



RACING NEWS

RACING FIXTURES, 1919.

July 30—Manawatu Hunt Steeplechase
 Aug. 12, 14, 16—C.J.C. Grand National
 Sept. 3, 4—Marton J.C. and Rangitikei
 Hunt Spring
 Sept. 15—Pukuranga Hunt Club annual

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual report of the committee of the Auckland Racing Club, which is to be presented to the members at the annual general meeting on Monday, August 4, 1919, is as follows:—

Gentlemen,—Your committee have much pleasure in congratulating members upon another very successful season, as shown in the attached statement of accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1919. Owing to the outbreak of influenza which unfortunately caused great havoc throughout the Dominion, the spring meeting, usually held in November, had to be postponed until after the summer meeting. The signing of the armistice resulted in the Government restoring to the club one of the three days taken from it the previous year, and this day was added to the winter meeting. The club consequently had nine days' racing during the year, and gave away in stakes £39,550. In the ensuing season the club has been again allotted eleven days' racing, and with peace signed your committee anticipate another successful year's operations.

The new electric totalisator was installed and worked at the summer and subsequent meetings, and the amount of money that passed through the machine during the nine days (£615,558 10s.) constitutes a record for New Zealand. The property purchased at the back of the main stand has now been taken into the racecourse grounds, and when the proposed new totalisator house, tea rooms, and other necessary buildings have been erected thereon, the new lawns and gardens laid out, large and increased accommodation will be available for the club's patrons. The whole of the club's property has been kept in good order, and, after writing off £5608 18s. 11d. for depreciation, there remains £5746 14s. 8d. to be carried to capital account. Now that peace has been signed and restrictions removed your committee look forward with pleasure to embarking on the long-deferred scheme of improvements at Ellerslie, which will afford much more comfort and convenience to the public attending the club's gatherings. In the near future a contract will be let for the erection of a large stand built of reinforced concrete for the outside enclosure, which will seat five thousand people. The slope of the inside lawn will be terraced with concrete steps, and the members' dining room and tea room accommodation enlarged before the November meeting. A new building for the totalisator business will also be put in hand as soon as conveniently possible. These works will entail very heavy expenditure, and can only be cautiously proceeded with. Your committee, however, feel that the urgent and necessary improvements should be gone on with without unnecessary delay, and all inconvenience caused by the war to the club's patrons should be removed at the earliest possible date.

It is with regret your committee have to record the removal by death during the year of several members of the club, including Colonel G. W. S. Patterson and of Sir Robert Lockhart, for many years a committee-man and steward respectively.

The Hon. E. Mitchelson and Mr. H. T. Gorrie being the only nominees for the offices of president and vice-president respectively, will be declared duly elected. The following nominations have been received for the five vacant seats on the committee: Messrs. E. W. Alison, jun., R. W. Duder, N. A. Nathan, E. A. Price, W. C. Somers (retiring members), C. A. Brown, A. W. Donald, J. D. Jones, and J. F. Shanly. For the three seats on the stewards, Messrs. A. W. Gil-

lies, J. D. Jones, M. J. Lynch, A. L. Raven, and G. A. Wynyard have been nominated. The annual meeting will be held at the Chamber of Commerce, Swanson Street, on Monday, August 4, at 2.30 p.m., and the ballot will close at 3.30 p.m.

Balance-sheet of the Auckland Racing Club for year ending 30th June, 1919:—

Liabilities.—Capital, £60,236 2s. 9d.; Bank of New Zealand, £15,747 4s. 5d.; secured creditors, £8800 3s. 5d.; bills payable (new totalisator), £5262 10s.; forfeits for classic races to come, £9; bad debts reserve fund, £85 3s.; sundry creditors, £1012 17s. 7d. Total, £91,153 1s. 2d.

