

Lord Wolsely states that although he strongly believed in the use of mounted rifles for the defence of the country, he would look to Yeomanry to supply them, and that the first thing the Volunteers should turn their attention to was to becoming excellent shots, which, as a body, they were far from being at present.

The members of the Artillery Band have presented their late Secretary, Corp. A. E. Campion, with a very handsome gold locket, suitably inscribed, prior to his departure for the South, in recognition of the attention he has paid to his duties during his term of office. Bandman J. Williamson is Mr. Campion's successor, and it is to be hoped he will prove as energetic as the latter.

Dargaville and Whangarei have their Rifle Clubs, and a match of ten men aside was to have taken place last Saturday. The result has not yet reached us.

The Hamilton Light Infantry under Captain Reid and Lieut. Kirk were inspected by Major Goring, on Friday, 5th inst., who congratulated them on their efficiency and the first-class order in which he found their arms and accoutrements.

A military march, composed by the Princess Beatrice, has been played twice lately during dinner at Osborne.

The following par is from the British Volunteer regulations; excepting the reserve, no such privileges are granted in N.Z.: "Any Volunteer, no matter what his rank may be, is entitled to wear an honorary member's uniform after eight years' service, provided the rules of his corps contain the usual provision to that effect; but sergeants, after 10 years' service as such, are placed upon the same footing as officers, and allowed to wear the uniform of the rank they retire with."

A friendly competition took place on Saturday, between the "A" and "O" Batteries of Artillery, on the Mount Eden rifle-range. Conditions: Eight men aside; ranges, 200, 300, and 500yds; seven shots at each range; and resulted in a victory for the "A" Battery by 83 points. The firing commenced at 500yds range, so as to have the best light at the long distance. The sun was very dazzling in the early part of the afternoon, which accounts for the indifferent shooting. The following were the scores:—

"A" BATTERY.				
Name.	500yds.	300yds.	200yds.	Tl.
Sergt.-Major Doughty	22	22	31	75
Gunner Henderson	23	19	31	73
Corp. Kearley	20	22	29	71
Gunner Taylor	15	21	29	65
Sergt. Parlow	13	22	26	61
Q.M.-St. Lipscombe	25	16	19	60
Corp. Webster	11	21	24	56
Gunner Buchanan	10	18	23	51
Totals	139	161	212	512
"O" BATTERY TEAM.				
Name.	500yds.	300yds.	200yds.	Tl.
Sergt. McCallum	21	23	26	70
Gun. Greenshields	12	26	29	67
Bugler Arthur	13	23	27	63
Q.-M. Fairs	20	13	24	57
Gunner Head	2	21	31	54
Gunner Brown	5	21	25	51
Sergeant Bonayne	0	11	27	38
Gunner Hughes	0	0	25	25
Totals	73	142	214	490
Majority for "A" Battery				82

It will be seen that the junior Battery beat their opponents at the short range by 2 points. Capt. Somerville, so well known to shooting men throughout the Colony as secretary of the N.Z. Rifle Association, and for many years Captain of the Alexandra Cavalry, has been promoted to the rank of Major, and I venture to assert that no more popular promotion has been announced for some time. Trooper James Watt has been elected to the vacant captaincy.

WEIGHTS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.—NOMINATIONS.

July 11th 1891.

TRIAL STEEPLECHASE two miles.—Canute, Dangerous, Orina, Chance, Roger, Christmas, Whitefoot, Rizzio, Lochnagar, Captain Boison, Pirate, Chester, Turaekaitai, Somnambulist, Ival, Honest, John (late Defendant), Te Ata, Moonraker, Good Shot, Attache, Johnny, General Gordon, Relation, Dan, The Monk.

HURDLE HANDICAP one mile and three-quarters.—Rere, Beggerman, Theorem, Jack, Clive, Christmas, Waihi, Blue Mountain, Otaiere, Sentinel, Worth, Pyramus, Puketere, Taranui, Markman, Yardman, Newmarket, Somnambulist, Couranto, Oceola, Ahua, Irish King, Ival, Comet, Kimberley, Darnley, Angler, First String, Kaimanawa, Oaklands, Waterbury, Roscius, Whalebone.

WELLINGTON STEEPLECHASE three miles.—Canute, Rere, Rough, Dangerous, Chance, Yardman, Roger, Jack, Christmas, Whitefoot, Rizzio, Blue Mountain, Otakiri, Lochnagar, Sentinel, Worth, Chester, Turaekaitai, Oceola, Ahua, Irish King, Darnley, Oco, First String, Kaimanawa, Te Ata, Moonraker, Whalebone, General Gordon, Orient, Kangaroo, Dan.

