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## SPORTING FIXTURES, ETC.

### COMING EVENTS.

August 28.....Amberley Steeplechase Meeting.  
August 28.....North Canterbury Steeplechase.  
Sept. 1, 6.....South Australian J.C. Spring Meeting.  
Sept. 4.....Rangitikei Hunt Club.  
Sept. 4.....Hawkesbury Guineas.  
Sept. 6.....Hawkesbury Handicap.  
Sept. 6.....Auckland Trotting Club.  
Sept. 4, 6.....Hawkesbury E. C. Spring Meeting.  
Sept. 9, 10.....Geraldine Spring Meeting.  
Sept. 13.....A.J.C. Derby.  
Sept. 16.....Metropolitan Stakes.  
Sept. 18, 19, 20, 21.....J. C. Spring Meeting.  
Sept. 20.....Waikato Hunt Club Race Meeting.  
Sept. 12, 13.....Dunedin Hunt Club.  
Sept. 18, 19.....South Canterbury J. C. Meeting.  
Oct. 4.....Onehunga Racing Club.  
Oct. 6, 7.....Hawke's Bay J. C. Spring Meeting.  
Oct. 8.....Palmerston.  
October 11.....Caulfield Guineas.  
Oct. 14, 15.....Napier Park.  
Oct. 18.....Fakuranga Hunt Club.  
October 18.....Caulfield Cup.  
Oct. 20, 21.....Wellington R. C. Summer Meeting.  
Nov. 1.....V.R.C. Derby and Maribyrnong Plate.  
Nov. 4.....Melbourne Cup.  
Nov. 4, 5, 8.....J. C. Spring Meeting.  
Nov. 8, 10.....Auckland Racing Club Spring Meeting.  
Nov. 19, 20.....Ashburton R. C. Spring Meeting.  
Nov. 22.....Fakuranga Racing Club.  
Nov. 28, 29.....Dunedin Jockey Club.  
Nov. 29.....Takapuna Spring Meeting.  
Dec. 1, 2.....Dunedin Jockey Club.  
Dec. 27.....Auckland Trotting Club.  
Jan. 5, '91.....Auckland Trotting Club.

### NOMINATIONS CLOSE.

Sept. 2.....Hawke's Bay Jockey Club 1st Hurdles, Flying and Spring Handicaps.  
Sept. 5.....Waikato Hunt Club.  
Sept. 28.....C.J.C. Spring Hurdles, Steward's Stakes, Juvenile Stakes, Metropolitan Stakes, Jockey Club Stakes, Middle Park Plate and Challenge Stakes.  
Sept. 28.....Fakuranga Hunt Club.

### WEIGHTS APPEAR.

Sept. 9.....Hawke's Bay Hurdles, Flying and Spring Hdcaps.  
Sept. 9.....Waikato Hunt Club.  
Oct. 2.....Fakuranga Hunt Club.  
Oct. 10.....C.J.C. Spring Hurdles and Steward's Stakes.

### ACCEPTANCES DUE.

August 28.....Second payment Caulfield Cup.  
Sept. 11.....A.J.C. Metropolitan and Epsom Handicap—last forfeit.  
Sept. 18.....Waikato Hunt Club.  
Sept. 30.....Hawke's Bay Jockey Club Spring Meeting.  
Oct. 10.....Fakuranga Hunt Club.

### SCRATCHINGS.

Melbourne Cup, August 11, 4.20 p.m.—Redleap.  
Metropolitan Stakes, August 18—Prince Consort, Leopold, Oroya, Bendigo, Blizzard, Camdon, The Tyler, Bonnie Spec, Play Boy, Sommerhill Pelham, Maria Haydon, Goldmaster.

### HUNTING.

August 23.....Fakuranga Hunt Club, Panmure Bridge.  
August 30.....Avondale, 1 p.m.  
Sept. 6.....Mr. James Hay's, Three Kings, 1 p.m.  
Sept. 18.....New North Road (at the Blacksmith's), 2 p.m.  
Sept. 20.....Green Lane, 2 p.m.  
Oct. 4.....Harp of Erin, 2 p.m.

### AQUATICS.

August 30.....Sydney Rowing Club Regatta.  
August 30.....Mattersen v. Bubeare, £100 a-side, Champion Course, Sydney.  
Sept. 6.....Senior Eight-oared Race, Paramatta River.  
Sept. 13.....East Sydney Rowing Club Championship Skiffs.  
October.....Kemp v. Stansbury—2 mile course on the Paramatta.

### FOOTBALL—SENIOR.

August 23.....Grafton v. Ponsonby.  
August 23.....Auckland v. Gordon.

### JUNIOR.

August 23.....Gordon II. v. Athletic.  
August 23.....Native Rose v. Grafton II.  
August 23.....University v. Ponsonby II.

