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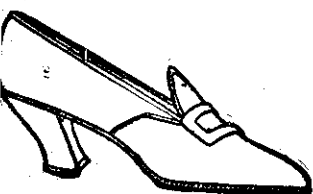
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SPORTING.

Diggers, you had better be a bit with Hector Gray and Oratress on Saturday. Hector is worth a few pounds over a two mile journey.

Bill Stone's luck, trainer, and a good mare like Silverpeak, may all combine to enrol his name amongst the list of winners of the C.J.C. Steward's Handicap next Saturday.

If Author Dillon is as good as Jarden says he is he will win the Trotting Cup on Tuesday. If he isn't then Fred Holmes, the elder, and Trix Pointer will be very hard.

Tommy Todd was in great form in opening the annual meeting at Wairoa last Saturday evening, but he did not stay the journey too well. Certainly it was a long course, and, as he explained, through living in the backblocks nowadays he was a bit out of training.

The "Colt" (I never met him before, but he is some size), was apparently very delighted with himself on Saturday night. He has always been a good worker in the club's interests I am told, so the promotion to a seat on the committee was deserved.

The Wairoa Club has a good officer in treasurer Matt Gaines, and the members did not waste any time in appointing him to the position again. I could not help being struck with the keen interest every member appears to take in the welfare of a country racing club. If the same interest were taken by the members of the local club it would be running a Melbourne Cup meeting inside a couple of years.

Jack Forde hasn't any delusions about the duties of a president of a country racing club, and when telling the members that he was not taking the job of president on with his eyes shut, he turned a nice compliment onto his predecessor, Tommy Todd. He told the members what Tommy had been in the habit of doing off his own bat at race time, and to his efforts it was very largely due the good racing track the club now possessed.

"There's a friend for little children," in the members of the Wairoa Jockey Club. It was a kindly and thoughtful action of the members to remember the children inmates of Lorne Farm and the Riverton Hospital at Christmas time. Actions such as these are what makes true sportsmen popular the world over. The money voted for Christmas cheer to these children will help to make the festive season for them a little happier.

Banker Bert Mills did not seem at all pleased with the vote made by the members of the Wairoa Jockey Club to the Birchwood Hunt Club on Saturday night. He says that the sixty-three bob will just keep the dogs one week. Well, half a loaf is better than no bread, Bert, and there looked at one period of the debate as if they had a good chance of getting none.

The appointment of W. F. Dunne as handicapper to the Southland Club is not looked upon with favour by local owners and trainers. One owner informed me that he considered the appointment a joke that northern owners would not stand for. Mr Dunne certainly did make a mess of the second day of the last Dunedin Christmas meeting, but it is by mistakes that one learns, and he is not likely to make the same errors he did on that occasion. Give the man a chance anyhow.

The Wairoa Jockey Club has hit upon a novel idea of popularising its meeting. Last season this little up-country club gave a cool thousand quid to the horses lucky enough to run first, second, and third in each race. The committee (they looked like the Peace Conference, one and all, at the hall last Saturday night), realising that it is expensive to take horses to up-country meetings, now-a-days, to say nothing of training them, added a couple of hundred to be divided amongst the "also starteds." This means that every horse competing at the meeting will receive something. The idea is new to the Dominion, and I think will at once be popular with owners and trainers. There are certainly more horses race at a meet-

ing who don't get into the money than those who do, and if it were not for the losers, the game could not be kept going. They are a progressive crowd are the committee of the Wairoa Jockey Club, and their meeting deserves all the popularity it enjoys.

The appointment of Major S. Rice, of Wyndham, as a member of the Royal Commission to inquire into and report on the applications for further totalisator permits came as a surprise to most racing men, but no one can say that he is not thoroughly qualified for the job. A very capable business man before he went to the war, he showed he had organisation well developed as a squadron commander, and his selection as one of two representatives of the South Island will certainly meet with approval in Southland.

TOTALISATOR FRACTIONS.

