



# RACING.

## RACING CALENDAR.

### SEASON 1911-12.

#### FIXTURES.

Nov. 11—Canterbury J.C. Metropolitan.  
 Nov. 22 and 23—South Canterbury J.C. Spring.  
 Nov. 22 and 23—Otahuhu Trotting, Spring.  
 Nov. 29 and 30—Feilding J.C. Spring.  
 Nov. 29 and Dec. 2—Takapuna J.C. Spring.  
 Dec. 26 and 29 and Jan. 1 and 2—Auckland R.C. Summer.  
 Jan. 12 and 13—Whangarei R.C. Summer.

#### NOMINATIONS.

Nov. 10—Takapuna J.C. Spring.  
 Dec. 1—Auckland R.C. Summer.  
 Dec. 29—Whangarei R.C. Summer.

#### WEIGHTS ARE DUE.

Nov. 13—South Canterbury J.C. Spring.  
 Nov. 13—Feilding J.C. Spring.  
 Nov. 17—Auckland R.C. Summer.  
 Nov. 17—Takapuna J.C. Spring.  
 Nov. 22—South Canterbury J.C. Spring.  
 Dec. 8—Auckland R.C. Summer.  
 Dec. 27—Auckland R.C. Summer.  
 Dec. 30—Auckland R.C. Summer.  
 Jan. 1—Auckland R.C. Summer.  
 Jan. 4—Whangarei R.C. Summer.

#### ACCEPTANCES.

Nov. 17—Feilding J.C. Spring.  
 Nov. 17—South Canterbury J.C. Spring.  
 Nov. 22—South Canterbury J.C. Spring.  
 Nov. 24—Takapuna J.C. Spring.  
 Nov. 30—Takapuna J.C. (Second Day).  
 Dec. 1—Auckland R.C. Summer.  
 Dec. 15—Auckland R.C. Summer.  
 Dec. 27—Auckland R.C. Summer.  
 Dec. 30—Auckland R.C. Summer.  
 Jan. 9—Whangarei R.C. Summer.

#### FIRST FORFEIT.

Dec. 1—Great Northern Foal Stakes, Great Northern Derby, 17th Royal Stakes.  
 Jan. 4—W.R.C. North Island Challenge Stakes.  
 Jan. 19—C.J.C. Middle Park Plate.  
 March 22—C.J.C. Twentieth Challenge Stakes and Champagne Stakes.

#### SECOND FORFEITS.

Dec. 1—D.J.C. Champagne Stakes.  
 Jan. 4—W.R.C. Wellington Stakes.  
 Feb. 23—Fourth Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes.  
 Feb. 25—Eighth Manawatu Stakes.

#### FINAL PAYMENTS.

Dec. 15—Auckland R.C. Summer (five events).  
 Dec. 27—A.R.C. Islington Plate.  
 Jan. 1—Auckland Plate.

## DOES THE TOTALISATOR REDUCE GAMBLING?

In introducing the Totalisator Bill in the N. S. W. Parliament the mover claimed that the totalisator reduce gambling. He said:—"The most pernicious phase of gambling was betting 'on the nod,' and when there was a big meeting, such as the recent A. J. C. meeting, one could see bookmakers round the hotels ready to bet with those bleary-eyed young squatters who were half 'tonicked' and did not know what they were doing. These young men would only bet a pound if they went to the races, and bet on the totalisator, but when they met the bookmakers someone would whisper in their ears 'It's a good thing,' and they would plunge. They would wake up next morning and wonder what had happened."

### WHERE THE MONEY GOES?

"After giving statistics as to the number of bookmakers licensed by the various racing clubs in and around Sydney and Newcastle, he computed that the public of the State had to find £200,000 every year for the upkeep of the bookmaker and his clerk before they could get the odds to a shilling. In his Bill he proposed to deduct 10 per cent from all money passing through the totalisator, and give 5 per cent of it to the Government and 5 per cent to the racing clubs. That would yield £300,000 a year for the Government."

### CURBING SPECULATION.

Commenting on the subject the "Sydney Referee" says:—"Now as to fostering the gambling spirit, does anyone really believe that the introduction of the machine would lead to more youths than at present patronising our racecourses? The facilities for speculation could not be greater than they now are. If anyone wishes to put as low a sum as a shilling on a

horse, he can find a bookmaker to accommodate him, whereas the difficulty of finding, say, 10s for a totalisator ticket each time he wished to bet would curb the speculative desire of many a small punter. With the totalisator installed, owners in this State would be assured of much more liberal prize-money, the charities would benefit, and the average punter would be as well, if not better off, than at present."

