

## HAMILTON RACING CLUB.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

The phenomenal success gained by the Hamilton Racing Club on the occasion of their last meeting is still fresh in the minds of racegoers, who are looking forward with pleasurable anticipations to the approaching meeting, which is to take place on the Claudelands course, Hamilton, on Saturday and Monday, February 7 and 9. With the Hamilton Cup Handicap, of 1000sovs., 1½ miles, as the principal attraction, and no race on the programme worth less than 200 sovs., the inducements offered to owners are of such a character as to ensure the widest degree of patronage, not only from the Auckland province but also further afield. A special note should be made of the fact that entries for all events are due on Friday next (January 16) at 8 p.m., and can be lodged either with the secretary, Mr. R. J. Gwynne, P.O. Box 26 Hamilton, or with C. F. Mark, care of Blomfield and Co., High Street, Auckland.

## NELSON TROTTING CLUB.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

The Nelson Trotting Club's annual meeting, which takes place on Friday, March 5, promises to attract wide patronage from light harness racing enthusiasts. The number of visiting trotters to the gathering should be sufficiently large to ensure some excellent sport. The principal event is the Nelson Trotting Club Handicap (harness), of 150sovs., two miles, in which the contestants will be handicapped at 5min., or better. Other harness events set down for decision are the Waimea Handicap, of 70sovs., two miles, 5.30 or better; Ladies' Bracelet, two miles, in which the first prize is a gold bracelet valued at 20sovs., with 25sovs. in specie added, for district horses to be nominated by ladies, 5.35 or better, amateur drivers; and the Dash Handicap, of 70sovs., one mile, 2.28 or better. Four saddle events are provided as follows:—Brightwater Handicap, of 60sovs., 1½ miles, 4.8 or better; Richmond Handicap, of 85sovs., 1½ miles, 3.50 or better; Wakefield Handicap, of 55sovs., 1½ miles, for horses owned in the Nelson and Marlborough districts only, 4.10 or better; and the Pioneer Trot, of 50sovs., 1½ miles, 4.10 or better.

Nominations for all events must be lodged with the secretary, Mr. John Glen, Nelson, on Monday, February 16, by 8 p.m.

## HANDICAPS.

## FOXTON RACING CLUB.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

The following handicaps have been declared for the first day of the Foxton Racing Club's annual meeting, to be held on January 22 and 23:—

**HACK HURDLE HANDICAP** of 160 sovs., one mile and three-quarters.—Master Moutoa 11.3, Goldstream 10.2, Lepanto 10.2, Coolpan 10.2, Hushabye 10.0, Combustion 9.13, Ahika 9.13, Applaud 9.12, Cheddar 9.5, Rienzi 9.0, Vigilo 9.0, Luke Cordon 9.0.

**HIMITANGI HACK HANDICAP** of 130sovs., six furlongs.—Nemaline 9.0, Transmission 8.8, Glentour 8.8, Beloved 8.8, Some Boy 8.5, Barleycorn 8.3, Namur 8.1, Hupana 8.1, Russet 8.1, Paonui 8.1, Belle of the Camp 7.9, Moutoa Boy 7.7, Guinea Gold 7.7, Tunatau 7.7, Lady-fre 7.7.

**FOXTON CUP** of 400sovs., one mile and a-quarter.—Waimatao 9.0, Demos 8.9, Moutoa Ivanova 8.5, Ladogeur 8.3, Perfect Day 8.2, Old Gold 8.1, Jean Laddo 7.13, Omaha 7.13, Multaine 7.12, Imaribbon 7.5, Rose Pink 7.5, Fulica 7.5, Carmel Arch 6.12, Ladify 6.7, Moutoa Camp 6.7, Machree 6.7.

**AWAHOU HACK WELTER HANDICAP** of 145sovs., one mile and 100 yards.—Retard 9.9, Fulica 9.8, Railand 9.8, Self Alliance 9.5, Printemps 8.11, Simon 8.9, Esperance 8.2, Coral Queen 8.2, Signorella 8.2, Vagrancepiece 8.0, Fisher 8.0, Dick 8.0, Sir Donald 8.0, Chummy 8.0, Fair Fight 8.0, Woolwa 8.0.

**ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP** of 225 sovs., six furlongs.—Waimatao 9.13, Old Gold 8.5, Jean Laddo 8.2, Birkenvale 8.2, Carmel Arch 7.8, Tirana 7.3, Trentham Rose 7.1, Gold Problem 6.9, American Beauty 6.7.

**HERRINGTON WELTER HANDICAP** of 170sovs., seven furlongs.—Hyttus 10.2, Jean Laddo 9.6, Imaribbon 9.2, Birkenvale 9.2, Potentiality 9.1, Glorify 8.10, Tirana 8.9, Idle Talk 8.9, Zeus 8.9, Tyne 8.8, Arlington 8.5, Gold Problem 8.1, Clavish 7.13, Ladify 7.11, Machree 7.11, Signorella 7.11, Glentour 7.11.

