

and when trout refuse a fly or rise we are far more inclined to change than to change the gut and put finer point. Doubtless this entails trouble, but my contention is that it would be well worth our while. I do think that the need of really fine gut is recently emphasised in looks on fishing though in Halford's book, the could hardly be more emphatic: "The thinnest of drawn gut in the longest is compatible with the strength required to handle the fish when hooked is a considerable advantage on every stream, and the absolute necessity on those which are fished." Many a dry fly has come to perfection over a rising trout, but a suspicion of drag is totally excluded by the fish on account of the point to which it is attached. The rise of the trout is very remarkable, and their sight extraordinarily keen. Dr. Ward adduces some striking evidence of this. Writing of his photographs from a tank below the surface of water, he says, "When a trout lying on the bottom rises to a fly on the surface he comes like a flash of lightning, so rapid are his movements that, with an exposure 1-250 of a second, it is possible to get more than a blurred image." When trout are rising short, I think that they just pluck at the gut and touch the fly at all; though movements are so quick that I have been able to verify this theory. It is the only explanation I can give many touches that one feels distinctly clear, water. Even in rapid streams when fish after fish is just felt, however quickly you strike, you fail to hook one. On such occasions only the very finest drawn gut will defeat the fish. My advice to anglers on such occasions is, change your point and put on finer, for the gut is more important than the fly. Even if a fish does not break you now and again, it will catch more than if you could not get them to take hold of your fly at all. With really fine gut it becomes a matter of skill; but when the trout can get the gut you have practically no chance at all; and in clear streams the most successful fisherman use the finest gut. My experience of this was strongly corroborated by what I saw, of a very fine trout last year. He certainly cast a beautiful fly, but I noticed particularly carefully he was to grease his line before he commenced operations, and how he only used the finest gut point that could be procured, and I am certain this was the secret of his success, when other anglers could not induce a fish to fasten, after what fly they put on. By all means imitate as nearly as possible the fly that is on the water; but when in doubt change your point, for if the trout is on your fly, he certainly has his eye on your fly, he certainly has his eye watching for your gut. What the natural fly may look like to the trout, and whatever impression he may have of colour, it is quite certain that the natural fly is accompanied by the flash of light in the sunlight, or the streak that even the finest, leaves in the clear water.

RE-FOUR WEEKS PRIVILEGE TICKETS.

The following extract memorandum read from the Officer in Charge War Accounts Records, is forwarded for information. You are advised that after midnight November 30th, privilege railway tickets will entirely cease except to those members of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force still undergoing treatment, and who are not sufficiently recovered to travel before that date. These men may be issued tickets up to one month from date of discharge from hospital, but such tickets will be issued only from the War Accounts and Records Office, Wellington. Application for a privilege railway ticket must be supported by necessary medical certificate. Applications should reach the office at least seven days before the applicant desires to commence travel.

These characters are, of course, read on fingers, but one armless blind man has been taught to read with his tongue.

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WAIRIO JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

STAKES INCREASED TO £1200.

The annual general meeting of members of the Wairio Jockey Club was held in Bain's Hall, Wairio, on Saturday evening, when Mr Thomas Todd, president, in the chair presided over an attendance of about seventy members.

In moving the adoption of the annual report and balance sheet the chairman congratulated the members on the sound financial position the club had now attained, and the very successful season they had just closed. The racing had been good, and the course had pleased all the visiting owners. Taxation had been very heavy, but it was characteristic of sportsmen that they were always willing to pay for their pastime, and no other section of the community contributed as much to the coffers of the country as racing men. Mr M. Gaines seconded the motion, which was carried without further discussion.

