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AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB

The annual meeting of the Avondale Jockey Club was held on August 6, Mr M. Foley presiding. The following report was read:—
 Your committee have much pleasure in again presenting their annual report and balance-sheet for the year ending July 31, 1902. It is gratifying to them to put before you a statement of receipts and expenditure, which shows the great progress the club has made during the past season. In perusing the figures in the balance-sheet, you will notice a considerable increase in revenue from all sources, notably, totalisator, £1156; nominations, £108; gates, booths, etc., £400; members' fees, etc., £193.

During the season we have held our usual Spring and Autumn Meetings, the former being held on the Ellerslie racecourse, giving added money to the amount of £3225 net—being an increase of £793 over the previous season. The amount passed through the totalisators was £39,493, as against £25,883 last season.

Since our last annual meeting we have paid off £103 13s 4d of the purchase money of Mr Bollard's property, together with the balance then owing on the new grandstand of £507, and during the season we have also built a stewards' stand at a cost of £399 10s, while in addition to this we have spent some £1372 on other improvements on the club's property. The Government tax paid by the club amounts to £592 7s 10d.

Your committee feel certain that members were much pleased when they visited the club's property at the last Autumn Meeting to find all arrangements up to date, including telegraph communication direct to the course.

We regret to inform members that we have been unable up to the present to obtain a totalisator permit for our Winter Meeting.

In conclusion, the thanks of our club is due to the Auckland Racing Club for their kindness in allowing us to use the Ellerslie Racecourse for our late Spring Meeting, owing to the delay in the completion of the works in hand. Had it not been for this consideration we should have been unable to carry out the Spring programme on our own course.

Members will note that after making allowance for depreciation, we have assets amounting to £6385, and liabilities, £2423 7s 5d, showing an increase of £1459 over last year.

It will be our duty to elect stewards and officials for the ensuing season.

The balance-sheet indicated by figures the facts set forth in the report.

The chairman, in moving the adop-

tion of the report, remarked that the only jarring note was the difficulty experienced in getting a permit for the Winter Meeting. Last year this permit had been practically promised, but so far they had not been able to obtain it, and he attributed the failure to the want of interest of those who represented the club at the Conference. The motion for the adoption of the report was seconded by Mr Gorrie. Mr Percival said that until some of the clubs holding permits dropped out he did not think Avondale would be able to get one for the Winter Meeting.

The motion for the adoption of the report was agreed to.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as under:—President, Mr John Bollard, M.H.R.; vice-president, Mr Thomas Morrin; judge, Mr John Bollard, M.H.R.; starter, Mr Geo. Cutts; handicapper, Mr J. O. Evett; stewards, Messrs John Bollard, M.H.R., Robt. Duder, H. T. Gorrie, Donald McLeod, M. Foley, A. Hanna, Jos. May, J. W. Russell, A. Davis, Dr. Stuart Reid; treasurer, Mr Donald McLeod; clerk of course, Mr A. Selby; clerk of scales, Mr F. W. Marks; hon. vet., Mr E. D. Halstead; secretary, Mr H. H. Hayr.

Mr T. Morrin moved, that Mr M. Foley be elected a life member of the club, in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered the club in the past. The mover in flattering terms referred to the valuable services of Mr Foley, and said that if it had not been for his efforts the Avondale Club would not be in the prosperous condition it was now.

Mr A. Davis seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

Mr Foley acknowledged the compliment paid him, and said that he would continue to use his best efforts to forward the interests of the club.

MEMBERSHIP FEE.

The question of increasing the annual membership fee, which at present stands at one guinea, was brought forward by the chairman. An increase to two guineas was suggested, also the limitation of the membership to a fixed number and the admission of subscribers, who would enjoy the ordinary privileges, but have no voting power in the management of the club's affairs, at a fee to be fixed. The latter proposal found most favour, and the whole matter was referred to the incoming committee, with power to act.

Inter-Provincial.

[From our own Correspondents.]

HAWKE'S BAY.

Napier, August 12.

Tropper E. Gillin, who used to be well known in the world of sport as a horseman, and trainer, returned to Hastings from South Africa last night. Gillin went to the scene of action with the Seventh Contingent, afterwards joining the Eighth.

The three-year-old half brother to Scallywag, by Sou'-wester, has been purchased by Mr Pilcher of Waipawa, who has Scallywag under lease.

Local punters went all to pieces in their selections over the Grand National Steeplechase and Winter Cup. Neither of the winners of these races were backed locally.

Tortulla's dam, Honeysuckle, has proved unfruitful this season. When I saw the old dam last this year she gave the idea that her time on this sphere was very limited.

