

"Spectator" states that Fred. Hedge, who was at one time a leading cross-country rider, and who used to ride Clarence, left Christchurch last week for the old country.

Messrs. Hobbs Bros. have sustained a severe loss. Their well-known colt Road Metal, whilst exercising the other morning on the Washdyke course, broke one of his hind legs and had to be destroyed.

Murray, one of the men employed on the Ellerslie racecourse, met with a nasty accident on Monday. He was employed cutting grass with a scythe when a gate swung round, striking the blade on to his leg, and inflicting a severe cut.

It is to be regretted that the meetings of the Pakuranga Racing Club and the Amateur Athletic and Cycle Club should both be held on the same day. Unfortunately, when the Racing Club fixed their date, they were not aware that it would clash with the sports.

By advertisement in another column, applications for the position of handicapper to the Takapuna Jockey Club are invited. Full particulars can be obtained from the Secretary, and applications will be received up to 4 o'clock on Tuesday, November 11th.

Monday next is fixed upon as the day for settling over the V.R.C. and C.J.C. meetings. It is sincerely to be hoped that the public will be prompt in paying up, as the bookmakers have undoubtedly the worst of it, and will have to pay out large sums.

It was reported a short time since that Lord Dudley had purchased the crack Irish steeple-chaser Royal Meath for £5,000. The noble lord is not quite satisfied with his bargain, and the vendor of the horse is taking action for the recovery of the purchase money.—*Weekly Press.*

At a meeting of the Auckland Racing Club, held on Wednesday, the following programmes were passed:—Drury Racing Club, December 29th; Gisborne Racing Club Summer Meeting, January 6th and 7th; Alexandra Racing Club, December 26th. The horses that competed at the recent meeting at Potter's Paddock were disqualified from running at meetings held under the A.R.C. rules. The disqualification, however, may be removed under certain circumstances upon application.

A great deal is said in the Colonies about the pace that steeplechases are run at. Now to give the young Colonials some idea of the pace that is required to win a steeple in England, the following quotations are taken from the *Badmington Library*:—"During the last twenty years the average time of the Derby, one and a half miles, is 2min. 48secs. During the same period the average time of the Grand National Steeplechase at Liverpool, a very long four and a half miles has been 10 min. 13 secs. That is to say a mile has been run at Epsom in 1 min. 52secs., and at Liverpool in 24 secs. more—that is in 2 min. 16 secs. There are on the Liverpool course some thirty jumps of formidable size, the going on the turf is generally worse than that at Epsom, and there are some ploughed fields to be crossed. Moreover, while the Derby horses have carried 8st 10lb the Liverpool horses have carried during these years an average of as nearly as possible 11st. The question of weight-for-age has to be considered, but reckoning this it will be seen that a Grand National is run at what is almost the pace of the Derby maintained; it must always be remembered for thrice the distance of the Epsom course. By taking extreme cases more might be proved. Thus Huntsman's Grand National time is given at 9 min. 30 secs.—six seconds less than on the occasion of The Lamb's first win (but it must be remembered that in Huntsman's year there were 16 ploughed fields), that is a mile in 2 min 6 secs. Ellington took 3 min 4 secs to gallop the Derby course (which on that day was very heavy) that is a mile in 2 min. 3 secs., and the extraordinary fact remains that the four and a half miles of the Grand National have been run at a speed per mile as nearly as possible equal to the Derby time for an easy mile and a half at Epsom. It is obvious, therefore, that to expect an undertried horse to win the Grand National is equivalent to believing a hack might win the Derby."

It makes a great deal of difference when an editor goes to press, whether his sweetheart or his paper is meant.



## AUCKLAND RACING CLUB. SPRING MEETING.

SATURDAY NEXT, NOVEMBER 8TH,  
AND  
MONDAY,  
(Celebration of the Prince of Wales' Birthday.)

### FIRST DAY.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP, 1 mile.  
WELCOME STAKES, 5 furlongs.  
AUCKLAND GUINEAS, 1 mile.  
HANDICAP HURDLE RACE, 2 miles.  
PRINCE OF WALES HANDICAP, 1½ miles.  
SELLING STEEPLECHASE, about 3 miles.  
FLYING HANDICAP, 6 furlongs.

### SECOND DAY.

SPRING HANDICAP, 7 furlongs.  
HANDICAP HURDLE RACE, 1½ miles.  
NURSERY HANDICAP, 4 furlongs.  
CITY HANDICAP, 1½ miles.  
HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE, about 3 miles.  
SELLING RACE, 6 furlongs.  
HUNTERS' WELTER STAKES, 1 mile.  
MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP, 1 mile and a distance.

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WM. PERCIVAL,  
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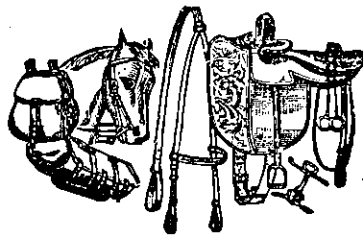
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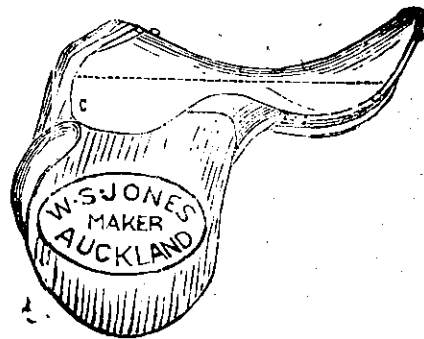
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