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WE beg to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Donne's circular re the totalisator. In some small points we agree with him. The SPORTING REVIEW is at present against the use of the totalisator, or if used at all, it must be in a very limited manner. The indiscriminate use of the totalisator is ruining racing and the breed of horses in New Zealand, and the day is not far distant when a decent horse will not be procurable.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB.

THE abovenamed popular Racing Club is preparing their programme for the coming season, and we are informed by the Secretary, Mr. R. Wynyard, that they intend inserting races at each meeting for two-year-olds only. This is a step in the right direction, as there are several of our two-year-olds not sufficiently good to win the more classic events contested for at Ellerslie, which will now be given a chance of earning their oat bills. It is also intended to have two-year-old and three-year-old classic races at the Summer Meeting of 1892, entries for which will close in November next. That means that for the two-year-old events now yearlings will be eligible, while the two-year-olds of this season will compose the field for the three-year-old event. In the last-named race penalties and allowances will attach to the conditions. The programme committee of the Takapuna Jockey Club are to be congratulated on making these excellent additions to their bill of fare, and it is to be hoped that horse-owners and breeders will respond liberally when the Secretary calls for nominations, which, as stated above, will close in November next.

BETTING QUOTATIONS.

THE following prices have been handed in to us by Mr. D. A. McLeod:—

NEW ZEALAND CUP.

- 100 to 20 Jet D'Eau.
- 100 — 16 Merrie England.
- 100 — 14 Crackshot and Medallion.
- 100 — 12 Dudu, Tirailleur, St. Andrew.
- 100 — 10 Occident, Meta.
- 100 — 8 Wolverine, Recluse, Thackeray, Mariner.
- 100 — 7 Cynisca, Queen of Trumps
- 100 — 6 St. James, Freedom, Reprisal, Richlake.
- 100 — 5 Whisper, Katinka, Fitzjames.
- 100 — 3 to 2 the others.

MELBOURNE CUP.

- 100 — 7 Carbine or Cuirassier.
- 100 — 6 Melos.
- 100 — 5 Tantallon, P. Consort, Marvel, Oakleigh, Pakeha.
- 100 — 5 Manton, Dreadnought, Chaldean, Titan.
- 100 — 3 Tradition, Singapore, Gresford, Sir William.
- 100 — 2 to 1 others.

ELLERSLIE TRAINING NOTES.

OWING to the tracks being in a very bad state, trainers have not been able to give their charges much fast work. Nevertheless some good exercises have been indulged in.

On Wednesday George Wright had a number of his horses down from Kohimaramara. Hilda, Cissy, Satyr, Leolantis, and the two-year-olds Brigand and Tulloch were galloped. Brigand is a very promising youngster. Leolantis, the full brother to Fabulous, has grown into a great colt, and will probably be heard of in the spring.

On Thursday Harrison's numerous string were working, including Reprisal, Tamora, Fiesole, and Coalscuttle. All these horses are looking and going well.

Powell had Antelope working on the tan. George Hope's team, Patchwork (looking lusty and well), Fishmonger, and Quadrant, each did serviceable exercise. Fishmonger was schooled over hurdles.

J. B. Williamson's team worked in the middle of the course, Orestes looking especially well.

Nap was sent three times round the tan at a serviceable gallop.

Ton Jour is doing remarkably good work.

R. Thorpe has a promising colt by King Cole—Queen Mab in steady preparation. He is engaged in the Auckland Guineas.

Priscilla was treated to good striding exercise.

THE NEW ZEALAND CUP BETTING.

SINCE a genuine stable commission was worked about Jet D'Eau for the New Zealand Cup, the son of Cadogan has ruled first favourite at 100 to 20 in the betting market, which price is taken freely. Merrie England has also been genuinely supported in the right quarter, and anything better than 100 to 16 is eagerly snapped up. This colt promises to see a very short price. Crackshot, who is at present practically untried in public, rules as third favourite, the best price obtainable about him being 100 to 12. Of the others, Medallion finds most friends, and any money at 100 to 10 would be taken, but most of the bookmakers are full up of him. If he remains in New Zealand, which at present appears probable, he will undoubtedly be made the medium of some staunch support. Tirailleur and Dudu are occasionally inquired after, but nothing else has been supported to any extent.

MELBOURNE CUP—CONTINUED.

[BY OLD TURFITE.]