At the annual meeting of the Napier Park Racing Club held to-day the following new members were elected: Messrs R. Perry, G. Leitch, J. D. Fischer, F. C. Long, and H. Peacock. For the five vacancies on the committee six gentlemen were nominated. A ballot resulted in the election of Messrs H. Abbott, F. Bee, Joseph Bicknell, H. D. Holder, and R. D. Sweetapple. Mr Bee is the new member of the executive, the other gentlemen elected having held office last season.

Inspan is still on the invalid list, a thorn that he ran into one of his knees some couple of weeks back being the cause of the mischief.

There is a good looking two-year-old filly by The Officer out of Norsemaid running in a paddock at Taradale. She is the property of a local sportsman who purchased her when the Hon. J. D. Ormond sent up some of his young stock for sale last March. Her owner intends to give her plenty of time, and I should not be surprised at her turning out a more than serviceable one when the time arrives for her to sport silk.

THE AUSTRALIAN SPRING HANDICAPS.

The following scratchings have been posted at the Melbourne offices of the V.R.C. and V.A.T.C.:—Caulfield Cup—Sweet Erin, Paroo, Glen Alby, Naebundum, Centurion, Lyddite, Acetine, Sentrona, Limber, Rabato, Man-o'-war, San Fran, Khaki, Sir Evan, Comballo, Graffnell, Highflier, Negrito, Royal Oak, Altitude, Gold Bar, Oblivion, Blue Metal, Point Piper, Spartan, Australian Colours, Euston, Graftwell, Mistral, Wakeful, Ossian, New Broom, Gold Letters, Westbury, Golden Queen, Conrado, Cimmaron, Lady Grafton, Andorra, Vino, Lowland Chief, Curfew Bell, Solano, Maharini, Benvolio, Santboy, Sequence, Fireclay, Abbotford, Wairiri, The Victory, Hibernian, Flying Artillery, Careless, Galtee More, Narelle, Prospero, Hymettus, Ideal, Dodona, Gamma, Sapir, Donald, Chiffon, Arden, Our Queen.

Melbourne Cup: Acetine, King Edward, Limber, Verne, Gold Letters, New Broom, Khaki, Highflier, Royal Oak, Altitude, Oblivion, Mistral, Shoe Shell, Hymettus, Ideal, Gamma, Dodona, Turban, Betrayer, Curfew Bell, Rabato, Be Off, Ballyrogah, Careless, Galtee More, Hibernian, Maharini, Benvolio, Chiffon.

The following scratchings have been posted at the office of the A.J.C. in Sydney:—Epsom Handicap—Malster, Bonnie Chiel, United States, Private Willis, Hibernian, Bullion, Free States.

THE BETTING MARKET.

Mr Martin Taylor reports having laid wagers at £500 to 5s on the treble Caulfield Cup, Melbourne Cup, and New Zealand Cup, against the following combinations as placed:—

- Nonette, Wakeful, Blue Metal.
- Siege Gun, Patronage, Sequence.
- Nonette, Old Salt, Australian Colors Tortulla, Wakeful.
- Nonette, Australian Colors, Lucknow St. Michael, Ampier, Victory.
- Mellwood, Kinglike, Wakeful.
- Canteen, Gauleon, Lucknow.
- Romany Queen, Horace, Flagship.
- Brakpan, Porirua, Blue Metal.
- Ostiak, The Idler, Blackwatch.
- Siege Gun, Sequence, Victory.
- Nonette, Hymettus, Blue Metal.
- Glenaladale, Patronage, Bonnie Chiel Mellwood, Wakeful, Wakeful.
- Canteen, Wakeful, The Victory.
- Halberdier, Old Salt, Brakpan.
- Sirius, Wakeful, Blue Metal.
- Romany Queen, Wakeful, Sir Leonard Fakir, Brakpan, Australian Colors.
- Beddington, Combat, Brakpan.
- Tradewind, San Fran, Hymettus.
- Nonette, Gauleon, Victory.
- Siege Gun, Blue Metal, Australian Colors.

- Siege Gun, Old Salt, Victory.
 - Siege Gun, Wakeful, Wakeful.
- NEW ZEALAND CUP.**
- 200 to 16 Tortulla.
 - 150 to 15 Siege Gun
 - 300 to 24 Nonette
 - 200 to 9 St. Michael.
 - 100 to 6 Beddington.
 - 200 to 12 Bonnie Chiel
 - 200 to 6 Halberdier

OUR ENGLISH LETTER

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, July 12.

A record crowd of spectators went down to Henley on July 10th for the third and final day of the regatta, this notwithstanding that the weather was anything but favourable, heavy showers of wind and rain constantly sweeping over the river and laws overlooking the course. The colonial premiers, having been invited by the stewards to the Regatta, together with some of the Indian Coronation visitors were interested spectators of the races from Phyllis Court, which is situated opposite the winning post. This year's regatta has certainly been a great triumph for Cambridge, and is also memorable in that every race was won by Englishmen in English boats, the American and foreign competitors being already placed hors de combat in the first heats.