Assets.—Racecourse, £35,550; Shortland Street property, £2000; buildings, furniture, fencing, and plant, £23,340 7s. 8. less written off £2719 7s. 8d., £20,621; totalisator machines, patent rights, etc., £14,794 11s. 3d., less written off £2889 11s. 3d., £11,905; war loans, £20,000; house at Ellerslie, £394 1s. 2d.; sundry debtors, £651 8s.; stock, £31 12s. Total, £91,153 1s. 2d.

Capital Account.—Dr.: 30th June, 1919.—To balance as per balance-sheet, £60,236 2s. 9d. Total, £60,236 2s. 9d. Cr.: 1st July, 1918—By balance, £54,489 8s. 1d.; 30th June, 1919—By profit and loss account, transfer for year ending 30th June, 1919, £5746 14s. 8d. Total, £60,236 2s. 9d.

RACING REVIVAL AT COROMANDEL.

OLD CLUB RE-ESTABLISHED.

With the object of restarting racing in the Coromandel district, the Coromandel Racing Club has been reformed. A suitable course has been acquired, and a resolution has been passed to apply for a totalisator permit with the object of holding a meeting a few days after that of the Thames Jockey Club, viz., March 30, 1920. In 1914 and 1915 two successful meetings were held at Coromandel, but, as the course was only lent to the club no totalisator permit was issued. The present club have made provision for this by leasing a particularly suitable course.

The club is composed of the following officials:—Patron, T. W. Rhodes, Esq., M. P.; president, M. Gorrie, Esq.; vice-president, D. M. Jones; treasurer, F. P. Burgess; hon. secretary, J. W. Barker; committee, Messrs. W. J. Denize, D. D. Macnicol, J. W. A. Preece, J. Nixon, T. Mulholland, R. A. Larnay, G. Blithe, J. Ecclestone, C. O. Langhorne, H. H. Tills and E. Deeble.

With this experienced body of officials at the head of affairs the future operations of the Coromandel Racing Club, the revival of which is

land, and a sum of £153 10s. on improvements, viz., a new judge's box and installation of electric light in buildings and caretaker's cottage. The sum of £715 13s. 7d. for maintenance of property is exceptionally large, owing to all buildings having been renovated and repaired where necessary, including the relining of the ceiling of the grandstand. All buildings are now in good state of repair.

The increased popularity of the club's meetings necessitates further accommodation for patrons, and your committee have in view an extensive scheme of improvements, which they hope to have completed in time for the next summer meeting. The year has been one of more than usual misfortune in the passing away of several of our esteemed members and officials, viz., Messrs. J. M. Currie, G. H. Gibson, M. J. Goodson, W. H. Hartgill and A. S. Tonks. Your committee record the death of these gentlemen with deep regret. The committee desire to express thanks to the paid and honorary staff for their services during the year.

Nominations for the offices of president and vice-president, not being in excess of the offices to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected, viz.: President, Mr. R. H. Nolan; vice-president, Mr. J. Gray.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the members of the Wanganui Jockey Club was held on Wednesday last at the Council Chambers, Mr. E. A. Campbell presiding over a large attendance. The annual report, which was adopted, stated that since the last meeting the committee had made arrangements for the installation of a Premier electric totalisator, and it was expected that this machine would be ready for operation in time for the club's next autumn meeting. The committee had purchased a section of land at the corner of Maria Place and St. Hill Street, upon which were now being erected offices for the club, and it was anticipated the club would be in occupation early in 1920. Regarding the new racecourse site, the committee, feeling that it is desirable to acquire a freehold site for a new racecourse, had during the last three months devoted a great deal of time to the inspection of various properties and consideration of the terms under which they had been offered, but regretted to say that at present they had no definite recommendation to make. In conclusion, the committee desired to thank the club's honorary and paid officials for their careful attention to their respective duties.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—Patron, Mr. H. N. Harrison; president, Mr. E. A. Campbell; vice-president, Mr. Allan Cameron; hon. clerk of scales, Mr. J. C. Paterson; hon. timekeeper, Mr. T. Currie; hon. surgeon, Dr. H. Christie; hon. veterinary surgeon, Mr. F. Crossley (Palmerston North); hon. treasurer, Mr. J. F. Cutfield; auditor, Mr. A. O. Hardy; committee (to fill four vacancies), Messrs. C. G. Russell, H. Lewis, W. Glenn and H. Wilson.