IN continuing my remarks on the Melbourne Cup, I shall go back to Singapore, 8st. 9lb., who I mentioned last week would require further consideration. On looking through his record I find that he played second string for his stable on more than one occasion. His running, when not in the interest of others, is certainly a very fair one, and justifies me in saying that if all is well he must have a great chance among the top weights. Marvel, who comes next to him with 11lb. less, has no paper show. At the same time rumour says that he has been in waiting. The betting will soon denote if such is the case. The next eight may be dismissed. Unless their owners know more than appears on paper, their performances do not warrant the belief that they have a chance. They may be kept in for "milking" purposes, or as an aid to their stable companions. These things are impossible to find out when you are not on the spot—even then it is very difficult. Prince Consort, 8st. 11lb., is in a dangerous stable. He did one respectable performance last year, when he beat Singapore in the Royal Park Stakes, 2 miles. Should he prove the selected one he will take a lot of beating. G'Naroo, 8st. 11lb., has a fair record, but he has been so often second that it seems as if he had always been run out. He is well enough bred for anything, being by St. Albans—Athena, Pakeha, Wycombe, and The Queen appear out of their place in a race of this description. Tantallon, 7st. 13lb., is a horse that will take some considering about. He is in the same stable as Carbine, Prince Consort, Titan, and Tormentor. His performances are not of a very startling kind, but it must be borne in mind that a lot of money has been taken the stable wins the double. There must be something more than Carbine and Titan, or the layer has a long way the best of the betting. Matador, 7st. 13lb., is the next I come to that strikes the eye as being fairly well handicapped. As a two-year-old he showed fair form. Since then he has only appeared twice in public. He is a six-year-old, got by Newminster—Constellation, and it strikes me that he is one of the horses that has been waiting for this race. Dunkeld, 7st. 12lb., has more than once shown his ability to race, and has a nice weight on him for a four-year-old, but I have not much partiality for an Apremont. The Admiral, 7st. 9lb., has plenty of weight for a three-year-old,

and strikes me as more likely to win the Derby. Last season he did some smart performances, and I think he holds Titan, from whom he is receiving 2lb., safe. For myself, I must say that I do not fancy the gelding for either the Derby or the Cup, and in all probability he will turn out an expensive purchase. Pygmalion, 7st. 7lb., has got quite enough on him, as he is a greatly overrated horse, and I think it will be found that a mile will be the length of his tether. At the present time I prefer the chances of Melos, Singapore, Tantallon, and Matador of those above 7st. 7lb., but at the conclusion of this article I will select ten that I think have the best show.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

THE following handicaps have been declared by Messrs. Halstead, Adams and McGee, for the above club's meeting, to be held at Epsom, on September 6th:—

PONY CUP HANDICAP, of 40sovs. Distance 7 furlongs.

	st. lb.		st. lb.
Locket ..	9 8	Reuben ..	7 0
Antic ..	8 10	Victium ..	6 10
Pica ..	8 1	Deception ..	6 10
Pearl ..	8 0	Ton Jour ..	6 10
Minnie Gray ..	7 9	Cupid ..	6 10
Gillie ..	7 8	Red Rose ..	6 10
Sepoy ..	7 7	Sweet Lavender ..	6 1
Millifera ..	7 2	Transit ..	6 1

HANDICAP PONY HURDLES, of 30sovs. Distance 1½ miles.

	st. lb.		st. lb.
Locket ..	10 0	Gamecock ..	7 9
Antic ..	9 0	Reuben ..	7 9
Pica ..	9 0	Millifera ..	7 7
Minnie Gray ..	8 12	Lark ..	7 7
Pearl ..	8 9	Maple ..	7 7
Rangiora ..	8 0	Tonjour ..	7 7
Sepoy ..	7 10	Defiance ..	7 7

HANDICAP PONY TROT, of 20sovs. Distance 2 miles.

	scratch		secs
Maud ..	scratch	Maple ..	45
Comet ..	5	Bogie ..	45
Maud S. ..	20	Slabs ..	45
Dick ..	25	Model ..	45
Jessie ..	25	Pukenui ..	50
Polo ..	35	Trixy ..	50
Gray Bess ..	40	Kaiwaka ..	50
Midnight ..	45	Flora ..	50
Mary Jane ..	45	Coquette ..	55
Tit ..	45	Boot ..	55
The Maid ..	45		

HANDICAP MAIDEN TROT, of 30sovs. Distance 2 miles.

	scratch		secs.
Polly ..	scratch	Midnight ..	45
Jeanette ..	15	Mary Jane ..	45
Bessie ..	15	Victoria ..	45
Maud S. ..	20	Mike ..	45
Sultan ..	20	Model ..	45
Jessie ..	25	Strathan ..	45
Our Boy ..	30	Jessie No. 2 ..	45
Mount ..	30	Laddie (Scott) ..	50
Matchfire ..	40	Sailor Boy ..	50
Polly ..	40	Bob ..	50
Zachariah ..	40	Kaiwaka ..	50
Laddie (Gorrie) ..	40	Larry ..	50

HANDICAP TROT, of 50sovs. Distance 3 miles.

	scratch		secs.
Nellie ..	scratch	Polo ..	45
Polly ..	5	Mary Jane ..	50
Maud ..	5	Midnight ..	50
Commodore ..	10	Mike ..	50
Comet ..	10	Slab ..	50
Bessie ..	20	Model ..	50
Sultan ..	25	Laddie (Scott) ..	55
Maud S. ..	25	Rambuster ..	55
Jessie ..	30	Bob ..	55
Hard Times ..	30	Laddie (Nichol) ..	55
Mount ..	35	Welcome Jack ..	60
Farmer ..	35	Sailor Boy ..	60
Our Boy ..	35	Daisy ..	60

Acceptances for the above close with the Secretary at Mr. W. Adams' office, Durham-street, on Friday next, August 22.

The Duke of Portland drew Sanfoin and Surefoot in the big Derby sweep at the Turf Club.

It is not often a horse loses a furlong in a race and then wins, but at Ballarat recently Monarch, ridden by his owner, Scobie, baulked about a mile from home and yet managed to win. Scobie had to ride a desperate race to get up to Nigger, and only succeeded in the last stride.