The first race, which was probably the most interesting of the day, was between Leander and Third Trinity. This was a race all the time to the finish, but Third Trinity had been in training all the summer, while Leander only had about ten to fourteen days to prepare. Third Trinity came in winners by just a length, and was by far the fresher of the two at the end, in consequence of their better training. The winning boat contained more than one well-known rowing name among its occupants being Goldie and Edward Moss.

In the Diamond Sculls, Etherington Smith, of Leander, had to scull against Kelly, of Balliol. This was an exceptionally fine race also. When as far as the Sports Club stand the men were level, but with a strong spurt Kelly gained suddenly nearly a length in half-dozen lengths, and he kept his advantage to the end. He arrived at the post in perfect form, and will certainly figure as one of the great amateur scullers during the next few Henley regattas.

After lunch, during which the spectators were treated to a drizzling rain and hail-storm, the Ladies' Plate was rowed between Eton and University College, Oxford. Eton were the strong favourites, a fact which was easily seen by the vociferous cheering they received as they started. They certainly rowed very pluckily, and gave University some trouble to win. For the first half-mile the Oxford men could not get ahead, and it was only in the second half of the course that Eton's strength gave way, and Oxford forged ahead, winning by only half-a-length in 7min 16sec.

The Stewards' Challenge Cup was won by Third Trinity, Cambridge, against Leander Club, by fully half-a-dozen lengths. To add to Leander's discomfiture their boat ran into the piles of the landing stage at Phyllis Court.

The Thames Challenge Cup was won by Trinity Hall, Cambridge, against the Royal School of Mines Boat Club, the Cantabs paddling home easy winners by two and a half lengths.

The Visitors' Challenge Cup was won by Jesus College, Cambridge, against Balliol, Oxford. This was a good race, Balliol being beaten by half-a-length. The last race for the Silver Goblets was won by Third Trinity, Cambridge, against London Rowing Club in 8min 36sec, the former coming in easy winners.

Dan Ieno, the popular London comedian, who recently appeared before the King at Sandringham, by special command, is arranging his annual cricket match at the Kensington Oval for September 10th. This match, in which all the leading London Music Hall artists take part, is a highly diverting entertainment, and being in aid of theatrical charities, is very largely attended by the profession and the general public. A record success is expected this year. The Kensington Oval Ground has been lent free of charge by the Surrey County Cricket Club, and there being no cricket in London at the date of the match, Mr Ieno will certainly have a good chance of beating last year's success.

The annual meeting of the London Four-in-Hand Club was held on July 10th on the Horse Guards' Parade. The weather was very gloomy and threatening, only fourteen coaches attending; these, however, presented a fine sight. Lord Henry Vane Tempest was the first to arrive on the ground, driving a coach with three bays and a grey. Colonel Shuttleworth followed with a coach drawn by four black browns. On his coach were also Mrs Shuttleworth, Colonel Creighton and Lord Listowel. The third arrival was Lord Newlands, President of the Club, who drove four dark brown horses, followed by Sir Henry Ewart driving also four dark browns. The Earl of Onslow followed in his coach with a team of dark bays, and having with him Lord Charles Beraford. Both the Earl and Lord Charles were loudly cheered by the many spectators amongst whom were noticeable many colonials and American visitors. Two of the smartest turn-outs were those of the Grenadier Guards, whose coach was drawn by four handsome bays, driven by Lord Loch, and the Life Guards' coach in charge of Captain Fraser. Most of the members drove after the meet to the Crystal Palace for dinner.

An interesting report has been issued by the West Lancashire Mines' Inspector. The number of women and girls engaged in picking coal at the pit heads shows, according to his statistics, an increase. For the last completed year 1785 girls and women were thus engaged, or 180 more than in the previous year. Of these 191 were between twelve and fourteen years. In the same district 218 boys of thirteen to fourteen years were employed below ground, and 94 between twelve and fourteen years on the surface.

At the meeting of the English Jockey Club during the Newmarket, first of July week, the following alteration of the fourth paragraph of rule 162 was confirmed to come into force on July 17th:—"Allowances on the produce of untried mares, whose produce never won a race in the United Kingdom, but these allowances can only be claimed for horses foaled in the United Kingdom. No allowance of weight should be made on any horse for being the produce of a stallion whose produce never won a race."

Football is a manly game That hardens muscle, knits the frame, And makes New Zealand's hardy youth Our pside and strength, and that's the truth. Bad coughs and colds attack the strong, As much the weak, that's sure, Let both—they never can go wrong— Take Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.



AUCKLAND RACING CLUB TO TRAINERS AND JOCKEYS.

Applications for Licenses for the ensuing year must be sent in to the Secretary on or before MONDAY, September 1st, accompanied with the necessary fees.

W. PERCIVAL, Secretary.