



Shot.

**THE SHORTS**, a handicap sweepstakes of 5 sovs each, with 250 sovs added. For three-year-olds and upwards. Six furlongs.

- Mr J. P. Jones's br g Milos, 6yrs, by Melodiam by Marvellous, 8.9 ..... 1
- Mr A. Chisholm's b g Essington, 6yrs. .... 2
- Mr F. Hill's b g Camira, 4yrs, 6.7 ..... 3

Twenty-one horses started. Betting: 5 to 1 against Contest, 10 to 1 Milos.

Milos shot out at the Leger Stand and won by a length. Time, 1min 16sec.

**THE SPRING MAIDEN STAKES**, a sweepstakes of 5sovs each, with 250sovs added. Special weights. One mile and three furlongs.

- Mr J. Wilson, junr.'s blk c Homeward Bound, 3yrs, by Bill of Portland—Zeph ..... 1
- Mr A. Williams' b g Carnegie, 3yrs ..... 2
- Hon. W. P. Crick's b g Ossian, 4yrs ... 3

Eleven horses started. Betting: 5 to 2 against Homeward Bound, 20 to 1 Carnegie. In a great finish Homeward Bound won by half a head. Time, 2min 25sec.

**THE METROPOLITAN STAKES**, a handicap sweepstakes of 20 sovs each, with 2000 sovs added. The owner of the second horse to receive 400 sovs, and the owner of the third 200 sovs from the prize. One mile and a half.

- Mr R. Wootton's b m Queen of Sheba, 5yrs, by Niagara—Happy Land, 6.7... 1
- Mr S. Fielder's blk g The Persimmon, 5yrs, by St. Blaize—Phoebe, 7.8 ..... 2
- Mr C. Carlisle's b m Air Motor, 4yrs, by Ayr Laddie—Windmill, 7.8, including 10lb penalty ..... 3

Other starters—Sir Leonard, Blue Metal, Gauleon, Foot-olt, Warrior II, Felicitous, Patronage, The Idler, Myall, Cyanide, Caravel, Simile, Narelle, Bengalla, Uneasy, Lord Middleton, Bon Voyage, Drake, Still Water, St. Mars, Bewitcher.

Betting: 6 to 4 against Patronage, 7 to 2 Cyanide, 7 to 1 Felicitous, 14 to 1 Queen of Sheba, 20 to 1 Air Motor. Won by half a length, a length separating the second and third. Time, 2min 36 sec.

**THE FIRST STEEPLECHASE**, a handicap sweepstakes of 6 sovs each, with 300 sovs added. About two miles and a half.

- Mr S. M. Wilson's b g Bay Eagle, aged, 11.7 ..... 1
- Mr A. Cashel's b g Sportsman, aged, 9.5 ..... 2
- Mr J. T. Lempriere's b g Drummer, 10.10 ..... 3

Eight horses started. Bay Eagle was favorite at 6 to 1. Won by thirty lengths. Five horses fell. Time, 5min 57sec.

**THE NEW STAKES**, a sweepstakes of 6 sovs each, with 300 sovs added. For three-year-olds. Special weights with penalties and allowances. One mile and a quarter.

- Mr W. T. Jones' br c Strata Florida, by Bill of Portland—Lady Trenton... 1
- Mr Agar Wynne's b c Brakpan..... 2
- Sir Rupert Clark's b c Free States ... 3

Eight horses started. Strata Florida was favorite at 5 to 4. Won by five lengths. Time, 2min 9 3/4sec.

**THE SQUATTERS' HANDICAP**, a handicap sweepstakes of 8 sovs each, with 400 sovs added. For three-year-olds and upwards. One mile and a quarter.

- Mr R. Wootton's b g Redeemed, 6yrs, by Lochiel—Redemption, 7.7 ..... 1
- Mr J. H. McMahon's b h Glenore, 6yrs, 9.6 ..... 2
- Surantia, 7.5 ..... 3

Sixteen horses started. Won by three lengths. Time, 2min 9sec.



The Racing Rules of the Australian Trotting Association have recently been revised. One of the rules passed provides that any rider or driver speaking to any person or persons on the course, with the exception of the starter, clerk of the course, or other racing official, may be disqualified for the race in which he is engaged, or fined, as the stewards may direct. Another rule provides that the stewards shall have power to select any rider or driver, and try any horse trotting at their meeting should they deem it desirable to do so.

In France, where the sport is subsidised by the Government, it is making great strides. At a meeting held at St. Cloud recently, when a race known as the Prix du President de la Republique was decided, the Minister of Agriculture attended in his official capacity, and with him came all the officials of his department, as well as the directors of the Government studs. The race was an event for three-year-olds, the distance being a mile and three-quarters, and the stake £2000 added to a sweepstake. This prize is given by the Government in order to encourage the breeding of trotters, and is an annual gift—in the year of the Exhibition its value was doubled. It must be the richest trotting race in the world, and as it admittedly does a great deal towards improving the breed, the money must be looked upon as well expended. It is rather singular that trotting has only a slight hold on the English public. Just now there is a sort of revival going on, but the stakes are not large—one race of £150, run in heats, being the general rule for a day's sport—and until more valuable prizes are given the trotter is not likely to be honoured nearly so highly as he is in France. The curious thing is that French breeders have for years been buying mares in England in order to breed speedy trotters. That they have succeeded so well shows plainly that the Old Country could hold its own in producing trotters, just it does with thoroughbreds, if it cared to do so.

We are in receipt of the Official Minutes of the Conference of the representatives of the Affiliated Trotting Clubs of New Zealand; also the balance-sheet submitted to the Conference.



DR. RAYNER Settling a Side Wager at Onehunga.