**DASH HACK HANDICAP** of 130sovs., five furlongs and a-half.—American Beauty 9.0, Printemps 8.9, Nemaline 8.9, Valley Rose 7.13, Barleycorn 7.13, Marble Bar 7.13, Stutter 7.12, Rajput 7.11, Russet 7.10, Hupana 7.10, Import 7.9, Restful 7.9, Perrier 7.7, Rokeye—Belladonna gelding 7.7, Belle of the Camp 7.4, Ohoree 7.2, Moutoa Boy 7.2, Lady Birdwood 7.2, Blue Grass 7.2, Tirairaka 7.0, Guinea Gold 7.0, Esperantis 7.0, Donnybrook 7.0, Dixey Boy 7.0, Rohi-wai 7.0, Otauru Kidd 7.0.

## ACCEPTANCES.

## ROTORUA JOCKEY CLUB.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

The following acceptances have been received for the Rotorua Jockey Club's annual meeting, which takes place to-day (Wednesday), on the Arawa Park racecourse:—

**HANDICAP HURDLES**, one mile and a-half.—Silver Pine 9.6, Dasher Boy 9.5, Regio 9.2, First Call 9.2, Totara Jack 9.2, Grey Opal 9.2, Silver Lode 9.0.

**MAIDEN HANDICAP**, six furlongs.—Miss Leslie 9.0, Alfa Laval 8.7, Monte 8.3, Lady Petain 8.0, Irish Abbey 8.0, Queen Soult 7.13, Gold Glide 7.12, Glen-lay 7.12, Ma Copper 7.12, Lyroe 7.12, Lady Bedford 7.11, Lady Tasman 7.11, Scented Bath 7.10, Toby 7.9.

**ROTORUA CUP**, one mile and a-quarter.—Waiuta 8.8, Fabrique 8.3, Queen Abbey 7.13, Escaped 7.12, Lady Energy 7.12, Corregidor 7.10, General Advance 6.13, Forest Gold 6.13, New Zealand 6.10.

**ARAWA PARK HANDICAP**, one mile.—Mill o' Gowrie 9.6, Waiuta 8.10, Ohinewairua 8.10, Fabrique 8.3, Corregidor 7.13, Escaped 7.12, Lady Energy 7.6, Stammer 7.0, General Advance 6.10.

**WAIMANGU HANDICAP**, five furlongs.—Mill o' Gowrie 9.5, Ohinewairua 8.11, Stilts 8.10, Gaycium 8.9, Ring Lupin 8.6, Caballero 8.2, Independence 7.13, Monocrat 7.9, Blue and Black 7.3, Monte 7.0.

**HACK WELTER**, one mile.—Independence 8.13, Explode 8.12, Stammer 8.12, Forest Gold 8.10, New Zealand 8.2, General Advance 8.2, Alfa Laval 7.13, Blue and Black 7.12, Ma Copper 7.10, Royal Abbey 7.10, Regio 7.9, Grey Opal 7.7.

**MOKOIA HANDICAP**, seven furlongs.—Miss Leslie 8.10, Alfa Laval 8.2, Monte 7.13, Ma Copper 7.3, Lyroe 7.3, Lady Tasman 7.2, Totara Jack 7.0, Scented Bath 7.0, Toby 7.0.

**FAREWELL HANDICAP**, five furlongs.—Gaycium 8.13, Ring Lupin 8.10, Queen Abbey 8.10, Caballero 8.6, Independence 8.3, Miss Leslie 8.1, Monocrat 7.12, Explode 7.12, Blue and Black 7.7, Winsome Arch 7.0.

## MISS LAURA WALKER.

## YOUNG AUCKLANDER'S PROGRESS.

Miss Laura Walker, the promising young Auckland singer, returned from Melbourne just before New Year, and is spending a short holiday with her people before returning to continue her musical studies at the Conservatorium in Melbourne, where she was a protegee of Dame Melba. Miss Walker went to Australia intending to spend two years in musical education, but on the advice of Melba it was increased to three years' tuition, and having gained her third year diploma, the scholarship has been extended another year. Miss Walker has made fine use of her opportunities, three years' close study making an appreciable improvement in the quality and range of her voice, which is a dramatic soprano. She has many interesting reminiscences of the great diva's interest in the students, and speaks glowingly of her boundless enthusiasm and realistic methods of demonstration. An hour and a-quarter's motor run from Coombe Cottage, and Dame Melba would be at the Conservatorium soon after 9 in the morning, giving lessons without a stop till 1 o'clock. "All the girls simply worship her," said Miss Walker, "and I personally owe her a lasting debt of gratitude, for many a private lesson she gave me at her own home. And she has expressed herself thoroughly pleased with my progress," modestly added her Auckland pupil.

Miss Campbell, principal vocal teacher at the Conservatorium, who was left in charge of Miss Walker's training during the absence of Melba in Europe, has a very high opinion of the young singer's attainments.

Many of her friends having expressed a desire to see the fulfilment of their prophecy regarding Miss Walker, a recital has been arranged for Saturday evening, when she will be heard in a comprehensive programme of operatic arias and modern ballads at the Town Hall concert chamber. As Miss Walker is returning to Melbourne in February this will be the only opportunity of hearing her in special numbers. Mr. Walter Impett, her former teacher in Auckland, is arranging the concert.

Miss Eve Lynn, the principal girl of the J. C. Williamson pantomime "The Sleeping Beauty," made a flight over Melbourne in an aeroplane recently. She has made several flights over New York. On one occasion she accompanied a military aviator who circled the Woolworth Building three times, while tens of thousands of people in the streets below watched the feat in breathless admiration.

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