

Winner of the Maiden and Welter Handicaps. The gelding is a half brother to Leolantis, and cost Mr. Coleman £150.

Mr. W. Montgomery, the owner of Hoanga, purchased Seldom before the first day of the South Auckland meeting. The owner supported him in both races.

Westerly and Scotch were the unlucky ones at the South Auckland meeting. The former broke down when making his run in the hurdle, and the latter came to grief in the Cup.

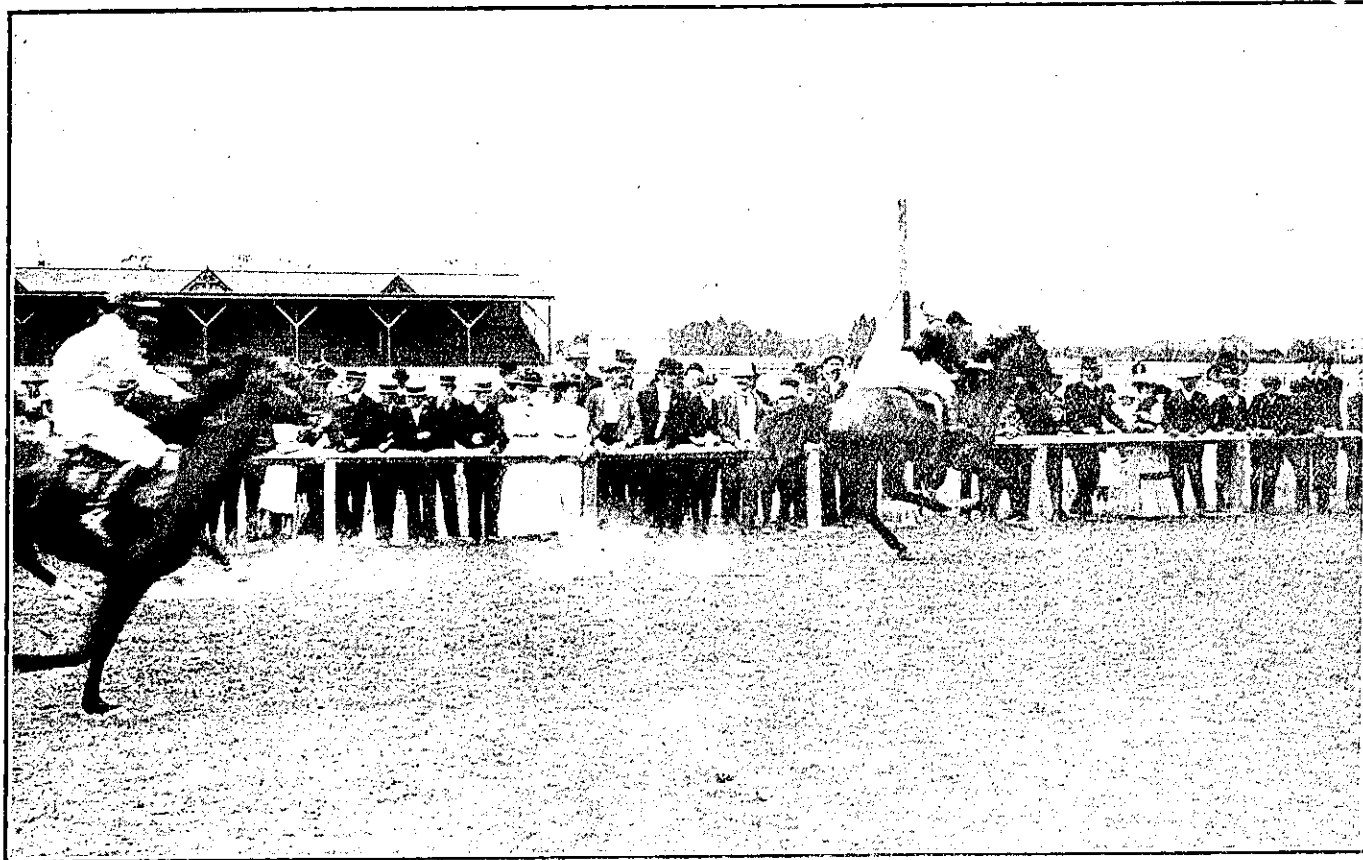
T. A. Williams had Sir Artegal very fit, with St. Amans out of the way,

leased the Frank Wood stable adjoining Carnegie Hall on West Fifty-sixth-street, where they keep a number of trotters with exceptional speed.

