

Newtown was still in charge, and he led to the distance, where Purable, Geologist, Gordie, and Tukapa all put in a claim, and an exciting finish resulted in the judge being unable to separate Newtown and Purable, with Geologist a length away third, just in front of Gordie, Tukapa and Puffy next, and Yvette last. Time, 1:51 2/5. Dividends: Durable, £10 8/6; Newtown, £5 10.

MILLING STEEPCHASE of 100000.

Distance, 3 miles.
 27 - F. L. Armstrong b g Marine, aged, by O'Connell, Auckland, 0.7 1
 28 - W. A. Martin's ch g Mangamahaki, 0.7 (Jones) 2
 These were the only starters.

This race was reduced to a match between the two above horses. Marine went to the front when the flag fell and kept command for about two miles, when Mangamahaki took charge and showed the way for a couple of furlongs, when Marine got in front again and never afterwards troubled, winning easily at the finish by 15 lengths. Time, 7.6. Dividend, £1 1/2. Marine was put up to auction after the race, and was sold for 220s. Mr Christie being the purchaser. Mr Tomlin credited an auctioneer.

LADIES' BRACELET of 100000.

second horse 250000. One and a half mile.
 29 - Miss Major's f Lady Linn, 3 yrs, by O'Connell, 10.6 (Mr W. Paul) 1
 30 - Mrs E. W. Allison's ch g Wellcast, 11.0 (Mr Allison) 2
 219 - Mrs E. H. Lewis's prospect, 11.2 (Mr W. Gordon) 3

Also ran 214. Talma, 11.2. Mr F. Young; 220, Bonheur, 10.6. Berbie, Wellcast and Bonheur were first to show out from an even start. Passing the stand Bonheur had a slight advantage of Wellcast, then came Talma and Bonheur with Lady Linn last. There was no alteration in the positions as they raced along to the back and through the cutting. Across the bottom stretch Bonheur, Wellcast, Talma, and Crenset were abreast, three lengths in front of Lady Linn. Entering the straight Crenset was in the lead and led to the distance, where Lady Linn came with a run, and smothering the leaders won easily by three lengths. Wellcast beating Crenset by a neck for second position. Time, 3:3. Dividend, £3 6/7.



OTAKI RACES.

WELLINGTON, Friday.

The Otaki Racing Club's meeting opened today. The results are:-
 Flying Handicap—Parkshill 1, Tomahua 2, Scrag 3. Time, 1:20. Dividends £14 1/2 and £1 6/7.
 Hack Hurdles—The Gussler 1, Valkyrie 2, The Barber 3. Time, 3:1. Dividends £1 1/2 and £2 2/7.
 Honeymoon Cup—Walmoe 1, Capulet 2, Regulation 3. Time, 1:28 2/5. Dividends, £3 2/7 and £13 1/7.
 Otaki Handicap—Waltervo 1, Le Bean 2, M'F. 3. Time, 1:49. Dividends, £3 1/7 and £2 8/7.
 Maiden Flat—Chola 1, Abol Bross 2, Scragg 3. Time, 1:37. Dividends, £4 1/2 and £1 1/4.
 Maiden Handicap—Narcelle 1, Matuku 2, White Ribbon 3. Time, 1:19. Dividends, £4 0 and £2 7/7.
 Welby Hack Handicap—Elbank 1, Le Bean 2, Walmoe 3. Time, 1:54. Dividends, £4 1/7 and £1 4/7.

WELLINGTON, Saturday.

