

Worcester 8.2, Parawai 7.11, Ovation 7.8, Tinopal 7.8, Pupura 7.8, Zetland 7.6, Pet 7.6, Munster 7.5, Yankee Doodle 7.3, Obdurate 7.0, Maisonette 6.7.

**TE AROHA JOCKEY CLUB.**

The following acceptances have been received for the first day of the Te Aroha Jockey Club's meeting, which opens on Saturday and concludes on Monday:

**KUAKAKA HURDLES.**—Black Northern 11.10, Pip 10.9, Santiago 9.3, Icel 9.2, Clare 9.2, Rapid 9.0, Kremlin 9.0.

**TRIAL HANDICAP.**—Spalperion 8.12, Otarala 8.4, Dandy Breeze 8.4, Revelation 8.3, Hemisphere 7.13, Gallupin 7.9, Hamlet 7.8, Sir Walter 7.8, Try Fluke 7.7, Flagfall 7.7, Cogent 7.6, Merry Widow 7.5, Mokauiti 7.4, Chasm 7.4, Kia Kaha 7.4, Ihapura 7.0, Oki Oki 7.0.

**DOMAIN HANDICAP.**—Spalfish 9.3, Zetland 8.1, Miss Livonia 8.0, Parawai 7.9, Pet 7.7, Pupura 7.6, Yankee Doodle 7.4, Excavator 7.3, Obdurate 7.2, Zulupin 6.12.

**TE AROHA CUP.**—Admiral Soult 8.8, Devastation 8.6, Gloy 8.2, Almeida 8.2, Glenspire 7.13, Tinopal 7.12, Ovation 7.8, Soldier 7.7, Master Theory 7.4, Lady Elgiva 7.3, Pupura 7.2.

**FLYING HANDICAP.**—Positive 9.6, Bogy 8.4, Kotiripo 7.9, Baldos 7.7, Manurere 7.7, Blue Rose 7.6, Arawa 7.6, Salvia 7.3, Hinerewa 7.2, Dandy Breeze 7.2, Harenoa 7.0, Marangai 6.9, Rosea 6.7.

**GORDON HACK.**—Spalperion 9.0, Otarala 8.5, Gallupin 7.11, Starket 7.10, Hamlet 7.10, Tararu Jack 7.10, Aterori 7.10, Delemar 7.9, Lismore 7.9, Glucian 7.9, Flagfall 7.9, King of the Valley 7.8, Errant Belle 7.7, Iridescence 7.7, Signature 7.7, Acid Drop 7.7, Mokauiti 7.7, Chasm 7.7, Embers 7.7, Red Pine 7.5, Chris 7.4, Oki Oki 7.0, Seba 7.0.

**WAITOA WELTER.**—Admiral Soult 9.5, Watchchain 8.9, Worcester 8.8, Cloudy Dawn 8.4, Master Theory 8.1, Lady Elgiva 8.0, Pupura 7.12, St. Francis 7.8.

**TOURIST HANDICAP.**—Tattoo 9.8, Positive 9.4, Spalfish 8.13, Bogy 8.0, Glenspire 7.11, Miss Livonia 7.9, Kotiripo 7.7, Manurere 7.5, Munster 7.2, Hinerewa 7.0, Salvia 7.0, Yankee Doodle 6.12, Ruse de Guerre 6.10, Harenoa 6.9, Obdurate 6.9, Try Fluke 6.9, Marangai 6.7.

in which he has started. Goldie is by Wildwood Junior—Sing Sing, by Cycle.

That speedy pacer Blackness pulled up lame after running in the Final Handicap at the recent trotting meeting on the Metropolitan track. It is feared he has broken a small bone in his fetlock, a very unfortunate occurrence for those who own him.

The well-known Ashburton trotting enthusiast, Mr. H. F. Nicoll, who has been one of the leading owners of trotting horses in New Zealand for some seasons past, intends to retire from the sport for a time at least. A clearing sale of all his trotting stock will be held at an early date. Andy Pringle, who has been associated successfully with Mr. Nicoll as private trainer, will probably set up on his own account as a public trainer.

Word has been received in Christchurch that Olive L., who claims an engagement in the Melbourne Trotting Club's Derby, won a race at Terang, Victoria, soon after her arrival. The filly is to be trained for the big event by M. Edwards.

The Prince Harold gelding Brooklyn, who showed such brilliant form at the last meeting of the New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club, is to be shipped to Australia in the course of a few days to compete in the Sydney Thousand. On the conclusion of that fixture Brooklyn will probably return to C. Piper's stable.

R. Reay, the well-known trotting enthusiast of Christchurch, and owner of Petruccio, a six-year-old by General Pet—Liberia, is anxious to dispose of the horse. As he has some excellent credentials and being well

cell intended saddling it with the individual expenses of the team. If the Council had such intention it was of the utmost importance that it should have acquainted the subscribing associations of the fact. By its neglect, wilful or unintentional, the Council had laid itself open to severe criticism, particularly in regard to such an item as £210 allowances to players.