The N.S.W. Totalisator Commission reached Melbourne early this month, and the thing that struck the chairman, Mr. Levien, was that he would have trouble in finding witnesses for examination. Well, with the anti-totalisator section rather strong in the Southern capital, that was only to be expected, says the "Sydney Referee." However, a few witnesses for and against the machine did put in an appearance, and one of these, Mr. T. C. Moule, secretary of the Victoria Ama-

Mr. S. Bradley, a well-known bookmaker, said that though he turned over about £2400 a week he did not make a profit of 1 per cent., also that bookmakers would be satisfied to pay big fees for the privilege of betting "Tote" odds. He also instanced the fact of bookmakers going from Melbourne to West Australia, and paying £75 to bet at a three-days' meeting where the Totalisator was also used. And yet in face of all it is alleged they can do when betting in opposition to the Totalisator, neither Mr. Bradley nor his fellow-bookmakers seem to relish the idea of its legalisation in New South Wales or Victoria. Ten per cent. deduction was too heavy for the public to stand, and Mr. Bradley said he knew one

ted, as well as further sittings in Melbourne, while evidence will also be taken in Sydney. It is understood there is a preponderance of evidence in favour of the Totalisator, but as the probabilities are those members of the Commission regarded as opponents of the machine when they left a couple of months ago are still unconvinced it is no certainty the report will eventually be such as to assure the legalisation of the machine. That the sporting public would like the Totalicator to be given a trial cannot be gainsaid, and there is no doubt as to it being favoured by fully four-fifths of metropolitan owners and trainers; but whether we shall get it is another matter. Its legislation has been so successfully combated in the past that its advocates are very much afraid the result will be the same in the future.



MANUWERA (A. Whittaker) has runaway victory in the Maiden Handicap (six furlongs) on the concluding day of the South Auckland Racing Club's annual meeting.

the son of Stepniak—Britomart had no trouble in landing the Waikato Handicap on the second day of the South Auckland meeting.

The dam of Mavourneen (Rita) brought a family party to the South Auckland races in a buggy. Mavourneen, who ran second in both the hurdle events, is by the imported sire Singlestick.

The added money at the Australian Jockey Club's autumn meeting this season amounts to £22,250 for the 24 races run on the four days.

The fashion for riding fast trotters under saddle is rapidly becoming more popular with business men in America. On the bridge paths of Central Park this season are seen any numbers of equestrians astride a fast record trotter. Mr. C. K. Billings was one of the first to make such use of trotters.

tear Turf Club, gave it as his opinion that the installation of the totalisator would increase prize money, and suit breeders, small owners, and small bettors. Mr. C. F. Orr, secretary of Williamstown Racing Club, also favoured the machine, which he believed would lead to larger stakes and lessen the necessity for owners to bet. When such small prizes as £50 were given, an owner had to bet in order to pay expenses. He did not think it necessary to sweep all the bookmakers off the course at once. The totalisator would weed out those who were unnecessary. Another advantage of the machine was that it did not permit credit betting. Mr. R. G. Casey, chairman of the Victoria Racing Club, was examined, and said he was entirely in favour of the machine, and did not think it would increase betting in any way. Detective Sub-Inspector D. G. O'Donnell also regarded the totalisator as a better system of betting than through the bookmaker.

or two bookmakers who, if they made 1 per cent. on their turnover, would benefit about £500 per week.

If Mr. Bradley's figures are correct, Totalisator investments in New South Wales or Victoria would be even greater than hitherto calculated. Five hundred pounds a week—not £500 profit, either—at 1 per cent. means that in Victoria one or more bookmakers each turn over £2,600,000 a year. Probably Mr. Bradley's suggestions as to the extent of their business will not be altogether pleasing to the bookmakers indicated. However, his statement may have been misreported. On the whole, it is doubtful whether the Commission learned a great deal one way or the other during its Melbourne sittings.

The members of the Commission have now returned to Sydney, but their labours are not at an end, a trip to Queensland being contempla-

AUSTRALASIAN RECORDS.

Mr Ronald O. Duncan, of Christchurch, has prepared a list of Australasian records of trotters and pacers. These records are for firsts only, but several of those mentioned, and other horses, have performed a little better for places:—

TROTTING—One Mile

- Gelding, Revenue, by Rothschild, 2.11 4-5, 1910.
- Stallion, Emulator, by Osterley, 2.17 1-5, 1908.
- Mare, Jessie Palm, by Rothschild, 2.18, 1900.

