



RACING.



RACING CALENDAR.

SEASON 1911-12.

FIXTURES.

Feb. 7 and 8—Egmont R.C. Summer
 Feb. 8—Te Kuiti R.C. Annual
 Feb. 8 and 9—Poverty Bay T.C. Annual
 Feb. 14—Rotorua J.C. Annual
 Feb. 14 and 15—Taranaki J.C. Autumn
 Feb. 21 and 22—Woodville J.C. Autumn
 Feb. 21, 22 and 24—Dunedin J.C. Autumn
 Feb. 23 and 24—South Auckland R.C. Annual
 Feb. 24—Tolaga Bay J.C. Annual
 Feb. 29 and March 2—Wanganui J.C. Autumn
 March 4 and 5—Te Aroha J.C. Annual
 March 6 and 7—Dannevirke R.C. Autumn
 March 13 and 14—Napier Park R.C. Autumn
 March 16 and 18—Ohinemuri J.C. Annual
 March 18—Opunake R.C. Annual

NOMINATIONS.

Feb. 19—Opunake R.C. Annual
 Feb. 22—Napier Park R.C. Autumn
 Feb. 10—Dannevirke R.C. Autumn
 Jan. 26—Dunedin J.C. Autumn
 Jan. 29—Tolaga Bay J.C. Annual
 Feb. 2—South Auckland R.C. Annual
 Feb. 12—Tolaga Bay J.C. Annual
 Feb. 16—Napier Park R.C. Autumn

WEIGHTS ARE DUE

Feb. 9—Woodville J.C. Autumn
 Feb. 9—South Auckland R.C. Annual
 Feb. 10—Wanganui J.C. Autumn
 Feb. 12—Tolaga Bay J.C. Annual
 Feb. 16—Te Aroha J.C. Summer
 Feb. 22—C.J.C. Easter and Autumn Handicaps
 Feb. 24—Ohinemuri J.C. Annual
 Feb. 17—Wanganui J.C. Autumn
 Feb. 17—Dannevirke R.C. Autumn
 Feb. 26—Te Aroha J.C. Summer
 March 1—Napier Park R.C. Autumn
 March 5—Ohinemuri J.C. Annual

ACCEPTANCES.

Feb. 9—Dunedin J.C. Autumn
 Feb. 9—Rotorua J.C. Annual
 Feb. 12—Tolaga Bay J.C. Annual
 Feb. 13—Woodville J.C. Autumn
 Feb. 16—South Auckland R.C. Annual
 Feb. 20—Dannevirke R.C. Autumn
 Feb. 23—Wanganui J.C. Autumn
 Feb. 28—Te Aroha J.C. Summer

SECOND FORFEITS.

Feb. 23—Fourth Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes
 Feb. 23—Eighth Manawatu Stakes

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Feb. 23—Wanganui J.C. Jackson Stakes
 April 8—C.J.C. Champagne Stakes and 20th Challenge Stakes

FINAL PAYMENTS.

Feb. 26—Wanganui Cup

OHINEMURI JOCKEY CLUB.

An attractive programme has been issued by the Ohinemuri Jockey Club, which is published in this issue, for the annual meeting to be held on March 16 and 18 on the Paeroa racecourse. Since last year the amount of stakes offered by the club has been considerably increased, a fact which is sure to make the fixture additionally attractive to owners. The Ohinemuri Cup, of a mile and a quarter, to be run on the first day of the meeting, is worth 125 sovs., while the Paeroa Handicap, of one mile, and Waihi Welter, of six furlongs, on the second day, carry prize money to the value of 85 sovs. and 50 sovs. respectively. A stake of 50 sovs. has also been allocated for the St. Patrick's Handicap, of six furlongs, on the first day. Two hurdle events appear in the programme, each of which will be worth 45 sovs, while a Maiden Hurdle Handicap carries 30 sovs.

It is particularly pleasing to see the country clubs prospering, because it is the encouragement they give to our farmers that helps materially to improve the breed of horses in the country, besides affording the "backbone of the country" the opportunity of enjoying the pleasures of horse-racing without having to travel long distances to the main centres of population. The stewards of the Ohinemuri club are to be particularly commended for the enterprise they have shown, and we have little doubt but that the club and district will benefit as a result of the good services rendered by the keen sportsmen who stand behind the Ohinemuri club, and to the energetic secretary (Mr. H. Poland), on whom the responsibilities of management very largely rest. Nominations for the forthcoming meeting close on Saturday, February 24, and the weights are due to appear on March 5.