In vacating the chair in favour of Mr J. P. Forde, who had been elected unopposed for the position of president, Mr Todd referred to the pleasant relations that had always existed in the management of the club during his seven years of office. During the lean years of war they had not always been able to run their race-meetings at a profit, but the members of the committee had stood together and personally guaranteed the account. Now, thanks to a couple of good seasons, he was able to hand over to his successor with a good margin of profit. He congratulated the members on their selection of Mr J. P. Forde as their president. He (the speaker) had worked on the executive of the club for 15 years with Mr Forde and had every opportunity of estimating his work. His father, the late John Forde, had been one of the founders of the club, and always one of the keen workers in its interests, and it was another case of "like father like son." He (the speaker) was now living in the backblocks, and therefore could not give the affairs of the club the time and attention they demanded so did not seek re-election. He thanked the members of committee for the assistance they had always given him, and paid a special tribute to the work of the secretary.

Mr J. P. Forde, on taking the chair, thanked Mr Todd for his kind references, and the members for their endorsement of same, and the honour they had done him in electing him their president. He was not going into the position with his eyes shut. He had a very fair idea of the duties of president of a country racing club, and he hoped to be able to carry out the duties. In following a president like Mr Todd he realised the standard set him for few realised the work Mr Todd had taken upon his shoulders and successfully carried out, particularly in the preparation of the course prior to race time. His first duty as chairman was a pleasant one, and he welcomed Mr Todd as a vice-president, and asked the members to add to minute recording his election to that position, a very hearty vote of thanks for his past services to the club.—Seconded by Mr M. Gaines and carried.

For the four vacancies on the committee Messrs G. C. Bain, Martin Forde and John Hogan were elected for two years, and Mr Chas. Keen for one year. Messrs G. C. Bain, John Brazier, Thos. Duncan, J. P. Egan, W. E. Egan, Martin Forde, M. J. Forde, M. Hammill, John Hogan, Chas. Keen, R. Kirkpatrick, Duncan Macgregor, M. O'Brien, B. Rushton, and Thos. Todd were elected stewards, Mr M. Gaines re-elected hon. treasurer, and Mr A. C. Mills auditor.

A notice of motion by Mr M. Gaines to increase the annual subscription to £1 per annum was defeated by an amendment by Messrs Magee and Junker to make it 12s 6d.

It was decided to make the following recommendations to the committee: (a) That the club's financial year close on July 31st each year, and the annual general meeting be held in September; (b) that one of the trotting races on the programme be a two miles race; (c) that the place money be increased to 20 per cent. for second horse and 10 per cent for third. Donations of £2 2s to the jumping prize fund of the Otautau Show, £3 3s to the Birchwood Hunt, £2 2s towards purchas-

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- 12 Dozen Ladies' Hose in Black, Tan, and Nigger (English make), 3/11 pair.
- 20 Dozen Ladies' Silk Ankle Hose; all the newest shades, 6/6 pair.
- 1½ Dozen Ladies' White Cotton Hose, 2/9 pair.

TULLY'S DRAPERY SUPPLY SALE,

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ing Christmas gifts for the children in Lorne Farm, and the same for the children in the Riverton Hospital at Christmas time, were made.

It was decided to have the plough track put in order again immediately, and give it another year's trial.

Votes of thanks were accorded the retiring members of committee, Messrs T. Moncrieff, and John Walsh, and the meeting adjourned with a vote of thanks to the chair.

At a subsequent meeting of the committee it was decided to increase the stakes to £1200, and adopt the same programme as last year, adding the extra £200 to be divided equally amongst the unplaced horses competing at the meeting as a set-off against the heavy expenses nowadays incurred attending country meetings. Mr W. Norman was re-elected starter, and Mr A. Jones handicapper. Mr G. Bain was thanked for his donation of £5 5s towards the cost of maintenance of the plough track, and accounts amounting to £8 10s were passed for payment.

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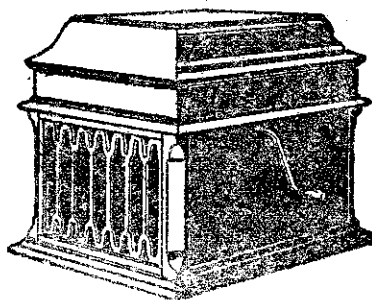
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