

Volunteer News.

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GOVERNMENT INSPECTION PARADES.

- Sept. 3—"A" Battery Artillery, Artillery Band.
 4—Auckland Naval Artillery, Artillery Band.
 7—Ponsonby Naval Artillery, Artillery Band.
 8—Victoria Rifles, City Guards, Newton Rifles.
 9—Auckland Engineers, Royal Irish Rifles.
 22—Victoria Rifles, City Guards, Newton Rifles.
 23—Auckland Engineers, Royal Irish Rifles.

RANGE TIME TABLE.

- Sept. 5—Martini-Henry Rifle Club.
 12—Victoria Rifles, City Guards, Newton Rifles, Royal Irish Rifles.
 19—Auckland and Ponsonby Navals, "A" Battery and Engineers.
 26—Victoria Rifles, City Guards, Newton Rifles, Royal Irish Rifles.

ON Saturday, the 8th August, a meeting of officers was held in their room at the Drill Shed, when there was a large attendance present. It was decided to have three competitions at 200, 500, and 600 yards, with Martinis, to pick a team to visit Australia. Entrances for the competition were fixed at £1. The following members of the New Zealand Rifle Association were present:—Captains Kohn, Geddes and Tobin, Lieuts. Somers and Dormer, also W. Rose, Greenshields, Henderson, Webster, Weir, Harry Doughty, Taylor, Buchanan, the inevitable and always welcome "Dad" Soall, Craig, Spinley, Moore, Fairs, Parslow, and others of lesser note. On the motion of Captain Tobin, of the Royal Irish Rifles, it was resolved to send a representative team from the Auckland Volunteers to compete at the New South Wales Rifle Association meeting, to be held in that Colony next October, and also that intending competitors send in their names, together with the sum of £1, to form the nucleus of a fund for assisting the successful representatives. On the motion of Mr. J. F. Haultain, seconded by Capt. Kohn, it was decided to request the officer commanding the district to lay before officers commanding companies under his jurisdiction, the desirability of raising funds to assist the representatives. A committee of three, consisting of Capt. Kohn, Lieut. Dormer and Mr. Haultain, were appointed to carry out the competition for choice of representatives. Entrances are to be received up till 8 p.m. on Thursday, September 3rd (to-night).

Another old volunteer has joined the majority. Charlie Hanneken was perhaps not so well known as a rifleman as a bandsman, but he was nevertheless one of the members of the "Auckland Artillery" when there was less cliqueism, autocraticism, favouritism, conceitism, and a few other "isms," than exists in the "A" Battery at the present time. Charlie Hanneken was one of the earliest members of Andrew Hunter's well-known Artillery Band, where he was the pride of his musical mates and the gunners behind him for the manner in which he handled the sliding trombone. For the last two years he was more immediately connected with Mr. Impey's lawn band, as he found that more suitable to his failing health than marching with a wind instrument. Mr.—(no! I can't, I'll still call him "Charlie")—Hanneken was well known throughout the Auckland province in connection with his brother "Phil" for the excellence of their quadrille string band, and when Charlie got either the violin or piano in his hands he was happy, especially if he had his brother at the key-board. His services as a musician were invariably being offered gratuitously to every charitable object that presented itself, and he was never slow to put himself out of his way to do anyone a favour, however slight it might have been. He was only 31, but leaves behind him a wife and a large young family. If any evidence were required as to the appreciation in which Charlie Hanneken was held, we had only to notice the enormously large attendance at his funeral on Sunday afternoon. The hearse was preceded by three bands, the combination numbering between 70 and 80 performers. The procession of pedestrians was one of the largest we have seen in Auckland, and included all classes of the community. The obsequies being over, the spec-

tators appeared to be in no humour to linger over the solemn proceedings; but as I squeezed my way through the crowd, with a lump in my throat (for the deceased was an intimate and old chum of mine), I could not but be impressed with the number of times I heard the remark, "Poor old Charlie."

The return match between the "A" Battery Artillery and the rifle companies combined took place at the Mount Eden rifle range on Saturday last. Considerable interest was manifested in the contest, which was won by the Artillery by 32 points. That famous and once reliable shot Jimmy Parslow would appear to be falling off altogether; on this occasion we find him at the bottom of the list, with the very poor score (for him) of 57 points. The long ranges were taken first, and at the close of the 500 yards it was found the Battery had gained a lead of 14 points. They got 11 points still further ahead at 300 yards, while at the 200 yards they got the advantage over the riflemen of 7 points more.

"A" BATTERY.

	500yds	300yds	200yds	Tl.
Sergt. H. Doughty	29	24	28	81
Gunner Henderson	21	25	29	75
Gunner McCallum	21	27	28	74
Corp. Webster	13	29	27	69
Gun. Greenshields	22	19	27	68
Gunner Head	16	21	29	66
Sergt.-Major Doughty	9	25	27	61
Gunner Taylor	16	18	25	59
Gun. E. Buchanan	9	23	26	58
Sergeant Parslow	11	18	28	57
Total	167	229	272	668

38 over magpies. Average 68 4-5.