The totalisator inspector's report recommending Bill Massey and Co. to collar the totalisator fractions which will not divide into sixpences is causing the Sports Protection League to buck. Mr Skerrett, chairman of the Board of Control of that almost defunct body, says that the clubs do not retain the fractions at all. Well, perhaps they don't in the actual sense of the word, but in that same sense clubs don't retain any of their receipts. The totalisator inspector's reasons why the Government should take this further amount, estimated at about £42,000 a year, may not be very convincing, but neither are the reasons against the proposal put forth by King's Counsel Skerrett. The money belongs to the people who back horses that return them the dividends, and as these people can't claim it I don't think they care very much who gets it, and if the clubs don't retain it then why not let it go towards paying off some of our heavy national debt. Bill Massey, P.C., is in some need of boodle, by the look of things now he will be in greater need before long, and if this additional amount is going to help him, and also help to return the totalisator to the people, by all means give it over to the Consolidated Funds. The sporting public now pays through the nose for its sport, and last year contributed some half million in direct taxation from the racing game. Racing clubs are doing well everywhere in the Dominion and can afford this extra amount without any risk of bankruptcy. They should remember that the opposition to the totalisator is weakening each year, chiefly because many of those who were opposed to it realise that the money it provides in direct taxation, besides the revenue through the railways and post and telegraph departments, very considerably helps to reduce their own taxation. The monish talks!

NEW ZEALAND METROPOLITAN TROTTING CLUB.

ACCEPTANCES.

CHRISTCHURCH, November 2.

The following acceptances have been received for the New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club's meeting:—

Trotting Cup, 2500 sovs, class 4.33, 2m — Author Dillon scr, Matchlight 4sec, 'Cello Sydney Wilkes 4, Trix Pointer 5, General Link 6, John Dillon 6, Sherwood 7, Dean Dillon 7, Albert Cling 8, Willie Lincoln 8, Moneymaker 9, Erin's Queen 9, Mintson 9, Steel Bell 9, Reta Peter 9, Hal Junior 9.

Spring Handicap (harness), of 300 sovs. For unhopped trotters; class 4.4. One mile and five furlongs. — Eruption scr, Marvin Junr 2 seconds, Parkfield 3, Rosalie 3, Rothmoor 4, Overrate 4, Patard 5, Succory 5, Pieter Timmerman 6, Lady Linwood 7, To-night 8, Corwar 8, Effie Bingen 8, Waihinapai 8, Waiwera 8, Blazer Wilson 8.

St. Alban's Handicap (saddle), of 300 sovs. Class 2.18. One mile.—Captain Stanley 2secs, Birdwood 2, Xavier 2, Lord Dillon 3, Granger 3, Idris 3, Duke Whips 3, Bill Brown 4, King Karri 4, Proud Spring 4, Pleasant Mount 4, Pax 4, Grota 5, Hayseed 5.

Empire Handicap (saddle) of 300 sovs. Class 4.48. Two miles.—Dandy Chimes scr, Goldstream 3secs, The Gunner 4, Bridgewood 5, Pleasant Mount 5, Mario Lloyd 5, Wild Petro 6, Watchman 6, Silver Shoe 7, Voter 7, The Dingo 8, Maud Wilkes 8, Coll 8, Guy Dillon 9, Prince

Burlington 9, Energy 9, Mara 9, Marie Tempest 9, Lindetta 9, Rewanui 9.

Riccarton Handicap (harness), of 500 sovs. Class 3.44. One mile and five furlongs.—Capriccio 2secs, Rangitata Laas 4, Asturio 4, Emperor 5, Legacy 5, Paul Dufault 5, Maoriland 5, Huon Patch 6, All Bell 6, Mako Mako 6, Irvar 6, Bundong 6, Ouimet 6.

Middleton Handicap (harness), of 500 sovs. Unhopped trotters; class 4.48. Two miles.—Whispering Willie scr, Homeleigh Dick 3secs, Whist 6, Red Heather 8, Theseus 8, Olive L 9, Gold Boy 11, Michael Galindo 11, Belmont Chimes 11, Wild Pedro 12, Harold Child 12, Electrocute 12, Koraki 13, Win All 14, Billy Parole 14, Paul Huon 14, Bon Patch 15, Eruption 15.

Victoria Handicap (harness), of 500 sovs. Class 4.40. Two miles.—Man o' War scr, Silver Nut 1sec, Sympathy 2, Nancy Stair 2, Asturio 2, Partner 3, Royal Step 4, Brown's Nugget 5, Jack Arrah 6, Master Hal 6, Rorke's Drift 7, Ouimet 7, G. M. Dillon 7.

Hagley Handicap (harness) of 500 sovs. Class 2.49. One mile and a quarter.—John Dillon scr, Lord Minto 1sec, Sunged 2, Emilius 2, Chid 2, Moneymaker 2, Vice-Admiral 3, Our Girl 3, Gleaming 3, Gold Girl 4, All Bell 4, Midwood 5, Dilwood 5.

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