The following are the results of the second day's races:-
 Otaki Trotting Hack Handicap—Dolmore 1, Tambourine 2, Matukokiri 3. Dividends, £6 and £8 3/7.
 Honeymoon Handicap—Regulation 1, Capulet 2, Gladie 3. Dividends, £2 6/7 and £5 14/7.
 Second Hack Hurdles—Valkyrie 1, Seaweed 2, Opawene 3. Dividends, £2 4/7 and £1 13/7.
 Stewards' Hack Handicap—Waltervo 1, Marina 2, Sardouys 3. Dividends, £2 9/7 and £1 6/7.
 Railway Handicap—Matuku 1, White Ribbon 2, Walford 3. A bad start, but a good finish. Dividends, £2 19/7 and £4 5/7.
 Ohau Welby Hack Handicap—Prisoner 1, Elbank 2, Seaweed 3. A struggling race but a good finish. Dividends—£5 6/7 and £3 2/7.
 Final Hack Sprint—Hunawera 1, Merry Lad 2, Dr Wet 3. Dividend, £2 15/7.
 There was a good attendance. The rain commenced early in the afternoon and continued steadily, spoiling the meeting. The amount put through the totalisator on Friday was £433, and for the meeting, £12,080.



TURF TALK FROM THE SOUTH.

(By Telegraph—Special to "Graphic.")

CHRISTCHURCH, Friday.

The report that Mr Stead contemplates sending a team to Sydney next spring is now said to be "improbable." It may be so, but at the same time I am willing to bet that a modest wager that the totalisator meeting next week will be the best ever. Australian Jockey Club's Spring Meeting.
 The Geraldine Racing Club finished the year with a credit balance of £137. It made a profit of £200 over its last meeting.
 Mr Jeffs has preferred a claim for the stake in the Criterion Handicap, won by Honeymoon at the Canterbury Jockey Club's Spring Meeting, in which his mare, Petrova finished second. The claim is based on the fact that Honeymoon was ridden by Jones.
 Mr P. Rutherford's mare, Graduated and her four-year-old son, are being schooled over the hedges, and are already showing proficiency at the "illegitimate business." The Australian-bred Oblivion, who was

brought over last month, made his first appearance on the course on Monday. He has built up considerably since his arrival.

Mr R. Allen, the one-time owner of Saracen, is a visitor to Auckland just now.

It is quite on the cards that Treadmill may be the student season. He is to be kept in work through the winter, but if he exhibits any signs of lameness he will be thrown up and sent to Mr George Clifford's stud at Alcornhurst, which includes a fine collection of well-bred young horses.

Four of Mr Stead's foals have been weaned. They are a colt by Milliform from Helen Faunt, a filly by Royal Artillery from Hillmont, and a filly by Royal Artillery from Saucer.

Muscovite is in work again, and it is hoped he will stand another preparation.

The Amberley Steeplechase Club concluded its season's operations with a credit of £101, but it has £35 on deposit. It declared a dividend of £25 on its meeting. September has been fixed as the date of its next meeting.

The Dunedin J.C. has agreed to recommend the Racing Conference to issue two totalisator permits next season to the Forth and R.C.C. The committee has also decided to submit that the club for existing permits should be reduced to ten minutes, and that the totalisator rules should be altered in that direction.

The Dunedin J.C. Racing dates for next season have been fixed as follows:—Spring meeting, October 12 and 13; summer meeting, December 20 and 27; autumn, February 22, 24, and 25; winter, June 2 and 3. The President (Hon. McLean) and Mr J. A. Miller, M.H.R., have been appointed, and the Jockey Club's delegates to the annual conference in July.

Encouraged by the success of its recent meeting at South Otago J.C., so it is said, intends to considerably increase its stakes next season.

CHRISTCHURCH, Tuesday.

The weather during the past ten days has been very cold and wet. Happily it cleared for the holiday on Friday, but hail and rain set in in the evening, and rain has fallen at intervals practically ever since. It is to be hoped that the disastrous training operations at Riccarton, which are not as a rule interesting at this time of year, are particularly unexciting.

Taking advantage of the slackness in racing matters, Hewitt contemplates paying a visit to Australia. He will leave on Friday for Sydney.

Sandy is making a steady recovery from the attack of influenza which I chronicled in a previous letter. His stable companion Muscovite keeps jogging away, and may be another preparation.