WHERE RACING PROSPERS.

Poverty Bay is fast coming into her own as one of the important racing centres in the Dominion. The Gisborne district has suffered a good deal in the past from the fact that it has been more or less isolated: the only means of getting there being by steamer. However, despite this obvious drawback the enterprise and zeal of the people of Poverty Bay has made it prosperous, and where prosperity reigns the "Sports of Kings" is sure to flourish. It is, therefore, little wonder that under the capable management of the Gisborne Racing Club and Poverty Bay Turf Club and generous auspices of a keen sporting community racing has become particularly popular in that part of the Dominion. It is only necessary to mention the record success that attended the Gisborne Club's meeting last week and the glowing prospects for the Poverty Bay Club this week, to persuade the direst pessimist the

with good roads, and the long-delayed railway connecting Gisborne with our main arterial line is a reality the district will make rapid strides. It is, therefore, fortunate that racing in this part of New Zealand is under the management of keen sportsmen who are ready to sacrifice everything for clean sport. It is on the foundations so honestly laid by the existing racing clubs that the future success and prosperity of the sport must be built. We do not think it is looking too far ahead to say that not many years will pass before Poverty Bay shall be entitled to rank as a metropolitan racing district. And when that comes to pass we may see the East Coast challenging the supremacy of the West Coast for racing honours.

RACING IN WONDERLAND.

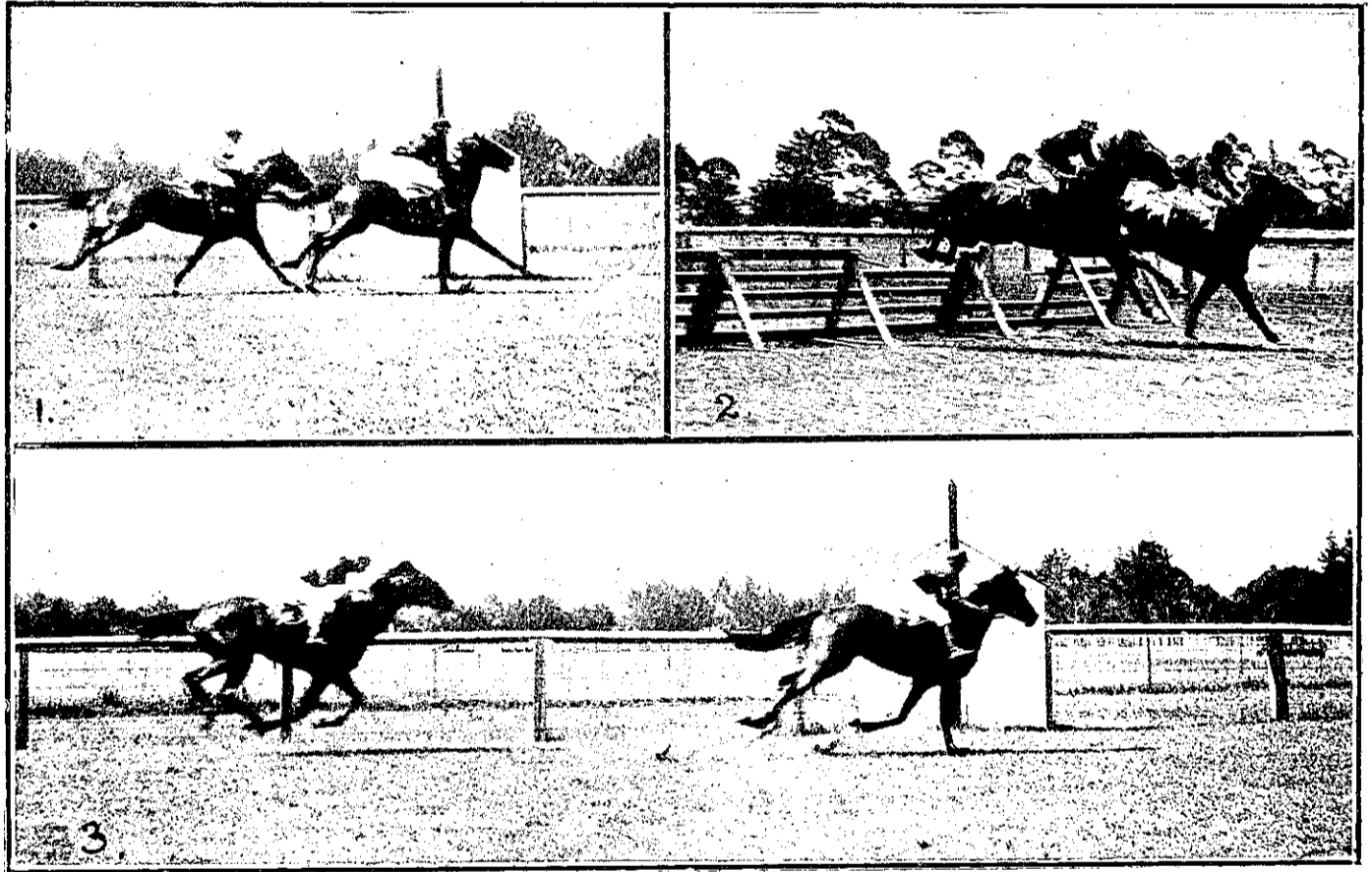
The Rotorua Jockey Club will hold its annual meeting at Arawa Park on Wednesday next. The club has re-