Not only was Otago unaware of any intention on the part of the Council to pay the members of the New Zealand team 5s. per day on tour, but the local association actually suggested that the players pay £10 each towards the expenses of the trip. After such suggestion the Council could scarcely plead ignorance of Otago's views on the subject. Yet in the face of that the Council neglected to enlighten Otago on its real intentions. The Council may have considered by such revelation that it would have hardened the hearts of the interested associations, and the guarantees would not have been forthcoming. Otago would certainly not have guaranteed £75 towards the tour, and I doubt whether the other associations would have responded. Whatever the explanation may be for the item of £210 allowances to players, the Council stands charged with failing to advise the associations on one of the most important matters in the negotiations for the tour. The matter was of such importance that the tour itself might have been in jeopardy had the associations been aware that they were to be burdened with the expense of paying the players on the trip to such an amount as £210. The Council may reserve the right to do what it likes with its own funds, but it is

bers of the New Zealand team, arrive here on Thursday. The selection of the New Zealand team has given general satisfaction, but surprise is expressed at the inclusion of Wilson. The selection of the young Christchurch googly bowler was certainly unlooked for, and his inclusion comes as a surprise, particularly so when it is considered that there is a similar type of bowler in the team in Sandman. For the purposes of this review I am considering Wilson's recent performances. They may be very good, but against Otago they were not so, and Otago is not the strongest batting province in New Zealand. Wilson possessed no particular terrors for the Otago batsmen, and unless bewitched I cannot see how he is going to distress the Australians. The Christchurch youth will serve no purpose in lending variety to the attack, and with Sandman on the side, a second bowler is unnecessary.

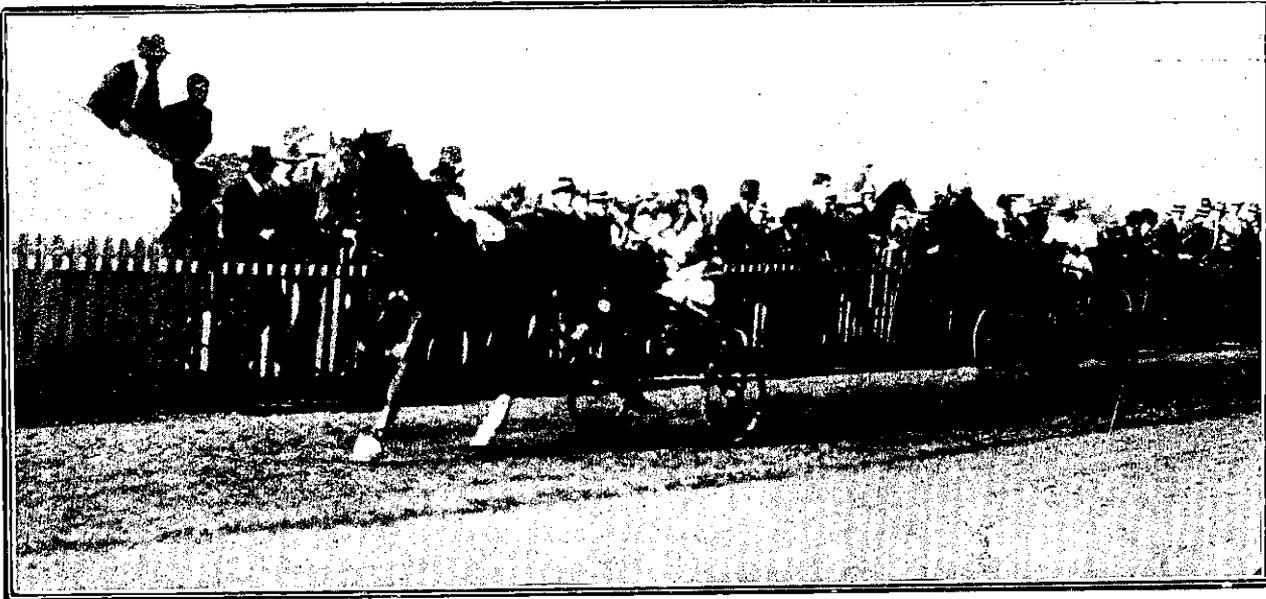
Otago is well satisfied in getting two players into the New Zealand side, and no better could have been chosen from this province than Tuckwell and Condliffe. The former has proved his worth on various occasions, and is one of the most finished batsmen at present in New Zealand. When in his best form, Tuckwell is better than the best in the Dominion. Condliffe goes into the team by virtue of past form as a wicket-keeper, and possibly, too, by reason of the fact that he had been done an injustice when the New Zealand team for Australia was selected. In form, there is no better wicket-keeper in New Zealand than Condliffe. An injury kept him out of the recent matches against Canterbury and Southland, but it is hoped that he will completely recover for the test match. I had thought that McFarlane would have been given a chance in the New Zealand team, but how much this batsman may have been considered, he was passed over. The Albion player is one of the few natural cricketers there are in the Dominion, and the pity is that McFarlane does not realise this. If he fully did so he would not bemoan the fact that he is not in the New Zealand team to-day. It is a pity.

