

Mr. Sol Green, the well-known Victorian bookmaker and stud master, has just bought a station in Queensland with 52,000 sheep and some cattle. It is 1200 square miles in extent.

The weather continues dry, and a spell of wet weather would be welcome.

The Sydney "Referee" says the day is getting closer when a field entirely composed of English horses will be seen at an Australian meeting.

The Wanganui Jockey Club's autumn meeting bids fair to be a big success.

The connections of the South Island hurdler Gangway, who is racing in Victoria, are reported to have won £1000 over a recent win he had there.

Mr. John Corlett, editor of "The Pink 'Un," is in indifferent health, but states that the doctors say he is to see another Derby run.

Flora McDonald was not a profitable mare to the Dunedin Jockey Club. She won the Cup and did not start again at the meeting.

Robinson, O'Shea, and Hector Gray are New Zealand horsemen that have each done the "hat trick" during the present month at meetings in the Dominion. O'Shea's treble showed a big profit.

The positions of the cross-country jockeys in France for the year's racing just ended are:—Parfrement, 87 wins; Alec. Carter, 71; W. Head, 62; Powers, 60; Berteaux, 50; F. Williams, 4; A. V. Chapman, 32; R. Sauval and C. Hawkins, 26; Lancaster, 25; A. Kalley, 24; E. Hardy, 21; Maurice Barat, 20. The most successful gentlemen riders over jumps have been:—M. d'Arexy, 25 wins; Comte L. de Courret de Villeneuve, 20; M. A. de Fournas, 18; M. M. Bossut and de Rivoyre, 15; L. le Cerf and Comte de Saint Didier, 10 each.

Mr. R. E. Wright has in Glenspire a very useful gelding. The son of Glenapp and Remorse only started once last season, but this year, on Boxing Day, opened with a double win at Pirongia, and went on and landed another double at Whata Whata, and ran two seconds at Te Kuiti, and followed these performances up by winning twice at South Auckland and running a good second in his last essay carrying 10.10 to the 7.7. on Otarua, who paid the best dividend of the meeting. Mr. Wright originally paid £28 10s for Glenspire, so report says.

On Saturday afternoon at Warwick Farm, Sydney, the Jumpers' Flat Race was won by the bay gelding Rajah, who was purchased on the second day of the Whangarei races from his breeder, and shipped to the other side a week later to Mr. Binks, his present owner. There were ten starters. A private wire received on Saturday says that he started at ten to one, and that the Flying Handicap was won by Protection, a three-year-old filly bought by the same owner from Sir George Clifford, and she started at five to one.

Toatere has gone into enforced retirement in Taranaki, and Rewi Poto, another son of Maniopotu, it has also been announced, is to have a spell until his trainer, R. Johnson, completes his six months' disqualification. Toatere started off at Marton and was expected to develop into something out of the ordinary. There was an enquiry in Wanganui at the spring meeting over certain happenings, which led to a tangi, but there Toatere paid a dividend unexpectedly. The disqualification of Mr. Curtis, his owner, and C. Price, the rider, together with the horse and trainer, caused a bit of a sensation on the West Coast of the North Island, where all are best known.

Mr. John Morrison leaves Auckland this week to take over the United Service Hotel in Christchurch, and like all public men who have identified themselves with city enterprises and with sport he will be missed from amongst us. Mr. Morrison has been a member of each of the local racing clubs and a steward and committee-man of the Auckland Trotting Club for a long time past, and will take with him the good wishes of the sporting community and of the travelling public in his latest venture.

## RACING REVIEWED.

### THE SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

The South Auckland Racing Club's annual meeting was held in warm weather, and as there had been no rain for a considerable time there was plenty of dust on the roads leading to and from the course. The course itself was a bit on the hard and rough side, but was never so fast as it is just at the present time. The fields were well up to the best of previous years, the attendance on each day reached record proportions, and the totalisator turnover was very largely in excess of anything previously done by the club, or any country club within the metropolitan area of Auckland. An increase over last year was quite expected, but that it would amount to nearly 50 per cent. more even the most sanguine could hardly have anticipated. The figures for the first day reached £12,343 10s., as against £7960, and on the second day £15,249, as against £10,569 10s., giving a grand total for the two days of £27,592 10s., as against £18,529 10s., the increase being £9063.