### TROTTING CLUBS.

The following are the names of the Clubs affiliated to the New Zealand Trotting Association—

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Southland Racing Club        | Ohoku and Eyreton Jockey Club |
| Cromwell Racing Club         | Club                          |
| Lower Heathcote Racing Club  | Tinwald Racing Club           |
| New Brighton Racing Club     | Hororatu Racing Club          |
| Lancaster Park Trotting Club | Waimate Racing Club           |
| North Canterbury Racing Club | Little River Racing Club      |
| Geraldine Racing Club        | Ellesmere Jockey Club         |
| Canterbury Trotting Club     | Greymouth Trotting Club       |
| Timaru Trotting Club         | Nelson Trotting Club          |
| South Canterbury Jockey Club | Northern Trotting & Pony Club |

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## Sporting Review.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 1890.

THE Racing Conference at Wellington did but little good. After sitting twice they adjourned until November 4th. The motion that was carried intimating to the Metropolitan Clubs that rule 22 would be strictly adhered to is a good one. Captain Russell's motion that "no programme shall contain more than one selling race for each day's racing" is a good move, but it would read better and be more useful if were added, "unless selling handicaps." Weight-for-age selling races afford great scope for swindles, and the entering horses to be sold for "nil" adds to it. Let some one who thoroughly understands racing get the conditions of the selling races run last season and calculate all the allowances. He would find that in nine cases out of ten the minimum weight would be about 4st. The rule says that the lowest weight in all races shall be 5st. 7lb. The question of establishing a New Zealand Jockey Club was adjourned until the next meeting of the Conference. The objects of the Club are to use its influence in the promotion and improvement of racing in the Colony, without interfering with the management of the Metropolitan Clubs. The head-quarters of the Club are to be in Wellington, and there are to be nineteen stewards to be elected annually; three each from Auckland, Canterbury and Dunedin, two each from Wellington, Hawke's Bay, and Wanganui, and one each from the Taranaki, Nelson, Marlborough, and Greymouth Clubs. The annual meeting is to be held in July. The stewards are to appoint from among their number a president, vice-president, and treasurer, etc. Any person under sentence, fine, or disqualification shall, subject to the consent of the Metropolitan Club, have the right to appeal to the New Zealand Jockey Club. Racing Clubs have to pay a registration fee of three guineas, and the Club is to issue all licenses to trainers and jockeys. There are also some minor

matters; in fact, the Club if formed desires to have the whole control of racing, the same as the Newmarket Jockey Club in England. Though such a Club would be beneficial, it is doubtful if the time has arrived when it could be fairly carried out. Communication between the two extremes of the Colony is not far enough advanced to admit of rapid travelling, most of it having to be done by sea. Then comes a most important question. Are there enough gentlemen in New Zealand interested in racing who would or could devote two or three weeks to attending the Club meeting at Wellington. There might be enough for the first year, but after that it would be the same men year after year, and we should have a continuous racing, as well as a Colonial, Government. Members of racing clubs, as a rule, are persons that pay their subscriptions and attend the races, but do not care one iota about the management or the financial state of their club. Let us review the Auckland Racing Club at the last meeting of delegates held in Napier. The Committee had to send their Secretary. A delegate, never mind of what kind, should be a member of the Club, and one that has the confidence of everyone—not a paid servant. If the Auckland Racing Club has a difficulty in getting one member to attend a Conference, what would they do about three? Some might be found if their expenses were paid, but then it would be bringing the new Racing Club on a level with the House of Representatives, and there would be no getting them out. We have no doubt that when the thing is fairly considered at the next Conference it will be seen that the time has not arrived for having one racing club for the whole Colony. From what we can learn there are other racing clubs similarly situated to Auckland, and it will very much surprise us if Dunedin and Greymouth are willing to join. It will suit those clubs to whom Wellington is easy of access, but not the others.

THOUGH the V.R. Club passed a resolution in favour of the totalisator, it will no doubt be some years before it is legalised. The *Australasian*, a few days previous to meeting, had a leading article in favour of the machine. "Those who are antagonistic to the totalisator declare that while it reduces the ring to something like moderate proportions it also effects racing to such an extent that eventually, wherever the instrument is legalised, the turf will surely decay. Our experience quite upsets this theory. In America, France, Germany, New Zealand, Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia, and Tasmania, where the totalisator is in force, the ranks of the book-makers have been reduced, but the turf shows no sign of declining, and never will while the machine remains in existence." I certainly have not raced in all these countries, so shall confine my remarks to those in which I have. The machine has been in use for a great many years in France, and is under the control of the Government, therefore its baneful influence on racing is not so much felt. The prices are kept low, and are fixed according to the tariff of the stand to which it is attached, thus allowing owners to back their horses in the ring proper. Racing in France would be at a very low ebb if it was not for the support it gets from Englishmen. They also get all their best horses for the stud from England; and when they get a good racer they bring it over and make money with it. If racing was confined to the Frenchmen alone it would very soon fall into decay, as you cannot make racing pay with the machine monopolising all the betting. With regard to Germany, racing is not like what it used to be. Very few foreign horses go over to race there. What has become of Baden Baden and other first-class meetings? They have all dwindled down to fourth-class meetings, through there being no betting ring.