Two Miles.

- Gelding, Redchild, by Rothschild, 4.40, 1910.
- Stallion, Blackchild, by Rothschild, 4.41, 1905.
- Albertorious, by Albert Victor, 4.41, 1908.
- Mare, Jessie Palm, by Rothschild, 4.43 2-5, 1900.

PACING—One Mile

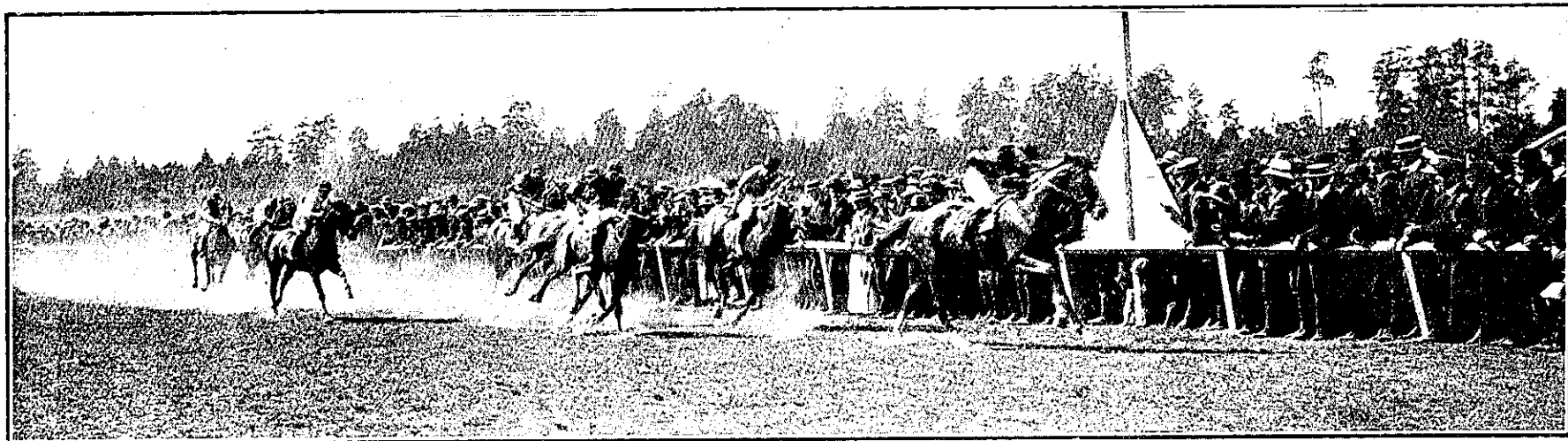
- Gelding, Lopp, by Rothschild, 2.17, 1908.
- Stallion, King Cole by Ribbonwood, 2.8 3-5, 1911.
- Mare, Myosotis, by Huon, 2.13, 1909.
- Filly (2y.o.), Sal Tasker, by Rothschild, 2.20, 1905.
- Colt (2 y.o.), Al Franz, by Franz, 2.26, 1908.

Two Miles.

- Gelding, Durbar, by Vanclve, 4.36, 1908.
- Stallion, King Cole, by Ribbonwood, 4.31, 1911.
- Mare, Sal Tasker, by Rothschild, 4.40, 1907.

How is it that the Temperance question is of all questions the one always discussed with the least temperance?

Mr Anthony Hordern, of Australia, is a very keen motorist on both land and water, particularly on the water. He is determined to hold the speed supremacy for the Commonwealth for all time. When any boat comes along to which Kangaroo has to play "second fiddle," says an Australian writer, there will be a cable sent on Mr Hordern's behalf to Paris for something which can win back the speed championship.



THE FINISH OF THE WAIKATO HANDICAP (ONE MILE) AT THE SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING.—SIR ARTEGAL (C. Brown) wins from the little-fancied MISS LIVONIA (Conquest), next rails, with the favourite, ADMIRAL SOULT (B. Deeley) third.

Now, however, it is quite common to see a horse under saddle whose record in harness approaches 2.10. E. E. Smathers, who was the owner of the greatest stable of harness racing horses ever got together is now an enthusiast for riding. With Clyarence L. McCormick, also an admirer of the speed horse for riding, they recently

The witnesses opposed to the machine said that the totalisator would encourage women to bet, and they would sooner have the bookmaker than the machine, preferring to fight the evil they knew to the one of which they knew nothing.

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