LADIES TROPHY two miles.—Lenora, Beggerman, Waihi, Sawdust, Blue Mountain, Reputation, Kimberley, Comet, Leonie, Jet d'Eau, Angler, The Laird, Kaimanawa, Pirate, Somnambulist, Norton, Attache, Retina, Captain Boison.

HIGH WEIGHT HANDICAP one mile and a quarter.—Lenora, Jack, Waihi, Blue Mountain, Rufus, Worth, Pyramus, Blenheim, Puketere, Taranui, Couranto, Jet d'Eau, Kimberley, Angler, The Laird, Kaimanawa, Waterbury, Norton, Rosa Bonheur, Retina.

V.R.C. GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

The following weights have been declared for the V.R.C. Grand National Hurdle Race and Steeplechase, to be run at Flemington on July 11th and 18th.

20 sovs. each, 5ft., with 1500 sovs. added. About three miles.					
	st lb.		st lb.		
Sir Wilfred.....	13 5	Arthur.....	11 0	Marmion.....	9 12
Ahua.....	12 12	Beggar Boy.....	11 0	Groggan.....	9 10
Redleap.....	12 10	Coral.....	10 12	Prodigal.....	9 10
Chemist.....	12 8	Blair Athol.....	10 12	Dolphin.....	9 10
Flashlight.....	12 6	Buster.....	10 11	Bg. Helmet.....	9 10
Knight.....	12 1	King Louis.....	10 10	Flora.....	9 10
Tyro.....	12 0	Grafton.....	10 8	Schoolboy.....	9 7
Harper.....	11 10	Shaneen.....	10 7	Bonnor.....	9 7
Fearless.....	11 9	Maybe.....	10 7	Echo.....	9 7
Whisper.....	11 8	Claud Duval.....	10 6	Peter Flat.....	9 7
Busaco.....	11 5	Uranus.....	10 4	Egyptian.....	9 7
Nooroo.....	11 4	Gold Port.....	10 2	Grandwing.....	9 7
Sir Moor.....	11 4	Darnida.....	10 2	Thelma.....	9 7
Bolton.....	11 4	Claret.....	10 0		
Crossrail.....	11 3				

THE GRAND NATIONAL HURDLE RACE—a handicap sweepstake of 20 sovs. each, 5ft., with 1500 sovs. added. About three miles.

Lottie	12	7	Harbinger	10	9	Fog	9	11
Bellringer	12	5	Dick	10	9	Wairua	9	10
Ahua	12	3	Stewan	10	7	Africanus	9	10
Ision	12	0	Bonnie Doon	10	6	Busaco	9	9
Redleap	11	12	Priscilla	10	4	Iris	9	9
Drilldell	11	12	Pentagon	10	3	Tumult	9	8
Tradition	11	9	Pioneer	10	3	Duramboe	9	8
Chemist	11	7	Dillon	10	3	Satyr	9	7
Parnell	11	5	Egerta	10	3	Fujiyama	9	7
Pingara	11	4	Havilah	10	3	Quadrant	9	7
Audacity	11	4	Bothwell	10	3	William Tell	9	6
Ellerslie	11	4	Quilp	10	2	Montrose	9	4
Nooroo	11	2	Lady Wilde	10	2	Hamilton	9	3
Simpleton	11	2	Mebblecheek	10	1	Goldleaf	9	2
Frolic	11	0	Donald	10	1	Westminster	9	2
Crossrail	10	13	Boonoke	10	0	Vimera	9	1
Arthur	10	12	Poreious	10	0	Cuttlefish	9	0
Vultura	10	11	Elfie	10	0	Student	9	0
Birdie	10	10	Nankipoo	9	13	Simper	9	0
Leroy	10	9	Hesperus	9	12	Kapo	9	0
Yabba	10	9	Crusoe	9	12	Capricorn	9	0

The handicapper is awaiting information from New Zealand before allotting weight to Mr. Douglas' Jupiter.

HAWKES BAY TROTTING CLUB.—NOMINATIONS.

MAIDEN TROT (in saddle) two miles.—Ino, William, Putaki, Daisy, Frizzle, Gold Dust, Buttercup, Algeria, Milkboy, The Nun, Fidele, Godolphin, Blucher, Kitty, Vagrant, Arawa, Friday, Abess, Billy.