Six yearlings from Yaldhurst were on the course at the Plumpton Park training meeting on Friday.

Cannie Chiel is to have a well earned rest after his long and arduous season.

With the exception of Razarbrash and Brave Heart, who are to be kept in work until the end of winter, Mr E. Cuts' team are now taking things easy.

Poor old Dju Dju is making but a slow recovery from his attack of strangles, and is not likely to resume work for some time to come.

The filly by Goodwood—Nantes, in Ayris's stable, is the latest sufferer from this disease. Mention of a casey reminds me that he has received another addition to his team in the shape of Street, a gelding by Silver, who is to be prepared for the latter events at the Grand National meeting.

J. Scoullar, who was injured when Zealous fell in the Kildare Hurdle Race at the Canterbury Jockey Club autumn meeting, is a long time recovering. He underwent an operation some little time back.

Nell Gwynne has been sent home to Hawke's Bay.

Lewis did not wait for the second day's racing at Dunedin, but returned home with Lady Lillium, Maidess and Lea Enfield on Saturday.

Altogether the Dunedin Jockey Club was unfortunate in respect to the weather for its winter meeting. It has no cause to regret the financial results of the meeting. In spite of the fact that the weather on both days was bitterly cold, and that on the first day rain fell, the attendance was satisfactory. The totalisator turnover exceeded that of the corresponding meeting last year by some £1000. The racing, too, was interesting, and altogether the club may find plenty of reason for satisfaction at its meeting.

The Hon. G. McLean's pair, Pampero and Nychon, who were coupled on the race, were most in demand for the Birthday Handicap, while Cannie Chiel was second favourite. Scheme, after making the running for half a mile, yielded to try any further, and his stable companion was never dangerous. Vladimir and Lady Lillium led into the straight, where they retired in favour of Terraph and Cannie Chiel, the former of the pair won by two lengths. No doubt the heavy going and prejudiced Vladimir and Lady Lillium, and in addition the latter is probably feeling the effects of her hurried preparation of the winter Handicap.

But for her splendid slipping Flower O'Chuha would probably have won the Treadmill's Handicap. As it was, she failed to catch the lightly weighted Crown Imperial, who string out his opponents actually from the start.

In the Pacific Herald Race Catherine Gordon defeated Phantoms comfortably, and her task would have been still easier but for interference from the runner-up, whose rider, Byrne, was cautioned by the stewards.

The Brighton Hack Race, and the Saddle Hill Hack Handicap, won by the Southern representative Bineking; and the Maiden Maiden Plate to Mariposa, who outwaged the favourite Mangesa, after the latter had

looked like winning.

The Winter Welter Handicap was a bad betting race, five of the starters being well backed. The race itself, however, proved a runaway victory for Donna Rosa, who led all the way, and literally cantered home.

Catherine Gordon was made favourite for the Parkhill Hurdle race on the second day, but was easily beaten by Phantoms and Hialdrigger, the former of whom won with a great deal to spare.

Brighton was made a great "pot" for the Silverstream Hack Race, and justified the confidence of his backers by winning easily from the Riccarton trained Wet Blanket, who has not been up very long.

The Invermay Welter Handicap went to another favourite in Canque, and the Provincial Handicap to yet another one in Cannie Chiel, who had no difficulty in accounting for Flower O'Chuha, while Terraph was some distance away third. Pampero again ran badly, and is evidently far from his best; while Vladimir again failed to act in the heavy going.

Rawmore, who had started in the Silverstream Hack Handicap, jumped off with the lead in the Riccarton Highweight Hack Handicap, and got a big start, lasting just long enough to win by three-quarters of a length from King of Trumps. Those who led the seven and a half tickets in accounting for Flower O'Chuha, Royal of Terraph's stable companion, Royal Crown.

