

ROLL OF HONOUR.

DEATH OF SECOND-LIEUTENANT W. J. R. HILL.

Sincere regret was expressed throughout Auckland and in other parts of the Dominion when it became known that Second-Lieutenant W. J. R. Hill (whose portrait appears on our "Clubman" page), son of Mr. S. ("Sam.") Hill, of Auckland, had died of wounds received in the recent fighting in France. The late "Billy" Hill, as he was popularly known in racing and athletic circles, was highly esteemed by a large number of acquaintances, whom he had made in his capacity as an athletic, football and racing scribe on several leading papers of the Dominion, and much sympathy is extended his relatives in the sad loss they have sustained through the paths of glory cutting short a career so full of promise. The late Lieutenant Hill, who was 36 years of age at the time of his death, was born at Hillsborough, Egmont Road, Taranaki, and was educated at the Egmont Road School, Fitzroy, and later at the Central School, New Plymouth. Upon leaving school he joined the Post and Telegraph Department at New Plymouth, subsequently being employed by the New Plymouth Borough Council. He then migrated to Wellington, joining the Government Valuation Department, being later transferred to Christchurch by that branch of the service, eventually returning to Wellington in the same employ. Later he joined the literary staff of the "Wellington Post," and after considerable service with that paper he took up the position of athletic, football and racing correspondent on the "New Zealand Herald" in Auckland, being employed as such when he forsook civilian life for that of a soldier.

The late Lieutenant Hill always took a keen interest in military matters, and when in New Plymouth was a member of the Taranaki Guards. He endeavoured to enlist for service in the Boer War, but was rejected at the time on account of his youth. Prior to the present war he was in a railway accident at Mercer, having a miraculous escape on that occasion, whilst he met with another mishap at Hastings, sustaining a broken collarbone. He was a member of the Advance Guard of the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces which went to Samoa, and upon his return to the Dominion left for active service with the Fifth Reinforcements. He served at Gallipoli, being wounded at Suvla Bay, being transferred to England on a hospital ship, later returning to Gallipoli, where he sustained serious injuries as the result of slipping while carrying boxes of ammunition, necessitating his removal to Aotea Hospital in Egypt, where he underwent an operation. He recovered sufficiently to proceed with the New Zealanders to France, and it was during the first memorable Battle of the Somme that he gained his sergeant's stripes. He returned last year to the Dominion to take up a commission, subsequently leaving as a lieutenant in the Thirty-third Reinforcements, to which he was attached at the time of his death.

Mr. "Sam." Hill, father of deceased, has received many messages of sympathy from all over the Dominion at the loss of so worthy a son. Another son, Lieutenant Leslie Hill, well known as one of Taranaki's crack Rugby footballers, being a member of the team which wrested the Ranfurly Shield from Auckland in 1913 at Alexandra Park, left New Zealand as a member of the Main Body. He was wounded at Gallipoli, but proceeded to France, returning later to New Zealand for his commission, subsequently leaving with the Twenty-eighth Reinforcements. The late Lieutenant Hill comes of a famous fighting stock, being a grandson of the late Mr. James Hill, of the 57th Regiment, known as the "Die Hards."

NOMINATIONS.

NEW ZEALAND CUP.

The following nominations have been received for the New Zealand Cup, which comes up for decision at Riccarton on November 4. Mr. J. E. Henrys will declare the handicaps on Friday next, September 27:—