MAIDEN PONY TROT (in saddle), one and a-half miles.—Jeanie, Bessie, Jess, Darkey (late Trooper), Nankakea, Canary, Little Daisy, Lincoln, Tuesday, Emma, Jenny, Vengeance, Frizzle, Problem, Minnie, Ruby, Jenny, Nydia, Start, Florie.

HAWKES BAY TROTTING CLUB HANDICAP, in saddle, two miles and a half.—Hurricane, Tansy, Putaki, Darkey (late Trooper), Nankakea, Clothstone, Daisy, Maude, Vengeance, The Whale, Nelly, Gold Dust, Minnie, Blucher, Arawa, Friday, Polly.

HANDICAP PONY TROT (in saddle), two miles.—Jeanie, Bessie, Saucy, Jess, Cavalry, Little Daisy, Lincoln, Tuesday, Ranter, Emma, Frizzle, Outcast, Flossie, Old Dodger, Problem, Minnie, Ruby, Jenny, Ngarara, Nydia, Start, Florie.

SELLING TROT (in saddle).—Hurricane, Darkey, Little Daisy, Algeria, Nutmeg, Nelly, Kitty, Brocas, Briar, Billy, Friday, Jess.

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HAWKES BAY WINTER MEETING.—WEIGHTS.

HANDICAP HURDLES of 100 sovs. about two miles.											
st. lb.			st. lb.			st. lb.			st. lb.		
*Turaekaitai	11	7	*Kapo	10	0	*Criminal	9	10			
*Whalebone	11	3	Pursestring	10	0	*Otaiere	9	9			
*Oceola	11	3	*The Peer	10	0	*Prospect	9	7			
Darnley	11	0	Couranto	10	0	Roscius	9	7			
*Newmarket	10	10	Pyramus	9	12	Oaklands	9	6			
*Somnambulist	10	8	*Comet	9	12	*Bide-a-wee	9	5			
*Caitiff	10	7	*Worth	9	11	*Aorere	9	5			
Theorem	10	4	*Ival	9	11	*Good Shot	9	3			
*Rere	10	3	Waterbury	9	10	Blue Mountain	9	0			

HAWKES BAY STEEPLECHASE of 300 sovs. about three miles and a-half.

st. lb.		and a-half.		st. lb.		st. lb.	
*Chemist	12	10	*Caitiff	10	6	*Kaimanaroa	9
*Uranus	11	12	Rough	10	5	Yardman	9
Sentinel	11	10	*Rere	9	11	Te Ata	9
*Ingorangi	10	12	Ival	9	10	*War Cry	9
Oceola	10	12	Oco	9	9	Otairi	9
*Whalebone	10	11	Pursestring	9	9	Duadine	9
Taureakaitai	10	11	Worth	9	9	*Blue Mountain	9
*Darnley	10	10	Waterbury	9	8		
* Did not accept.							

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WATERLOO MEETING.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JULY 9, 10 & 11, 1891.

WATERLOO CUP.—For an unlimited number of All-Aged Dogs at £8 each, with 50 sovs. added (£20 by Dunedin Jockey Club, and £30 by National Coursing Club). Nomination, £4, on June 29; balance of sweep, £4, on July 7. (Open to members of the National Coursing Club of New Zealand only.)

LADIES' BRACKET.—For an unlimited number of All-Aged Dogs at £2 each, with Trophy, value £5 5s (presented by M'Gavin and Co.) for winner, and Trophy, value £2 2s (presented by Duthie Bros.) for runner-up. Nomination, £1, on June 29; balance of sweep, £1 on July 7.

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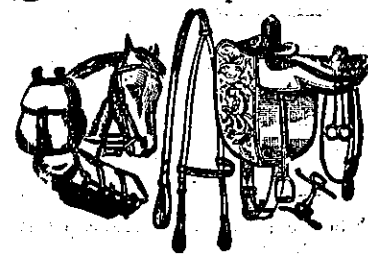
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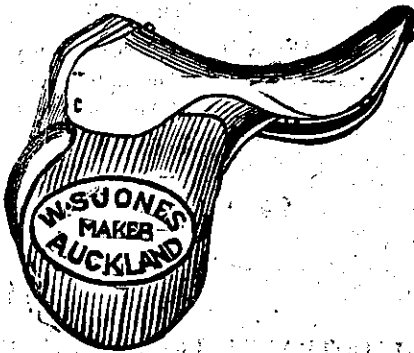
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