RIFLE BATTALION.

	22	24	30	76
Corp. Henderson	17	26	30	73
Captain Tobin	19	27	24	70
Private O'Connor	15	24	28	67
Sergt. Watson	19	22	24	65
Private Osborne	17	21	26	64
Private M. Fairs	20	16	25	61
Private Sterling	11	20	26	57
Lieut. Dormer	7	24	25	56
Captain Cooper	6	14	27	47
Private Rose				
Total	153	218	265	636

6 over magpies. Average 63 3-5

Majority for "A" Battery Artillery 32 points

Ex-Lieut. Tom Ansell, of the "A" Battery, was in town last week, having come in from his farm for a spell of a week or so. He was unfortunate enough to lose a favourite little son of 6 or 7 years, and determined to take a change in consequence. Otherwise Tom is looking remarkably well, and is well satisfied with his farm and prospects.

Captain Tobin is a plucky shot; he invariably declines everything short of a bulls eye for his sighting shot, and it was this fact that won the first match for the riflemen against the Artillery, when he declined an inner for his sighter, and got a bull for a counter, which won his side the match by 1 point.

The Martini-Henri Rifle Club having received a supply of ammunition, will resume their firing on the Mount Eden rifle range next Saturday. Gunner McCallum has always been unceasing in his energies for the advancement of Martini-Henri shooting, and his return has no doubt infused fresh vigour into the Club. On Saturday they fire 7 shots each at 200, 500, and 600 yards, and the aggregate scores are to count for the choice of representatives to visit Australia, for which £1 entrance fee is required.

Most people will agree with me that the rifle companies made a big mistake in firing Cooper Cooper and Bill Rose in preference to Macarthy and Theo. Fairs in the last match against the "A" Battery.

Volunteers are all glad to welcome back from Australia to New Zealand, Gunner McCallum of the "A" Battery, alias Sergt. M. McCallum of the "O" Battery; and in order to put this paradox correct in the minds of my unenlightened military readers, I hasten to explain that Mr. McCallum has become a full-blown gunner in the "A" Battery, being transferred on account of the demise of the junior company; such transfer not carrying with it any rank, according to existing rules, regulations, acts, precedents, etc., etc. Gunner "Monty" brings back with him more full and complete information regarding volunteering matters generally than we have been taught to expect from N.Z. volunteer officers of field rank standing, and I regret that the military space at my disposal precludes me giving further information regarding his visit (which I have gleaned from an interview) until next week. Suffice it to say that I have a quantity of most interesting news to shooting men and volunteers generally. Gunner McCallum's name has been freely mentioned during his

absence, and since his return, as an eligible candidate for the vacancy caused by the resignation of Lieut. Haultain, and taking into consideration his ability as a shot, his more than average education, his energy, tact, popularity, ready business capacity, and his now greatly improved position, which has always been good, I have no hesitancy in saying the "A" Battery would go a long way, and wait a longer time than is desirable, to find a more suitable man for the position.

It has been semi-officially notified that the Mount Eden rifle range is to be closed as from the 1st October proximo, and unless some decisive action is taken by the volunteers immediately, it will be an accomplished fact.

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TURF RECORD.

CHRISTCHURCH HUNT CLUB MEETING.

Saturday, August 15th, 1891.

HUNTERS' HURDLE RACE of 30 sovs, added to a sweep of 1 sov. each for acceptors; second to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. About one mile and a half over six flights of hurdles.
 187 Mr. George's ch g Cheshunt, by Natator, 6yrs, 11st 12lb, Mr. A. G. Cox 1
 45 Mr. J. Mills' ch g Iroquois, aged, 11st 7lb, Mr. Macdonald 2
 23 Mr. C. Wynn-Williams' b g Lewis, aged, 11st, Owner 3
 287 Mr. J. Dennis' b g Dan, aged, 12st, Mr. E. D. O'Rourke 0
 39 Mr. R. Rutherford's ch g Camera, aged, 11st 12lb, fell, Mr. Coleman 0
 96 Mr. F. Busch's ch g Rangiora, 6yrs, 11st 9lb, Mr. Parsons 0
 31 Mr. F. P. Claridge's ch g Don, aged, 11st 9lb, Mr. C. Inwood 0
 35 Mr. A. S. Clarkson's ch g Launcelot, 6yrs, 11st, ran off, Mr. C. D. Kimbell 0
 743 Won by two lengths. Time, 3min 12½sec. Dividend, £3 11s 6d.

OPEN HURDLE HANDICAP of 75 sovs, added to a sweepstake of 2 sovs each, for acceptors. Second to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Once round and a distance.
 172 Mr. J. Maher's br g Couranto, by Patriarch—Quickstep, aged, 11st 8lb, Redmond 1
 142 Mr. H. Vallance's br g Harkaway, 6yrs, 9st 9lb, Morrison 2
 105 Mr. C. Moore's b g Clyde, aged, 9st 5lb, M'Morran 3
 115 Mr. C. R. Hewitt's br g Sentinel, aged, 11st 9lb, Hickey 0
 69 Messrs Currie and Hogan's b g Caitiff, 6yrs, 10st 9lb, Maher 0
 108 Mr. W. Brown's blk g Captain Abram, aged, 10st 5lb, T. Stewart 0
 206 Mr. W. Russell's ch g The Idler, 4yrs, 9st 13lb, F. Holmes 0
 10 Mr. D. Rutherford's ch g Norton, 6yrs, 9st 8lb, Clarke 0
 47 Mr. J. Maitland's br g Thorem, aged, 9st 7lb, Wright 0
 1064 Won by a length and a half. Time, 3min 4sec. Dividend, £5 11s.