Flower O'Chuha had to be ridden to land the odds laid on her in the Waikonaunga Handicap, and a capital struggle in the Farewell Handicap resulted in favour of Terraph's stable companion, Royal Crown.

Mr J. Tennent, the Southland racing man and owner of the notorious Evening Wonder, has disposed of his property in New Zealand, and returned to South Australia, his native country.

Owing to an attack of strangles, Petrova did not start at the Dunedin winter meeting this week.

The Dunedin Jockey Club's winter meeting will show a profit of about £430. The sum of £140 was given in stakes, of which Mr H. McLean won £220, Mr J. C. Clifford £140, the Hon. G. McLean £85, Mr R. McDonald £85, Mr Kennedy £75, Mr H. Friedman £60, and Messrs Ellis Bros. £51.



ENGLISH RACING.

THE ENGLISH DERBY.

ST. AMANT WINS.

LONDON, June 1.
 THE DERBY of 500000s, by sub. of 50 to 1, won by St. Amant (8s) ridden by Leopold de Rothschild's b c St. Amant, by St. Arnsun—Lady Lovelace, 12.1. Sir Tatton Sykes' b c John O'Gaunt, by Ingham—La Fleche, 12.2. Mr S. B. Lee's b c St. Denis, by St. Simon Breeze, 12.3. Won in a canter, by three lengths.

THE CORONATION CUP.

LONDON, June 3.
 The following is the result of the Coronation Cup:-
 Zinfandel 1
 Sceptre 2
 Rocksand 3

RESULT OF THE OAKS.

LONDON, June 3.
 THE OAKS STAKES of 500000s, by sub. of 6000s, h. ft., the nominator of the winner 40000s, 20000s to the second, and 10000s to the third. One and a half mile.
 Major Eustace Leder's ch f Pretty Polly, by Gallinule—Admiral 1
 Mr F. Alexander's br f Bitters, by St. Serf—Mara 2
 Lord Kilmourich's b f Finceec, by St. Frusquin—Wise Virgin 3

THE TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS.

A NEWMARKET RECORD.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

LONDON, April 26.
 The early performances of many of the horses engaged in the first of the "classic" races of the season, the Two Thousand Guineas, to wit, gave that event a most open appearance, and when the fourteen runners paraded last Wednesday the unusually liberal offer of 4 to 1 on the field was heard on all sides. But not for long, in spite of his hollow defeat in the Newmarket Biennial, Mr Leopold de Rothschild's fine colt St. Amant (St. Frusquin—Lady Lovelace), quickly became a popular idol, and before the starter had the field in charge no better odds than 11 to 4 were forthcoming against the bearer of the familiar "blue and yellow" livery, on whose back was Kempton Cannon. Next in demand was Sundry at 10s, with Mr Muskover's Henry the First a healthy 8 to 1 chance, whilst against Arils 9 to 1 was freely laid. Against Sir John Thursty's grandly bred John O'Gaunt, a son of Ingham and La Fleche, 10 to 1 was always an offer, with Sylvia Head, Challenge, and Major Purvis, of the 100 to 1 mark, and the rest pretty well friendless at from

100 to 6 to 33 to 1. The start for the race was eminently satisfactory, save for the fact that John O'Gaunt slipped round as the barrier rose and lost several lengths. First to show the advantage was Henry the First, and making place at tremendous pace Mr Munkers' colt came across the flat clear of St. Amant and Sundry. At the bushes the leader began to hold out signs of distress, and in the end he was overhauled by Sundry, who was in the lead, clear of Sundry and John O'Gaunt, the latter having made up his lost ground in marvellous fashion, considering the pace that had been set. Henry the First was second, and put the issue beyond doubt a furlong from home, and was in handsome fashion by four lengths from John O'Gaunt, the latter being two lengths clear of Henry the First, who Sundry again in marvellous fashion in the last two hundred yards. Sundry and Arils finished fourth and fifth, heads only separating them from Mr Muskover's colt. The race was run away to the best line on record for the event, St. Amant being timed to do the mile in 38 4/5, a fifth better than Sceptre accomplished two years ago. The value of the race was £2000.