ably, and the programme has been drawn up on broad lines so as to enable the maximum number of horses to be suitably classed. Owners have responded very liberally with their nominations, and Mr. Edwards's handicaps are very equitably awarded, so that there is every reason to anticipate that the splendid course at Epsom will be very largely patronised on next Wednesday and Saturday.

TROUBLE AT STARTING POST.

At this juncture we would venture to drop a hint to the stewards of the Otahuhu club which may doubtless assist to still further popularise the sport of trotting in the North. The recent meeting of the Auckland Trotting Club, which was in every way most admirably managed, suffered somewhat from the number of horses that either refused to start to time

THE GISBORNE RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.



1. MANITAU (W. Kirk) winning the Maiden Scurry (four furlongs) from MISS JEWEL (Griffiths). 2. STOURTON (F. Flynn) leading CONTINUANCE (W. Young) at the last fence in the First Handicap Hurdles (1½ miles), which was won by the latter. 3. The finish of the Flying Handicap (six furlongs)—OUR QUEEN (Griffiths) wins easily from SCORCH (Whittaker).

sport of horse racing has found a congenial home where it gives every promise of flourishing in the wealthy sub-province which has Gisborne for its capital.

BIG PROGRESS MADE.

Five years ago the two principal clubs mentioned above, jointly gave away in stakes £1700 at their summer meetings, while this month the same two clubs distributed over £2,000 in prize money. This in itself is tangible proof of the progress of the sport in the district, and has had the effect of encouraging owners to improve the class of thoroughbreds, so that to-day Gisborne is able to nominate some fine horses capable of holding their own on any racecourse in New Zealand. Further evidence of the popularity of racing among the people of Poverty Bay is supplied by the totalisator returns, which affords the best guide as to the way the public support and appreciate the sport. For the two-day's meeting of the Gisborne Racing Club last week £17,773 passed through the machines as compared with £9594 five years ago.

A BRIGHT FUTURE.

There can be no question that when the hinterland of Poverty Bay is better settled, the district opened up

cently carried out a comprehensive scheme of improvements and additions to their course, which has very considerably improved both the track and the appointments. A fine grandstand has been erected capable of providing comfortable accommodation for a large number of people, and other buildings have been erected which will secure to patrons every facility for enjoying racing in the Hot Lakes district. Next week will probably see a record gathering of Auckland sportsmen on the Arawa Park course, because there are many who will seize this opportunity of visiting the thermal wonderland and attending an attractive race meeting on the same trip.

OTAHUHU TROTTERING CLUB.

On Wednesday next the events listed for the first day of the Otahuhu Trotting Club's summer meeting will be decided at Alexandra Park. All the races promise to attract large fields and some first-class trotting should be seen. Since last season the Otahuhu club have increased the prize money for this fixture consider-

or failed to leave the post at all. No club or starter could be held responsible for these mishaps, but in view of the fact that a very large proportion of the public who patronise the trotting clubs invest their money on contestants in the belief that they will get "a run for their money," we contend that all trotting clubs would be fully entitled to refuse the nomination of any horse that consistently refuses to start or continually breaks during the race.

BAD FOR PATRONS.

Vanclare is an example of the class of animal that does much to mar sport, and the exhibition it gave at the A.T.C. carnival was sufficient for any club to decline its nomination until the owner or trainer could satisfy the club officials that his charge had mended its ways. We would also strongly urge trotting clubs to strictly enforce rule 247, which reads: "The starter may place any horse which is misbehaving . . . in any position he may think proper." To fine riders and drivers of horses that left the post before time or refused to start would also possibly have the desired effect of obtaining more satisfactory despatches.