HUNT CLUB CUP STEEPLECHASE of 60 sovs, added to a sweep of 2 sovs each for acceptors; second to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. About two miles and a half.
 99 Mr. J. Dennis' b g Dan, by Natator—Prairie Bird, aged, 12st 7lb, Mr. E. D. O'Rourke 1
 46 Mr. W. H. Woodman's g g Mexico, aged, 12st 7lb, Mr. Cox 2
 21 Mr. Van Asch's br g Encore, aged, 10st 10lb, fell, Owner 3
 275 Mr. F. P. Claridge's br m Lyndora, 6yrs 12st 9lb, including 7lb penalty, baulked, Owaer 0
 108 Mr. G. Murray-Aynsley's b g Begorrah, aged, 12st 2lb, ran off, Mr. C. D. Kimbell 0
 160 Mr. H. G. Moore's rn g Morok, aged, 11st 12lb, ran off, Owner 0
 22 Mr. B. Martin's blk m Black Gin, aged, 11st ran off, Mr. MacDonald 0
 726 Won by a length. Encore was a bad third. Time, 6min 1½sec. Dividend, £6 12s.

OPEN STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs, added to a sweep of 2 sovs for acceptors; second horse 15 sovs out of the stake. About three miles over the Grand National Steeplechase course.
 317 Mr. G. H. Rhodes's b g Freeman, aged, by Guy Faux—Miss Freeman, 11st 5lb, Stewart 1
 181 Mr. J. Rollo's ch g Taurakaitai, aged, 11st 5lb, Rollo 2
 66 Mr. J. Poole's blk g Waitangi, aged, 10st, Poole 3
 98 Mr. F. Martin's b g Kangaroo, aged, 10st 6lb, fell, M'Morran 0
 216 Mr. C. A. Durie's g g Christmas, aged, 10st 3lb, fell, Redmond 0
 49 Hon. J. D. Ormond's b g Otairi, aged, 9st 9lb, baulked, Stowe 0
 205 Mr. D. Rutherford's b h Abu, aged, 12st 5lb, fell, Clark 0
 76 Mr. C. R. Hewitt's b g Sentinel, aged, 11st 8lb, Hickey 0
 1156 Won easily. Time, 6min 30sec. Dividend, £3 5s 6d.

TALLY-HO PLATE STEEPLECHASE of 35 sovs; second to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For qualified hunters that have never won a race of the advertised value of more than 10 sovs (other than a qualified hunter's race of not more than the advertised value of 30 sovs), the bona fide property of, and to be ridden by, members of the Christchurch Hunt Club, weight-for-age. About two miles.
 110 Mr. B. Todhunter's ch g Bachelor, by Puriri, aged, 12st 3lb, Owner 1
 132 Mr. F. Ford's b g Teaser, aged, 12st 8lb, Mr. F. P. Claridge 2
 178 Mr. A. S. Clarkson's ch g Launcelot, 6yrs, 12st 8lb, ran off, M. C. D. Kimbell 3
 420 Won easily. Time, 4min 45sec. Dividend, £3 8s 6d.

THE LADIES' BRACELET of the value of 25 sovs. For qualified hunters that have never won any race at the time of start, or started in any race other than a qualified hunters' race. The "bona fide" property of members of any recognised Hunt Club. Four-year-olds, 12st; five-year-olds, 12st 5lb; six-year-olds and upwards, 12st 6lb. One mile and a half on the flat.
 378 Miss Claridge's ch g Scamp, by Burlington, 5yrs, 12st 2lb, Mr. F. P. Claridge 1
 43 Mrs. H. A. Knight's b g Cockfoot, aged, 12st 8lb, Mr. Knight 2
 190 Miss Robson's ch g Gaucher, 4yrs, 11st 11lb, Mr. Macdonald 3
 156 Mrs. G. Gould's ch g Red Jason, 5yrs, 12st 2lb, Mr. A. G. Cox 0
 88 Mrs. Becker's b g Regalia, 4yrs, 11st 11lb, Mr. Parsons 0
 86 Miss Cowlishaw's b f Justice, 4yrs, 11st 9lb, M. C. D. Kimbell 0
 889 Won by a length. Time, 2min 55sec. Dividend, £2 2s 6d.

The twenty-four jockeys for the Wokingham Stakes (Handicap) at Ascot, were weighed out by Mr. Manning in 9½ minutes. This beats New Zealand, if not Australian, times, where it requires three-quarters of an hour between each race, and then cannot keep up to the mark.