

Racing at Dunkeld.

A DAY'S racing was held at Dunkeld, on the Maranoa river (writes a correspondent.) There was a good muster of visitors, who deemed to enjoy themselves. The meeting was for grass-fed horses, and the prizes offered resulted in eleven horses being paddocked. A good number of other horses competed in races for bridles, &c. Mrs. Rogers, proprietress of the Maranoa River Hotel, did a good business on the course, and every credit is due to her for the manner in which she catered for the visitors. Too much praise cannot be given Mr. W. H. Jackson, the hon. secretary and hon. treasurer, and the other officials. The duties of the judge were satisfactorily performed by Mr. W. H. Jackson, those of the starter by Mr. J. Tilford. Mr. C. H. Enright was Clerk of Scales, and Mr. R. Curran Clerk of the Course. The handicappers were Messrs. W. Hunter, A. May, and J. Tilford. There were two bookmakers on the course, who appeared to be doing a good business. There was also a shooting gallery, which was well patronised during the intervals between the events, and four fruit hawkers disposed of their goods to advantage.

The feature of the meeting was the wonderful riding of Mr. W. Hunter, who established a record performance by riding the winning horse in each race. The settling-up took place the same evening. There was a plentiful supply of whisky ordered in, and the usual toasts were honored. A subscription list was started in the room to present Mr. W. Hunter with some suitable recognition for his record riding. A good sum was subscribed, with which a silver watch was purchased and presented to him. It was also decided, as a farther compliment, to have Mr. Hunter's photograph taken with the horse Iriquois, which work has been entrusted to Mr. W. H. Jackson, an amateur photographer, and the photograph is to be sent to Brisbane to be enlarged. This is the manner in which heroes are honored in the West.

Following are the results of the races:—

MAIDEN PLATE.

R. Edward's bm Dum Dum (W. Hunter)	1
C. Moore's b m Fly	2
D. D. Smith's g g Marble	3

STOCKMAN'S PURSE.

J. Watson's b g Iriquois (W. Hunter)	1
J. Smith's g g Restless	2
D. D. Smith's g g Marble	3

PRINCE OF WALES'S PURSE (Handicap.)

R. Edward's b m Dum Dum (W. Hunter)	1
C. Moore's b m Fly	2
D. D. Smith's g g Marble	3

MARANOA CUP HANDICAP.

J. Watson's b g Iriquois (W. Hunter)	1
J. Smith's g g Restless	2

J. Watson's b g Iriquois (W. Hunter)	1
J. Smith's g g Restless	2
C. Moore's c g Gay Lad	3

DUNKELD PLATE (Handicap.)

J. Watson's b g Iriquois (W. Hunter)	1
R. Hart's b g Larrikin	2
J. Smith's g g Waverley	3

CONSOLATION HANDICAP.

J. Smith's g g Restless (W. Hunter)	1
C. Moore's b m Fly	2
Dog Rose	3

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THE Great International Exhibition at Paris, which was opened on the 16th April last, has now been closed. Altogether there were 48,000,000 admission tickets used by the visiting public, being little more than two-thirds of the total number originally issued (65,000,000).

THE Government Statistician has issued a summary of the present condition of the New South Wales wheat crop. He shows an estimated increase in the area under wheat to be cut for grain of 137,000 acres, as compared with last season. The weather, however, is at present very dry, and as harvesting has scarcely begun, a larger portion than is anticipated may yet have to be cut for hay.

THE Indian Government is still issuing relief to 1,770,000 starving people in the famine stricken districts. The Secretary of State for India received the following telegram from the Viceroy dated 3rd October, on the subject of the famine:—Rainfall exceptionally heavy during the week in Central Bengal and Behar. General rain also in Northern India, Central Provinces, Rajputana. Rain has been very satisfactory on the whole, as securing satisfactory winter sowings. Prospects good, except in limited areas, Bombay and Deccan. The number of persons in receipt of relief is 3,163,000.

A writ has been issued for the election of a member of the Legislative Assembly for the electorate of Toowoong, in the room of Mr. Thomas Finney, resigned. The date of nomination is fixed for Monday next, 19th instant; and the polling day will be Saturday week, the 24th instant. The Workers' Political Organisation has unanimously decided to elect Mr. Arthur Lilley, solicitor, to contest the seat in the Labor interest, that gentlemen having endorsed the platform of the party. Mr. Macartney, also a solicitor, is announced of as the Government candidate.

THE representative contingent of Imperial troops which is to take part in the ceremonies in connection with the inauguration of the Australian Commonwealth left London on Monday. Immense enthusiasm was displayed when the troops left Waterloo station, and among those who were present

station, and among those who were present to bid them farewell were several generals and members of the aristocracy. The contingent consists of men who have been picked for their good conduct and smartness, and also for their fine physique, and included among them are the tallest men in the British army. The troopship *Britannic*, which is conveying the troops to Australia, left Southampton on Tuesday.

Mr. Bennet Burleigh tells an excellent story of Lord Kitchener. A certain Yeomanry commander whilst on parade rated his men in unmeasured terms. Nothing was right that the troopers did. They sat their horses wrong, they moved unlike machinery, &c., and were "no better than a d— rabble," "a lot of gutter snipes," &c. "That," said Lord Kitchener, who came up, "is not the way to address men. They are not a d— rabble, but soldiers, and to be spoken to as such. No troops can be trained in that fashion, and the commander who does not respect his men is unable to lead them." The whole force, we are told, heard the observation, and the men were as decorously elated as the Yeomanry officer was obviously crestfallen.

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