- NEW ZEALAND CUP of 2000sovs. Two miles.
H. D. de Latour's b h Cynic, 6yrs, by Henry the First—Cynane
W. J. McDonald's b g Hiero, 6yrs, by Hierarch—Agatha
W. Gardiner's (junr.) b g John Barclay-corn, aged, by Sarto—Erisa
D. H. Roberts' b g Glendower, 5yrs, by Glenapp—Ecarte
A. Atwood's b h Bronk Delaval, 6yrs, by Seaton Delaval—Aerial Fire
W. R. Kemball's b g Snub, 6yrs, by Martian—Lady Disdain
J. B. Reid's b g Killard, 5yrs, by Kilbroney—Siberia
V. and E. Riddiford's b g Menelaus, 5yrs, by Martian—Lovelorn
V. and E. Riddiford's b m Mascot, 5yrs, by Martian—Mary of Argyle
Lance Wood's br g Risingham, 3yrs, by Rokeby—Rose Red
P. Soames' br g Battle Song, 5yrs, by Signor—Armistice
J. B. MacEwan's blk m Devotion, 5yrs, by All Black—Culmination
W. A. Nicholls' b g Varnish, 6yrs, by Varco—Prudish
J. S. McLeod's br m Tressida, 5yrs, by Tressady—Princess Melton
W. G. Stead's br g Sasanof, 5yrs, by Martian—Ukraine
J. Hart's b g Tekka, 6yrs, by Mystification—Tattle
Mrs. H. M. Campbell's ch g Bagdad, 4yrs, by Hymettus—Asiatic
Mrs. H. M. Campbell's b g Dusky Eve, 6yrs, by Signor—Swift
R. Barlow's b h Depredation, 6yrs, by Campfire—Gosling
W. Duncan's ch g Client, aged, by Elevation—Bonheur
T. Todd's br g Thaddeus, 6yrs, by Vasco—Jessie Lewars
W. J. Phillips' b g Nobleman, 6yrs, by Sir Laddo—Lady Stockwell
D. Kilkelly's br h Fleetham, 4yrs, by Picton—Flete
F. A. and V. N. Price's b g Rorke's Drift, aged, by Calibre—O'Rorke's Fancy
G. Hunter's blk g Mazama, 5yrs, by King's Guest—Iland

- W. A. McDonald's b f Braid, 3yrs, by Boniform—Brocade
A. Boyle's b m Margerine, 6yrs, by Martian—Starshot
R. Hannon's br g Mangamahoe, aged, by Charlemagne II—Castellina
F. Selwood's b g Volo, 5yrs, by Husbandman—Beautiful Star
Dwan Bros.' blk m Sweet Tipperary, 5yrs, by King's Guest—Golden Bahi
W. Emeny's ch g Paddington Green, 5yrs, by Flagfall—Polly Perkins
H. Whitney's br m Rose Pink, 5yrs, by Kilbroney—Madder
A. W. Rutherford's (junr.) b g Kilrush, 4yrs, by Kilbroney—Frank
H. Friedlander's ch g Sedd-el-Bahr, 6yrs, by Varco—Showano
G. Wrelling's br g Detroit, aged, by Frisco—Fishermid
F. Dorset's ch m Red Ribbon, 6yrs, by Elevation—Blue Ribbon

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

The Auckland Trotting Club will open the trotting season in the northern centre on October 19, when the spring programme of eight well endowed events will be decided at Alexandra Park. Taking the success of the club's operations during the past season as a guide, there is every reason to anticipate fresh records being established at the trotting meetings held at Alexandra Park during the 1918-19 season. Next month's gathering of the Auckland Trotting Club should meet with a very wide measure of patronage from trotting owners, for in the case of every event the stake money has been materially increased. The chief event, the Spring Handicap (harness), two miles, limit 4.42, has been raised in value from 250 to 450sovs, and should attract a representative field from the strongest trotting centres. The October Handicap (harness), one mile and a-quarter, limit 2.54, is now worth 200 sovs, while the Onehunga Handicap (harness), two miles, limit 4.52, carries a 150sovs stake. The Mountain Trot Handicap (harness), one mile and a-half, limit 3.48, for trotting horses only, has been increased in value from 130 to 200sovs, showing that the club's policy is to give every encouragement to straight-out trotters. The other events to claim attention are the Maiden Trot Handicap (saddle), of 100sovs, one mile and a-half; Middle-class Handicap (harness) of 100sovs, one mile and a-half; Stewards' Handicap (saddle), of 125sovs, one mile; and the Electric Handicap (harness), of 125 sovs, one mile. Nominations for all events close with the secretary, Mr. C. F. Mark, on Friday, October 4, at 5 p.m.

OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

A week after the Auckland Trotting Club's meeting, the Otahuhu Trotting Club will hold their spring fixture at Alexandra Park, October 26 being the date on which this latter gathering is to take place. The Otahuhu Club's meetings have become widely popular, and the officials adopted a progressive policy in further increasing the value of the stake monies to be distributed at future fixtures. The National Handicap (harness), two miles, limit 4.44, carries prize money to the value of 350sovs, while 225sovs has been allotted for the place-getters in the Haig Handicap (harness), one mile and a-quarter, limit 2.57. All of the other events range from 100sovs upwards in value, so that trotting owners are given a substantial inducement to be represented at the meeting. These events are as follows: Innovation Handicap (harness), of 100sovs, for trotting horses only, one mile and a-half;

Ward Handicap (harness), of 100sovs, one mile and a-quarter; Beattie Handicap (harness), of 125sovs, two miles; Royal Oak Handicap (harness), of 150 sovs, for trotting horses only, two miles; Massey Handicap (harness) of 150sovs; and the Grey Handicap (saddle), of 150sovs, one mile. Nominations for all events close with the secretary, Mr. F. D. Yonge, on Friday, October 11, at 5 p.m.

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OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1918.

OFFICERS:

President: The Right Hon. W. F. Massey, Prime Minister. Vice-Presidents: Hon. Sir F. W. Lang, M.P., Messrs. J. G. Rutherford, J. Todd, J.P., J. Rowe, J.P., and J. H. Gunson (Mayor of Auckland). Stewards: Messrs. H. R. Mackenzie (Chairman), A. Selby, W. C. Watts, R. T. Reid, H. S. Wilson, H. A. Lloyd, D. Leslie, T. Wallace, R. L. Absolum, E. V. Sutherland, W. Potter, J. Wilson, C. W. Baker, J. Sommers, Frank Andrews, A. Twinnam, J. Gallagher, C. Goosman, M. Ballin and J. McInnes. Judge: Mr. R. L. Absolum. Starter: Mr. C. O'Connor. Handicapper: Mr. F. W. Edwards. Clerk of Scales: Mr. F. W. Marks. Clerk of Course: Mr. T. A. Brown. Finance Committee: The Chairman, Messrs. Sutherland and Watts. Treasurers: Finance Committee. Auditors: Messrs. Morris and Gillies. Hon. Vet. Surgeons: Messrs. Chas. Halstead, R. P. Kinloch, J. Lyons and Dr. Ring. Official Timekeeper: Mr. J. K. Douglas. Hon. Timekeepers: Messrs. F. McManamin and J. Williamson. Secretary: F. D. Yonge.

SPRING MEETING.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1918.

INNOVATION HANDICAP (Harness) of 100sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 5sovs each from the stake. FOR TROTTING HORSES ONLY. For all horses that have never won a race at better than 2min. 35sec. to the mile at time of starting. Limit, 4min. 6sec. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, one mile and a-half.

WARD HANDICAP (Harness) of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs; and third horse 5sovs each from the stake. For all horses that have never won at better than 2min. 30sec. to the mile at time of starting. Limit, 3min. 14sec. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, one mile and a-quarter.

BEATTIE HANDICAP (Harness) of 125sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 5sovs each from the stake. Limit, 5min. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 30s. Distance, two miles.

NATIONAL HANDICAP (Harness) of 350sovs; second horse to receive 75sovs, and third horse 25sovs each from the stake. Limit, 4min 44 sec. Nomination 2sovs, acceptance 4sovs. Distance, two miles.

ROYAL OAK HANDICAP (Harness) of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 10sovs each from the stake. FOR TROTTING HORSES ONLY. Limit, 5min. 4sec. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Distance, two miles.

MASSEY HANDICAP (Harness) of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 10sovs each from the stake. Limit, 3min. 39sec. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Distance, one mile and a-half.

HAIG HANDICAP (Harness) of 225 sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and third horse 15sovs each from the stake. Limit, 2min 57 sec. Nomination 2sovs, acceptance 2sovs. Distance, one mile and a-quarter.

GREY HANDICAP (Saddle) of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 10sovs each from the stake. Limit, 2min. 26sec. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Distance, one mile.

Higgins' patent starting barrier installed on course.

SPRING MEETING, 1918.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS for all events close with the Secretary, at his Office, Gleeson's Buildings, High Street, on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, at 5 p.m.

HANDICAPS for all events to appear on MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1918.