The starting was not as satisfactory as could be desired in some of the races, but in others it was all right. The riding of a number of horsemen was called in question and some cautions administered for alleged crossing in the case of H. Price and interference in the case of McMillen, while J. Conquest was fined £10 for his handling of Kitty Bellairs the first day, when that filly beat Laird o' Gowrie in the Pioneer Handicap and was deprived of the fruits of victory and placed second. McKinnon, rider of Doggerbank in the first hurdle race, got a nasty fall and was much bruised, while abrasions

particularly well handicapped at country meetings, and the resuscitated Arawa, both aided by a start that favoured them, never gave the others a chance in the Claudelands Handicap, Tripoli, the favourite, being one of those beaten out of a place, while Antiphone seems to have no form at all to recommend him just now. Arawa's backers received a very substantial dividend when he finished second, as he was the actual outsider of the eight starters.

Surplus carried nearly half the money in the totalisators in the Hurdles Handicap, the distance being considered likely to suit him, but Te Onga, who stays, had nearly half as much invested on his chance and thus had plenty of admirers. Why Tisley allowed him to linger so long in the early stages of the race might well have formed the subject for enquiry. With nearly six furlongs gone he was a long way away. Then Surplus, who was leading, jumped inside the course and Dogger Bank fell, while Vestal and Cloudy Dawn went to the front, but Te Onga was still running along well back, and finished a few lengths behind Santiago, who followed Cloudy Dawn and Vestal home, each of which paid good dividends. The race was not a particularly fast one.

The Pioneer Handicap was a close race between Kitty Bellairs and Laird o' Gowrie, and Kitty Bellairs led all the way, but the stewards, acting under the stipendiary steward, Mr. A. Gordon, took the race from Kitty Bellairs and awarded it to Laird o' Gowrie, on the ground that interference on the part of the former cost the other the race. In addition, Conquest, the rider of Kitty Bellairs, had to meet a fine of £10, which carries with it the assumption that he was to blame and not his mount. Attraction and Bedford finished next. Lady Penury ran wide turning into the

club will have to keep moving with the times.

In the Maiden Handicap, the Lupin—Modesty three-year-old filly Unity was favourite, with Glenspire and Opposition next. The running was carried on by a bunched field, on which Glenspire waited till the last furlong was entered on. H. Price then rattled the game son of Glenapp home by a good margin from Zulupin and Flagfall.

Ten was the main in the Shorts Handicap, with Mr. W. C. Ring's Mighty Atom first favourite. There was also plenty of money for Tripoli, and Positive found support. Revelation made the pace, and the finish was between Positive, Manurere and Arawa, but the close finish had the man in the box thinking. It was hard to place the three horses behind the winner.

Dogger Bank ran fully up to his Ellerslie trial of a mile before going to the Waikato, and had no difficulty in landing the second hurdle race. The fast-tiring field was led home by Cloudy Dawn, but the latter could not reach Dogger Bank.

The Waikato Handicap produced a royal finish between the placed horses—Tattoo, Gloy and Almeida. Gloy seemed to get the worst of the passage and ran a game race. Tattoo carried a big proportion of the £2000 odd invested. Miss Livonia ran gamely till the straight entrance, when the pace told.

In the District Welter Hack, although Glenspire carried 10.10 he was well backed, and after a big tussle on the post had to cry a go to the lightly-weighted Otarua (7.9), trained by R. McMicken, who sprang a surprise with Munster at the T.J.C. meeting. The backers of Glenspire lost nearly 20 per cent. of their outlay. Spalperion was third.

Laird o' Gowrie was installed a very hot favourite in the Ruakura Handicap, Kitty Bellairs coming next, but neither of the pair got a ghost of a show with Lady Penury when finishing. Bedford beat Kitty Bellairs for second money, though he was out in front at the start.

Admiral Soult had no trouble, as was anticipated by the punters that laid odds on his chance, in the Welter Handicap, Worcester and Pet filling the places.

Salute led the favourite, Spalfish, home in the concluding event of the meeting, the Farewell Handicap, with Tripoli getting the barren honours of third place.