Kemus and Snedden, of Auckland, are unable to make the trip to Dunedin, but god substitutes have been found in Horspool, of Auckland, and Patrick, of Canterbury. Wellington probably feels hurt that it has only one representative in the New Zealand team, particularly after that province's first innings showing against the Australians, wherein Southall secured five wickets for 34, and was responsible for dismissing Trumper and Armstrong with successive balls. If another bowler had been wanted in the New Zealand team Southall might have been given that chance in preference to Wilson, of Canterbury.

In appointing Mr. Dan Reese to lead the New Zealand team against the Australians in the first test match the management committee of the New Zealand Council has displayed no ignorance of the importance of the office. The appointment comes as no surprise, for it is generally recognised that there is no one in the New Zealand team better qualified to captain the side. The well-known Canterbury and New Zealand representative's experience of the game and knowledge of the men and methods are possessed by few in these islands, and under his leadership the best that is in the New Zealand team will be brought out.

Mr. Watson, the groundsman at Carisbrook, has been at work some time preparing a wicket for the first test match. He spent days on one wicket, which did not roll out to his satisfaction. Now he is always at work at another, which he hopes to get as high perfection as possible for the big engagement. Mr. Watson has made more than a local reputation for his wickets, and it may be expected that the wicket for the test match will be well and truly laid. The new grandstand, erected by the Otago Rugby Union at Carisbrook, will be used for the first time in connection with the test match. The stand is broadside on to the wicket, offering a fine target for Trumper, Armstrong, and Co.

In view of the test match, it is good to know that Tuckwell, the ex-Australian and Otago representative batsman, is in good form. He played a perfect innings of 52 against Canterbury, and on Saturday compiled 81 in his best style. If he gets a start I expect Tuckwell to make runs against the Australians, as he has now become used to local wickets.



CLIVE (McMaster) registers a meritorious performance by winning the Alexandra Handicap (two miles) from scratch at the Otahuhu meeting on Saturday. The second horse is SPECIAL DIAMOND (S. Hamilton).

**TROTTING.**

**CANTERBURY NOTES.**

(By Telegraph—Christchurch Correspondent.)

MONDAY, March 2.

All sorts of wild rumours are flying about concerning the likelihood of the Metropolitan Trotting Club closing its track at Addington against training operations. From what I can learn there is little chance of such a happening, though should the club be held responsible for accidents that may occur during training operations some drastic steps in this direction may be taken.

No less than three of the winners on the first day of the Wanganui Trotting Club's meeting, in Winnipeg, Goldie and Rothschild Lad, were bred in Canterbury. Each of them is now owned in the North Island.

Goldie, who won the principal event at the Wanganui Trotting Club's meeting on Friday, was bred at New Brighton by Mr. W. Kerr, for whom he won three races, while Friday's success was his second for his present owner. These are the only races

bred, he should make an ideal trotting sire when his racing days are ended. Petruccio is a natural pacer, and is one of the best horses in training in New Zealand to-day.

**OTAGO CRICKET.**

**RECENT TOUR OF NEW ZEALANDERS.**

**ALLOWANCES TO PLAYERS. STRONGLY RESENTED BY ASSOCIATIONS.**

(By Telegraph—Dunedin Correspondent)

DUNEDIN, March 2.

A bomb was dropped into the camp of the Otago Cricket Association when the financial statement in connection with the recent Australasian tour of the New Zealand team was read to the astonished assembly. When the New Zealand Council asked the Otago Association for a guarantee of £75 towards the expenses of the tour there was neither hint nor suggestion that the Council proposed paying the players five shillings per day throughout the trip to Australia, so that it is not hard to imagine the consternation that was created when the item "£210 allowance to players" was read out at the meeting. No one dreamt that the Council proposed paying in addition to the ordinary expenses the out-of-pocket expenses of the individual members of the team. Otago was ignorant of the fact, otherwise it is certain that the guarantee would not have been forthcoming. A complete search of the correspondence relative to the tour has failed to reveal anything that would lead the Association to believe that the Coun-

inexcusable that the guarantees or affiliated associations should be utilised in such manner as the payment of New Zealand cricketers on tour in Australia without first notifying and acquiring the sanction of subscribing associations. Otago takes strong exception to the Council's action in regard to allowances to members of the New Zealand team, and also desires an explanation of the £50 debited to "various gratuities" and £32, "Auckland players' expenses." Altogether there are some interesting questions for the Council to answer. A committee has been set up to go into the matter and to interview Mr. Raphael, the secretary of the Council, with a view to elucidation. Mr. Raphael arrives here in the interests of the Council in connection with the matter.

The question of securing a first-class coach for Otago has been in mind for some time, and it is now announced that a number of gentlemen interested in Otago cricket have decided to take the matter up and provide the necessary funds, provided a really good man can be secured. Present-day players are asked to assist but the bulk of the money will be provided by several leading followers of the game. The idea is to engage a coach for three years at least. Mr. Clark, president of the Otago Cricket Association, who is at present in Australia, will look out for a good man. If one is not forthcoming in Australia he will be sought for in England.

Keen interest is being taken in the first test match, New Zealand against Australia, to be played here this week. Judging from inquiries a large attendance may be expected. The members of the Australian team, together with the North Island mem-

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