

and it is amusing to read it. One item was a prize of £2. for a test between bona fide cart horses. The racing, however, took a higher level as it went along, and Nelson was the stronghold of the racing.

The Redwoods, Staffords hailed from there with very fine horses, many of them imported from Australia, and Canterbury very soon followed suit.

The Canterbury Jockey Club was formed in 1854, and Canterbury established a very high standard in racing. Malloch and Lance imported old Traducer, afterwards sold to Mr. Hosworthy, and he raised some of the finest horses that have ever been raised in New Zealand - Lurline and Calumny are still referred to by Australians as two of the finest mares that ever raced in Australia.

I was present at the first Grand National, won by Frank Brittan's "Royalty" in 1876, ridden by Mr. Martelli. The Course was on the Linwood Downs, now merged into the City as Linwood. It was a good cross-country course. Mr. Frank Brittan still survives. The first New Zealand Cup was run in 1883.

Cricket, naturally, from the men who came here from the different schools of England, had a very strong hold, and for many years Canterbury was the premier cricket district of New Zealand. We not only had these men themselves from England, but under their tuition a number of very fine cricketers were raised, and for a long time we held the lead. Cricket was, and we think it is still, our national