T. C. Stanley, an old-time Australitian horseman, who was associated with Mr. John Tait in the "sixties," died last week. His successes included A.J.C. Derbies on The Barb (1866) Fireworks (1867), and Florence (1870); A.J.C. Champagne Stakes, Florence; Ballarat Cup, St. Patrick; Champion Stakes (1867), The Barb; Victoria Derby, twice on Fireworks (one being run in November, 1867, and the other on New Year's Day, 1868), and on Florence; Sydney Cup (1868), The Barb; V.R.C. Oaks, Florence; and Melbourne Cup, Glencoe. Other horses on which he was successful were Warwick, Gaffer Grey, Volunteer, Tarragon, The Pearl, The Quack, and Falcon. On retiring as a jockey, Stanley went into business at Campbelltown, but lived privately for fourteen years prior to his death, which occurred at the age of 69 years. He leaves a widow, three sons, and two daughters.

On Sunday evening next the Rev. Jasper Calder, familiarly known as the "sporting parson," will hold a special service for sporting men. Mr. Calder's love and knowledge of a good trotting horse has won him many friends at Alexandra Park, and on the last occasion when a sporting service was announced his church was packed with owners, trainers, jockeys and followers of sport. The service on Sunday next will be held at St. Columba Church, Grey Lynn, at 7 o'clock. The church is situated at the twopenny section of the Grey Lynn car, opposite what is known as "Paddy Long's corner."

WHEN IN DUNEDIN, WHERE SHALL I STAY?

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A DOUBLE WINNER AT THE RECENT GISBORNE RACING CLUB'S MEETING—Mr. F. Hall's b m WAIOREWA, 5yrs., by Glenapp—Tauhei, winner of the Flying Handicap (six furlongs) and the Electric Handicap (five furlongs). R. E. Brown in saddle.

of the face were noticeable. Surplus, who started favourite for the race, jumped the corner of the same hurdle and landed inside the course and had one of his hind legs badly injured through coming in contact with the railing, which was lower than the hurdle.

The races were run very well up to time, but a table and a few chairs are wanted for the convenience of pressmen, and a room in which to do their work, and the totalisator figures should be supplied, as they are on up-to-date Dominion courses after each race.

The racing brought to light a few newcomers to the ranks, but with few exceptions the competitors had raced previously. The South Auckland Cup was won by Goldsize, the favourite, who was penalised 5lb. for his Taranaki Cup win. Mr. Walters' gelding is in excellent form just now. Almeida has gradually been racing into condition, and it would appear now that staying is her forte, if she has any special qualification. She was in receipt of 26lb., Gloy had 19lb., and Ovation 23lb., and they followed Goldsize home at short intervals. Jolie Fille led into the straight and was responsible for a solid pace.

In the Trial Handicap, Glenspire, a useful gelding by Glenapp from Remorse, accounted for Opposition, Zulupin and Unity, who were each better backed, and for the outsider Lady Betty, who is an aged mare by Banner.

Positive, the aged Fable—Off Chance gelding, who has been parti-

straight and failed to get near the others.

The Publicans' Purse Handicap was won, after a fine race, by Spalfish, who wore down Salute and lasted long enough to stall off Tattoo, who did not get a good run at the turn for home, being disappointed at that stage. Tinopai was a little better favourite than Spalfish, but was unequal to the task, and besides the placed horses Miss Livonia, who finished fourth, also beat her. There were ten starters. The six furlongs were covered in 1.14 2-5. On returning to scale Spalfish and rider, Conquest, met with a hearty reception.

There were fifteen runners in the District Hack Handicap, which was won in good style by Spalperion, whose racing has been of the consistent order. Revelation and Gallup, the best supported pair, were second and third, the last-named being the better favourite, while Red Pine, who towered over the others in size, was fourth. Revelation should some day make a jumper, and Red Pine looks likely for the same game.

Tripoli was favourite for the second time during the day when the tote bells had ceased ringing for the Flying Handicap, Pet and Hinerewa being next in demand. Tripoli won nicely, but Hinerewa and Manurere had a good go for second money, and Hinerewa's head was in front.

On the second day the attendance was easily a record, and the present accommodation space was fully taxed, both on the lawn and in the bird-cage and in grandstand seating. The