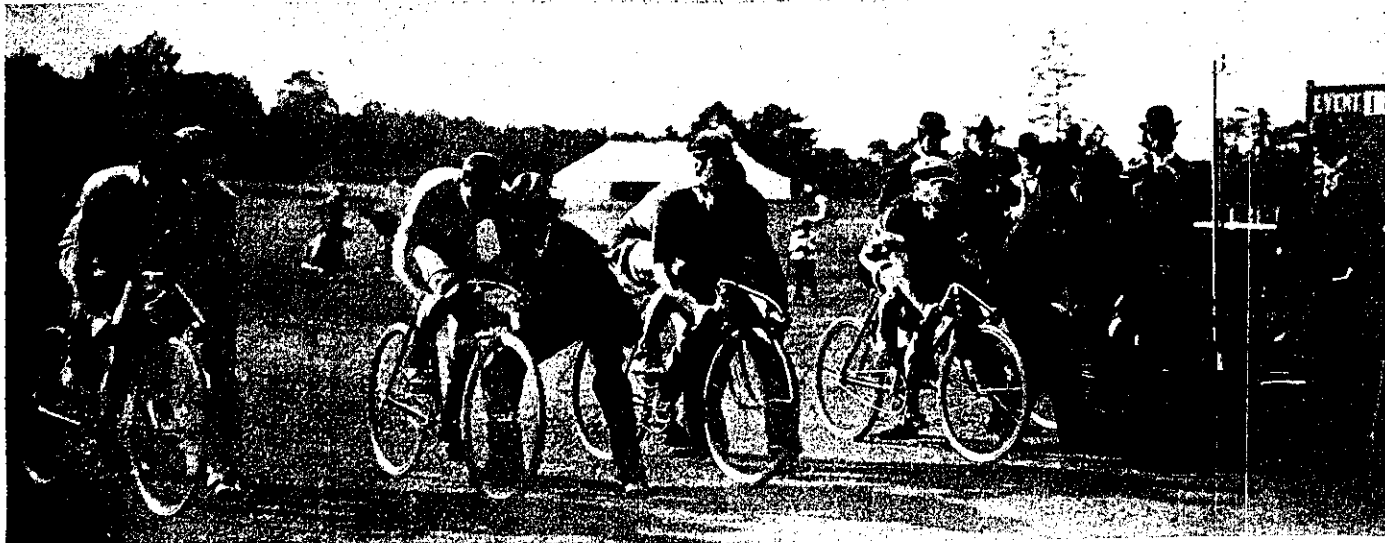


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THE START FOR THE PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP AT THE AUCKLAND A.A. CLUB'S SPORTS.

A friend of the late Mr Sam Lewis, the millionaire financier tells the following story:—"A good many people have borrowed from Mr Samuel Lewis. How many can say they lent cash to that famous financier? I was among the few so favoured. Not that I took bank-notes and sovereigns to Cork-street, which would have been carrying coals to Newcastle indeed. It was at Ostend, a year and a-half ago, that I had the privilege of 'accommodating' Mr Lewis. We met one evening at the Club Prive of the Kursaal. Boulette had been kinder to me than trente-et-quarante had to him, and Sam Lewis craved a loan of me to try his luck again. I charged him no fee for 'inquiries,' nor did I go through the formality of accepting his I.O.U.; but pulling out Belgian notes for 2,500 francs, I handed them over with my benediction. Then we wandered round the rooms together, for I was curious to see what fortune my £100 would bring to the man of money. A thousand francs went on the red at trente et quarante; then another thousand on the black. With the last 500 francs Sam Lewis turned to another table, and his colour won. 'Now,' he said, 'I am going to hit 'em.' But, alas! there was no luck hanging to money I had lent him, and the next coup saw his borrowed capital swept away by the croupier. Sam Lewis laughed, lighted a cigar, and went cheerily off to bed. He squared accounts with me next day before lunch, and paid me interest into the bargain; I had lent him Belgian notes, he paid me back in English notes, thus charging himself for the loan at the rate of nearly 150 per cent."