

Fort William, a much fancied candidate for the New Zealand Cup, has been sent down to J. W. Lowe, of the Endeavour Lodge stable at Trentham, to be prepared.

Happy Maid (Soul—Merry Maid) recently slipped twins to Bezonian, on her owner's station at Koputarua. She is now to visit Achilles.

The death is reported from Hawke's Bay of Dreadnought's daughter, Tigeress, who won the Wanganui Guineas in 1898. Though a good mare on the turf, her stud record has been disappointing, Tigerine being about the best of her progeny.

Claude Browne, who rode with a good deal of success about Auckland last season, has decided to settle in Victoria, and has accepted a retainer to ride for Foulsham's stable.

Foalings to date at Waikanae include Aileen (Birkenhead—Mount Ida), a brown filly to Charlemagne II.; Pierrette, a bay filly to Varco; Spungold (Gold Reef—Rawerewere), a brown filly to Charlemagne II.; Lady Helen (dam of Meriwa), a bay colt to Achilles; Nerve (Birkenhead—Spot), a chestnut colt to Varco; Success (The Officer—Content), a bay filly to Martian; Two Step (Stepniak—Faraway), a bay filly to Martian.

Prior to the Avondale meeting, trainer F. Loomb disposed of Monorail to H. de Latour, of Gisborne, for 450 guineas, delivery to be taken after the racing at Avondale. It is said also that the new owner improved his bargain by supporting Monorail heavily in the Avondale Stakes, and got a substantial dividend.

W. Montgomery left for Sydney on Monday, and it is understood that Hoanga will be shipped across next week.

Private advice from Sydney states that Bandeira has developed lameness, and will not be a starter at the A.J.C. meeting.

As both G. D. Greenwood's youngsters sent across to Sydney to contest the Breeders' Plate have been off colour for some time, they will probably have to forego their engagement.

Hector Gray has been on the sick list over in Australia, and will not now be able to ride Vice-Admiral at Ranwick. A. Whittaker will now have the mount.

Monoline, who captured the Nursery Handicap at Avondale, is by Monoforn, out of Delania, and was bred by her owner, W. L. Thomson. Delania is now among the mares at the Ascot stud farm, she having been purchased by H. R. Mackenzie for 55 guineas last December.

Only three horsemen scored double wins—or better—at the Avondale meeting. They were Ben Deeley, who rode four winners, while F. D. Jones and A. Oliver, two apiece. Oliver was not present for the second day.

Sea Elf once again disappointed her connections last week. On the strength of the most promising work the bright daughter of Seaton Delaval had been showing on the Ellerslie training track, there were a large number who regarded her as a sure thing for the Avondale Cup, but in that event she had to be content to follow Sedition and Master Wairiki past the judge's box. On the second day Sea Elf went out again in the Plumpton Handicap, and gave a still more disappointing display.

The prize money of the Avondale Jockey Club was well distributed after the recent meeting. No less than fifteen owners appeared on the winning list, which meant that only one owner (T. Cunningham) collected for two winners.

W. Satman, who made his reappearance in the saddle at Avondale, had bad luck on two of his mounts. While riding Prince Merriwee in the Nursery Handicap his gear broke, and again when piloting Jollie Fille in the Nihotapu Handicap, the same gear gave way again and spoilt his chances in the straight.

Ben Deeley was in winning form on the second day at Avondale. He started off with a creditable win on Lucille and the two following races piloted two more winners in Miss Winsome and Monoline. His next mount was Electrakoff, who finished

second to Master Wairiki in the Plumpton Handicap. Deeley ended up by steering Monathol into second place in the New Lynn Handicap. This last mount paid a better price for second dividend than any of his winners.

N. Cunningham was the only trainer to collect stakes for two wins at Avondale. Captain Soul, on the first day, and Lucille, the second, scored his double bracket. The other winning trainers were F. Macmanemin (Monoline), W. Mobberley (Lady Dot), J. George (Crown Pearl), H. French (Sedition), F. Stenning (Jack Delaval), C. Norgrove (Regain), F. Loomb (Monorail), W. Sharpe (Don Quex), A. Robertson (Miss Winsome), W. Irwin (Master Wairiki), J. Winder (St. Amans), J. P. Selby (Hunakaha), and A. Rhodes (Te Whararoa).

that the horses should not be sent out of the birdcage until the bell closing the totalisator has ceased ringing. Doubtless this would be appreciated by owners, trainers, and riders.

Commenting on this suggestion the "Sydney Referee" says:—"At present it is little short of scandalous the time horses are kept waiting about before they are lined up at the barrier. If a birdcage was made sufficiently large to enable both inside and outside patrons of the club to see the horses parade, it would be sufficient, and the horses could then be sent out just in time to start. It is to be hoped that the motion will be brought forward, and that it will get the necessary support to make it law."

Much interest was evoked last week when a cable message was received

ition of the Roman centurion, who had the power to say unto this one 'go' or to that one 'come.' As things are, unless representations to a higher authority than the Government of Bombay are considered feasible, all the trumps are in one hand.

TROTTING.

