

TURF TOPICS.

Mill o' Gowrie is one of the very unruly ones at the post.

There was a falling off of £4018 in tote returns at the South Canterbury meeting. There were fourteen races this year as against sixteen last.

The death of Slow Tom, the 'chaser, who was got by St. Ives, and who won the New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase in 1904 and many other races, is reported. Foaled in 1896 he was thus rising 20 years old. Slow Tom broke a leg through getting it into a fence.

It is a long time since we had a horse called Tricotrin racing in New Zealand, and perhaps the Golden Vein—Seclusion gelding for which that name has been taken will be allowed to race under it.

C. Price, rider of Rewipoto in the Rangitikei Cup, received a gold-mounted whip, donated by Mr. James Bull, whose father was one of the pioneers of the town of Bulls, which is handy to the course.

Mr. Jas. Bull, of Hunterville, has been advised by the Minister of Defence that a court of enquiry has established the fact that his son Melville was killed in action on August 8th at Gallipoli. Much sympathy is expressed for Mr. and Mrs. Bull.

That a jockey's life is not an enviable one was recently demonstrated at Woollongong (N.S.W.), when W. Evans, after winning the Woollongong Handicap on Cobbanco, fainted from excessive wasting. This jockey has had the same experience more than once, as when he rode Apologue to victory in the Melbourne Cup of 1907 he suffered in the same way. Evans finds it very hard to keep himself down to ride at 8st. 7lb., and race mornings invariably discover him on the roads or at the Turkish baths trying to rid himself of superfluous tissue.

All owners and breeders should take special note of the announcement made by the Sol Vet Manufacturing Company, of Australasia, on account of that firm guaranteeing to cure horses of the deadly paralysis. It appears that a leading breeder in Canterbury experienced trouble with the malady, and Sol Vet Tonic Food saved his horses from a premature death. This news has special significance to all owners, as the epidemic is becoming general throughout the Dominion. The company invite correspondence to their head office at Timaru from those requiring assistance with their stock.

The West Coast train service for Easter time will specially suit the convenience of East Coasters crossing over for the Westland Racing Club's meeting at Hokitika on Easter Wednesday. Visitors from Wellington may leave on Easter Monday night by the ferry steamer, and connect with the through service to Hokitika from Christchurch on Easter Tuesday. Travellers from Wellington would thus reach Hokitika within 24 hours, or from Christchurch in 12 hours. The race meeting falls on Easter Wednesday, and on Thursday there is a return service back to the East Coast and through to Wellington, occupying the same number of hours as the outward journey. There is thus the opportunity of a flying trip and an enjoyable outing at Hokitika within the period of the Easter holidays.

BUSINESS ITEMS.

NATIONAL CASH REGISTER.

NEW MODEL.

To many business men the National Cash Register conveys the idea of a system that is designed to take care of their cash sales, and only that part of their business. But in almost every shop in New Zealand to-day, a certain amount of credit has to be given. Some system has to be used to keep account of this credit business, and the methods used vary from a small notebook, in which credit sales are jotted down, to elaborate and expensive systems. All of these systems, however, start and finish with written records—and written records can be altered at any time. It is one of the axioms of the National Cash Register Company that printed figures cannot be altered and "printed figures protect." With this idea in mind, and also recognising the importance of protecting a shopkeeper's credit sales just as efficiently as his cash, they set to work to invent a register that would take care of both cash and credit business. The National cash and credit register is the result, and it is a marvel of simplicity and effectiveness.

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This model register has not been long on this market, but already a large number have been sold.

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The usual 7.30 p.m. train Paeroa to Thames will not leave Paeroa until 8.15 p.m.

The usual 3.43 p.m. Frankton to Cambridge train will leave Frankton at 5.25 p.m., Claudelands 5.50 p.m.

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N.B.—Note Circuit of Racing Dates: Kumara, April 24; Hokitika Gallops, April 26; Hokitika Trots, April 27; Reefton, May 3. Total Stakes about £2150.

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