### OBJECTS OF "S.P.L." DEFINED.

The first general meeting of the New Zealand Sports' Protection League was held in Wellington last week. Mr. H. D. Bell, K.C., who presided stated that the objects of the league, and the only purpose of its formation and existence, were stated in the constitution as follows:—

To influence public opinion without regard to party politics, in the interests of sport, so as to enable the people to amuse themselves in future without molestation.

To promote any alteration of law that may be necessary for the better protection of sports and pastimes.

alone or even specially. Encroachments on grounds available for games will be resisted. Legislation promoted against amusements will be scrutinised and opposed. The cricketers and the rowing men will find our officers at their service, and our funds freely expended in their support. Again, to suggest another instance. If an effort is made to prevent the playing of such games as golf and tennis on Sundays, surely it will be found an advantage to have reasonable men ready and organised to resist the attack. The possibility of such an attack is not so remote as some of you think."

### THE NEW ZEALAND CUP OF 1911.

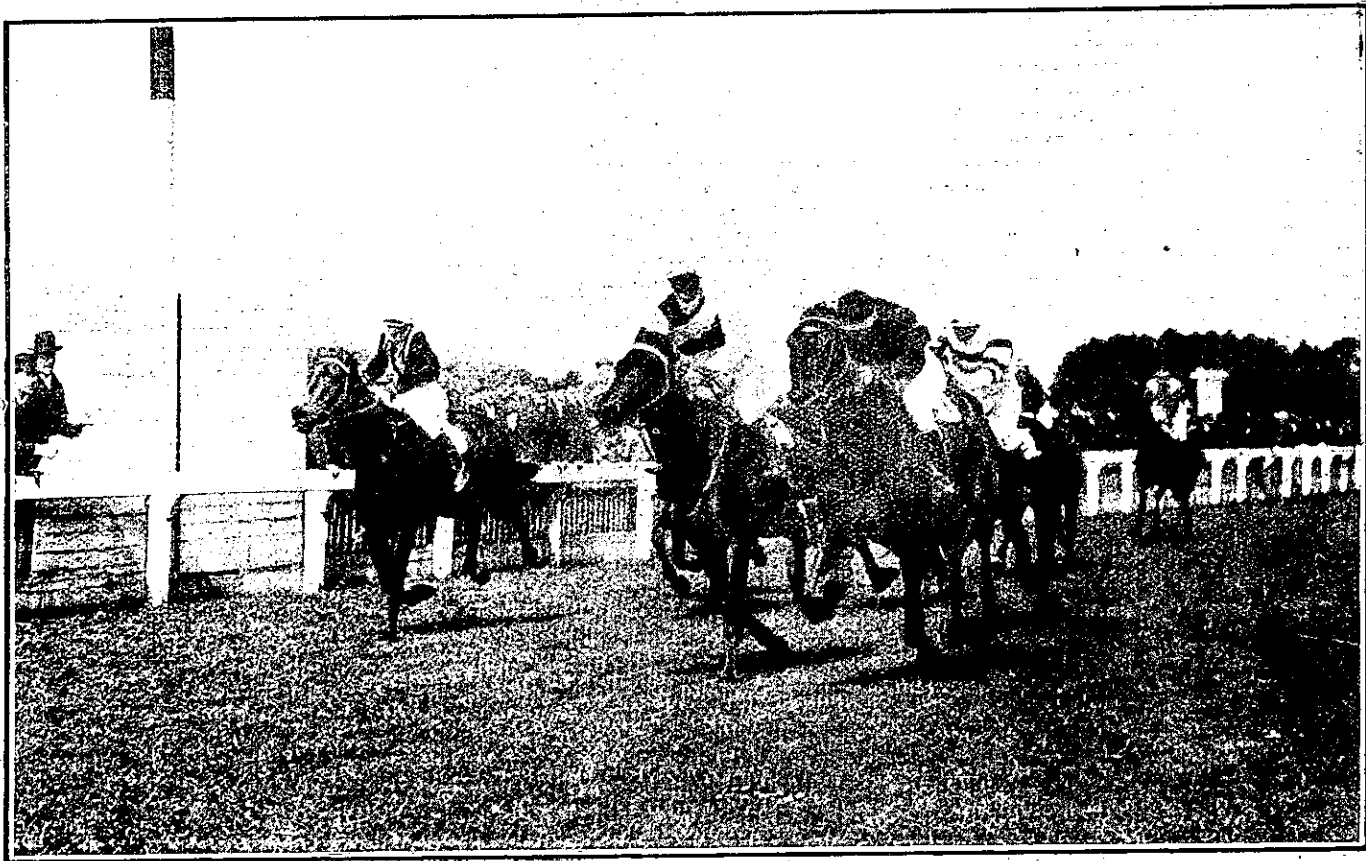
Vice-Admiral, winner of the Cup, is a big upstanding four-year-old bay horse by Multifarm from Rattler, by Nelson—Moonga. He is certainly bred on staying lines, for Rattler, one of the high-priced mares at the Stead sale, is a full-sister to that good horse Seahorse, who won the Cup in 1899. Vice-Admiral had been a disappointment, especially over a distance, but his showing in the Metropolitan Handicap at Randwick last