The Auckland Trotting Club will hold their spring meeting at Alexandra Park on October 18 and 21, when fourteen events will be decided. The prize money to be distributed amounts to £785. The new programme does not include the two pony gallops that appeared in last season's programme. Nominations close for all events on October 6, at nine p.m. The special attention of owners is directed to the fact that no horse will be allowed to start until all fees are paid, and also that before any horse can start the Provident Fund fee of 5s, must be paid under a penalty of disqualification.

The extensive alterations the Auckland Trotting Club have made to Alexandra Park are now complete for this season, and will be much appreciated by the patrons of trotting, who will doubtless flock out in large numbers to the forthcoming spring meeting. An entirely new track has been laid down, and is spoken of in most favourable terms by those owners who have had the privilege of using it during the last couple of weeks. A large sum of money has been expended—and very judiciously expended—in providing a lawn and enclosure in front of the grandstand. Also the saddling paddock has been enlarged and remodelled. A new stewards stand, press room, ladies' cloak room, and jockies' room and totalisator house are among the other improvements which add enormously to the appearance and convenience of the course.

Mr. Douglas, of East Tamaki, has his mare Merry Kate, a daughter of Wilmington, in training for next season; also King of Diamonds.

A. Tinnie, of Mercer, has a promising colt coming on by Specification, from a Victor mare. The old mare was one of the best trotters about Auckland in former days. Linnie has also three other good-looking mares who may visit Dan Patch.

A. Lowe has sold Merriwell to J. Cooper. Lowe has seven trotters in work at present. They are Bell Gray, Black Judy, Miss Judy, Prince Berlin a filly to Capatist, Miss Huon, a colt. Specialist to Miss Huon, and a two-year-old sister to Belle Gray. They are all looking well.

J. Hendriksen is getting his team of trotters in good trim at Alexandra Park. The "Kingbolt" of the team, Papanui (a 2.19 second pacer), is doing good work. He stood the season and has good stock coming on. It is stated £100 was refused for one of Papanui's geldings recently. Hendriksen has in his stable a four-year-old sister to Papanui named Sylvie (by Franz Monied). Like her sire she is a pacer and has won a couple of good races.

Ivenoe, a maiden trotter, is doing good work, as is also a pony pacer by Orlando.

The annual meeting of the Otahuhu Trotting Club was held on Wednesday night. The statement of receipts and expenditure for the year is as follows:—Expenditure: Stakes, £1840; advertising and printing, £105 15s; rent, £192 10s; salaries, £245 5s; wages, £179 17s 6d; Government tax, £578 13s 7d; general expenses, £242 9s 7d; delegates to Conference, £20; delegates to Minister and Parliamentary Committee, £10; honorarium to judge, £15 15s; balance, £211 10s 5d. Total, £3641 16s 1d. Receipts: Nominations and acceptances, £796; members' subscriptions, £28 10s; totalisator, £1890 5s 7d; licenses, £185; gates and stand, £363 8s 6d; privileges and cards, £375 12s; interest £3. Total, £3641 16s 1d. The Liabilities are: Balance profit and loss, £1922 12s 7d; bank balance, £132 0s 4d. Total, £2054 12s 11d. Assets: Total, £2054 12s 11d. The Profit and Loss Account shows:—Bad debts written off, £41; improvements to course, £27 10s; balance to balance-sheet, £1922 12s 7d. Total, £1991 2s 7d. Balance 1910-11, £1779 12s 2d; balance of receipts and expenditure, £211 10s 5d. Total, £1991 2s 7d.



TWO WELL-KNOWN AUCKLAND SPORTSMEN AT THE AVONDALE RACES—Messrs. GEO. HYDE and T. BARNABY (owner of Sedition.)



A BIG DIVIDEND PAYER AT THE AVONDALE J.C.'S SPRING MEETING.—Mr. Donald McKinnon's ch m, URUKEHU (J. Sceats) returning to scale after winning the Henderson Handicap (four furlongs).

A good deal of inconvenience was experienced at the recent Avondale meeting by the way people crowded round the totalisator house and made it extremely difficult for investors on the machine to get through the crush. No blame is attachable to the club officials for this regrettable state of affairs, although the difficulty might have been somewhat minimised had the police kept the crowd back from the "runs."

The whole trouble is the senseless restrictions the Government enforce by not allowing the clubs to install a number of machines, as used to be done some years ago. As, however, there is little likelihood of the old order of things being reverted to, the racing clubs will have to make some changes to get over the difficulties that the present restrictions have created.

One of the members of the A.R.C. has for some time been advocating a reform that may to some extent improve matters. He suggests

announcing that the Governor of Bombay had decided to banish the bookmaker and to substitute the totalisator as the only legal way of wagering on horse races in that province of India. It now appears that the Indian Government is likely to veto Governor Clarke's proposal on the ground that the State should not recognise any particular method of racecourse betting.

The Western India Turf Club, when the proposed racing legislation first came up for discussion, protested generally against the proposals, and in commenting on the matter a Calcutta paper says: "A protest is not very much use when the other man holds the gun. If the Turf Clubs in India owned the courses upon which they race their position would be immeasurably stronger. As things are, however, their landlords are in the pos-

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