Twin foals (colt and filly), by Gold Bell out of a King George mare, on Mr. C. Lean's property at Havelock North. The youngsters were three days old when the photograph was taken.

The profit and loss account for year ending 30th June, 1919, shows:—Dr.: To salaries and pensions, £1515 3s.; wages, £7416 7s. 6d.; material, £1393 19s. 10d.; interest, £825 1s. 9d.; periodicals and legal expenses, £36 19s. 5d.; insurance, £479 0s. 2d.; land tax, £952 2s. 4d.; rates (City Council £871 12s. 7d., Ellerslie Town Board, including water, £284 7s. 6d.), £1156 0s. 1d.; printing, stationery, and advertising, £841 2s. 5d.; repairs and maintenance, £4371 0s. 7d.; charges account, including travelling expenses, stipendiary stewards, Sports League, audit fees, gas, cleaning offices, telephones, telegrams, postages, petty expenses, etc., £1102 4s.—£20,089 1s. 1d.; donations, £1191 8s.; depreciation written off buildings, plant, etc., £5608 18s. 11d.; balance, transferred to capital account, £5746 14s. 8d. Total, £32,636 2s. 8d. Cr.: By members, subscriptions £1507 18s., fees £15, rents and grazing £251 17s. 6d., track fees £331—£597 17s. 6d.; revenue from race meetings, £30,520 7s. 2d. Total, £32,636 2s. 8d.

Balance-sheet of trainers and jockeys' provident funds.—To balance 30th June, 1918, £2203 4s. 6d.; debenture interest, £97 14s. 9d.; fines, £37; Savings Bank interest, 18s. 1d. Total, £2338 17s. 4d. By allowances to disabled trainers and jockeys, £91 8s.; ambulance supplies and repairs, £18 7s. 8d.; balance, £2229 1s. 8d. Total, £2338 17s. 4d. Assets represent balance above (£2338 17s. 4d.): Auckland Harbour Board debentures, £2100; Mount Eden Borough Council debenture, £96; cash in Auckland Savings Bank, £33 1s. 8d. Total, £2229 1s. 8d.

a pleasing event to chronicle, should be conducted on a scale that will ensure the club becoming a permanent institution. The efforts of the officials to foster the welfare and interests of racing throughout the district are deserving of a wide measure of support, and the question of the club being allotted a totalisator permit should receive the unselfish consideration of those at the head of racing affairs in the Dominion. The club certainly have strong claims to a totalisator permit, which, once secured, will give the sport the fillip needed to permanently establish its popularity in the Coromandel district.

EGMONT RACING CLUB.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The following report for the year ending June 30 is to be presented by the chairman (Mr. J. Gray) at the annual meeting of the members of the Egmont Racing Club at Hawera to-day (Wednesday, July 30):—

The committee have pleasure in presenting the annual balance-sheet, and can congratulate members upon the continued prosperity and popularity of the club. The year's operations resulted in a net profit of £3317 7s. 9d., after making donations amounting to £285 11s. 9d., and writing off £353 for depreciation on buildings, £153 10s. for improvements and £50 12s. 6d. for plant. During the year the sum of £1915 14s. has been expended in acquiring further

Mr. R. Wootton, the well-known Australian owner-trainer, who has for a number of years been engaged in racing in England, is expected to return to Australia shortly. While the war was on Mr. Wootton, who is the father of the successful horsemen Frank and Stanley Wootton, found much pleasure in entertaining Australian soldiers at his Epsom establishment, which is considered one of the finest residences and training quarters in England. One of Mr. Wootton's most recent successes was attained with Muscovite, who won the mile and a-half Apprentice Plate at the Epsom spring meeting last April. He told several visiting Australian soldiers who were on furlough that the horse "could not lose."