the jump off I was in a good position, but he was not anxious to hurt himself, and so I did not bustle him. At the mile I was third to last, but not too far out of it, and the pace had not been slow up to this. Here he was running quietly, and not pulling an ounce, so I just gave him a reminder, and he went up a bit."

"This took me on to Oliver (Merri-venia), and thinking him a good man to follow through I just sat there. Up to this I had had a beautiful run, and my luck stuck to me, as we got through on the fence the whole way. Half-way down the running I was kicking him to get to the front, but, when I got there, in endeavouring to spell him, I took hold of his head, and, to my utter astonishment, he started to pull, and then I knew it was all over. They say Miscount was unlucky, but my horse won easily."

### TATTERSALL'S SWEEPS THREATENED.

The Australian Federal Government are again making an attempt to crush Tattersall's sweeps. Accord-



A STERLING FINISH IN THE KING EDWARD MEMORIAL HANDICAP AT THE AUCKLAND R.C. SPRING MEETING.—SOULTORIA (Mark Ryan), on outside, defeats MASTER WAIRIKI (P. Brady) by a neck, with the rank outsider, NGAPUKA (B. Oliver), next rails, half-a-length away third, a head in front of SANTA ROSA (J. Conquest).

To take up and defend any actions that the council may consider important as test cases.

To discourage all malpractices in connection with sport, and to raise its tone wherever it is considered necessary.

Generally to do whatever may from time to time seem advisable to extend the facilities for every honestly conducted sport, exercise and amusement.

### OPPOSITION TO BE ANTICIPATED.

Mr Bell went on to say:—"A league formed for such purpose must anticipate opposition from many who from conscientious motives or on economical grounds object to amusement as demoralising or extravagant. If those opponents were not active there would be no necessity to create and support an organisation for defence. The league's attitude is defensive. It will itself interfere with no one, but will endeavour to prevent interference with its members. Fair criticism of its objects and methods is welcomed."

### PROTECTION FOR ALL SPORTS.

"We are formed to defend sports and games of all kinds, and not racing

month evidently impressed some good judges, as he was backed for a lot of money from Sydney (says the "N.Z. Times"). Deeley rode a very nicely-judged race. This can hardly be said of Wilson's effort on Miscount, but no doubt he was riding to orders, and a mishap early in the race lost him ground. Miscount had a tremendous lot of ground to make up in the last half-mile, and it speaks much for his gameness that he was able to get so close. The colt is putting up a record for getting second place.

Los Angeles unquestionably put up a fine effort, and he was far from disgraced. Possibly the surprise of the race was the bold showing made by Projectile, who tried to win from end to end.

### HOW THE CUP WAS WON.

Ben Deeley, who rode Vice-Admiral to victory in the N. Z. Cup, gave the "Dominion" an interesting account of the race. He said:—"I was an easy winner at the finish, and anyone could see that the further the horse went the more easily he would have won. His superb condition carried him through, and it would have taken a good horse to have beaten him to-day. At

ing to an exchange the postal authorities at Sydney in two days returned to the senders a batch of 8000 letters addressed to the Commercial Bank of Tasmania. The object of this was of course to prevent the bank assisting Tattersall's in the conduct of sweeps. After the prohibition had been enforced for five days, and many thousands of letters were stopped, the bank gave an assurance not to infringe the Act, which authorised the stopping of letters.

### RETURNING MONEY FOR SWEEPS.

As the letters that were stopped nearly all contained postal-notes, cheques or coin, the Postal Department registered all envelopes containing remittances of 10/ and over. Sydney is not the only city to which letters intended for Tattersall's are being returned. People in all the other States of Australia and New Zealand are getting their remittances back instead of their sweep tickets. Further large batches of letters may be expected back within the next few days, as there would surely be more than 8000 applicants for tickets in connection with the Melbourne Cup consultations.