ACCEPTANCES for all events close with the Secretary, at his Office Gleeson's Buildings, High Street, on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1918, at 5 p.m.

F. D. YONGE, Secretary.

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NORTH CANTERBURY AND OXFORD JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

To be held on MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1918.

President: Mr. H. D. C. van Asch. Vice-Presidents: Messrs. J. G. Macdonald, W. Kelcher, W. Cunningham. Hon. Judge: Mr. A. Dickson. Handicapper: Mr. J. Henrys. Handicapper Trots: Mr. H. Brinkman. Clerk of the Course: E. Holmes. Clerk of the Scales: Mr. A. H. Noall. Timekeepers: Messrs. W. S. Shilton, J. Kinley. Starters: Gallops, Mr. H. Butland; Trots, Mr. H. Reynolds. Hon. Treasurer: Mr. M. Scott. Stewards: Messrs. G. L. Stead, W. Parsons, F. Johns, T. Hawley, F. Hopkins, S. Ryan, F. Wetherspoon, R. Henderson, G. Cuddy, A. Henderson, A. Howard, C. C. McLaughlan. Judicial Committee: Messrs. W. Kelcher, W. Cunningham, W. Parsons, G. Cuddy, J. G. Macdonald.

PROGRAMME

(Approved by the C.J.C. and N.Z.T.A.)

- First Race to Start at 12 Noon.
1. JUMPERS' FLAT HANDICAP of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, third horse 5sovs from the stake. For horses that have completed a hurdle or steeplechase course. Minimum weight, 9.0. Distance, one mile and a-quarter. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. To start at Noon sharp.
2. TRIAL PLATE of 80sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, third horse 5sovs from the stake. For horses that have not won a race at time of starting of value of 50sovs. Three-year-olds 8.0, four-year-olds and upwards 9.0. Distance, five furlongs. Entrance 2sovs. To start at 12.40 p.m.
3. RANGIORA CUP HANDICAP of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and third horse 20sovs from the stake. Distance, one mile. Minimum weight, 7.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. To start at 1.30 p.m.
4. VIEW HILL HANDICAP TROT (Harness) of 100sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. For horses that can do 5.10 or better. Distance, two miles. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. To start at 2.5 p.m.
5. OXFORD HACK HANDICAP of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 5sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 7.0. Distance, six furlongs. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. To start at 2.45 p.m.
6. WELTER HANDICAP of 90sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 8.0. Distance, six furlongs. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. To start at 3.30 p.m.
7. FLYING HANDICAP of 140sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Distance, five furlongs. Minimum weight, 7.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. To start at 4.10 p.m.
8. ASHLEY TROT HANDICAP (Saddle) of 90sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5 sovs from the stake. For horses that can do 3.50 or better. Distance, one mile and a-half. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. To start at 4.55 p.m.

- 1. The meeting will be held under the Rules of N.Z. Racing. The trotting events under the Rules of the N.Z. Trotting Association.
2. Stakes will be paid in full.
3. All non-starters must be scratched half an hour before the race.
4. The winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb penalty. The winner of any trotting race after declaration of handicaps may be re-handicapped.
5. By the entry of, or endeavouring to enter, a horse, every person having, or subsequently acquiring, any interest in such horse shall be deemed to accept all the conditions and restrictions imposed or implied by these Rules, and to be barred from questioning the action or conduct of the club or other body holding a sports meeting or of any official of the club, or such other body in respect of such horse, or of any person connected therewith otherwise than is provided for in Part XXX.—Rule 172 Rules of Trotting.

NOMINATIONS for events close with the Secretary at Rangiora on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1918, at 8 p.m.

WEIGHTS declared on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15.

ACCEPTANCES due on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, at 8 p.m.

All nominations by telegraph must be confirmed by letter the following day, giving particulars of age, colour and breed of horse nominated. Also, name of owner and trainer, colours of rider. Failure to attend to these instructions will incur a fine of £2, which will be strictly enforced by the club.

Please Note.—Telegraph Office at Rangiora closes at 5 p.m. Horses can be conveyed by train leaving Christchurch at 7 a.m. the day of the races.

H. A. ARCHDALL, Secretary.

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