St. Amant has now won four races out of the seven in which he has taken part, and has credited his owner with 210,953 in stakes. As a two-year-old the colt won the Coventry Stakes at Ascot, the Prince of Wales' Stakes at Epsom, and the Rous Memorial Stakes at Newmarket, but succumbed to Pretty Polly in the Champagne Stakes at Doncaster, and in the Middle Park Plate again failed to hold that same title.

The colt is heavily engaged this year, his principal liabilities being the Derby, the Leger and the Eclipse Stakes.

Of the remaining races decided at Newmarket only one or two are worth mention. On the opening day the first Spring Stakes, Sir James Miller's filly Amille (Chalereux—Gargese) from a dozen other youngsters, and in the Hastings of £500 for three-year-old bachelors got the best of the bookies. St. Amant was the actual favourite at 5 to 2, but quite as much money went on Mr W. Jarvis's Leger candidate, Cades (Cyllene—Lorette), also carrying 5 to 3 to 1, and between this pair the issue lay before the start. In the end Cades had been compassed. At the distance the favourite failed to respond to a determined challenge by Cades, and was readily beaten by three lengths, with the penalised Sismun, 10.3, being a close third.

As regards the Sandown Park meeting, held on Thursday and Friday last, which was patronised by the King, it is only necessary to mention the three chief events. The first of these, the Escher Stakes of £1250, decided over a tough and dangerous, brought out 11 moderate handicap animals, including Mr Spencer Gollen's need importation, Seahorse II, 8.4, which was backed in the quotations by Mr Newman's filly, 10.1, and the other two, 4yrs. 7.6; Vendule, 5yrs. 8.4, which started at 7 to 2; and Thunderbolt, 4yrs. 7.0, which became a 5 to 1 chance at flag-fall. Backers were well on the spot for though Seahorse was the favourite, the odds were for a mile, was done with, L'Alizon at once took up the running and won easily by a length from Thunderbolt. Seahorse finished fifth.

On the morrow the first noteworthy event was the Sandown Park Stud Produce Stakes of £1490 for two-year-olds, run over five furlongs. Ten youngsters numbered at the post, and backers speedily divided their attention between Mr J. G. Wood's filly, Vedas, 9.0, a son of Florina and Arnost, and the filly by Newhaven out of Peace, 7.13, which were 3 to 1 chances over the barrier went up. The field included Mr Spencer Gollen's colt, which, happily for her stable connections, was not a favourite, since she whipped round as the taps were released and bolted the wrong way. Vedas, after holding a prominent position for half the journey, was overtaken by Newhaven, evidence by coming clean away from his field in the last furlong and winning easily by three lengths from Norman Bride, the Peace filly finishing fourth.

The Tudor Plate of £300 for three-year-olds, decided over a mile, brought out no less than 15 runners, including Mr Musker's son of Velazquez and that splendid mare, Montrose. Favouritism, however, rested with St. Day, 8.7, who was backed for a healthy 7 to 2 chance, and Love Point at 7 to 1 had the call of Mr Muskover's candidate in the betting. When it came to racing, however, the tables were decisively turned, for Admiral Breeze drew out a quarter of a mile from home and won comfortably by a couple of lengths from Mountain King, which beat St. Day by a clear length for second honours.

HUNTING.

The Paknranga hounds met at Paparotol on June 1, Mr E. D. O'Rourke, master, being in charge. A hare was found in Mr Jenkinson's wood, and was followed by the hounds being lost to Mr Gillard's property. Another strong run was given by a hare found on Mr Water's farm, which was followed through the farm of Mrs. Waters, Gillard, Trimble, McEwen, and Clouston, and was Trimble's hill. When the day's sport was over the followers were entertained by Mr Trimble.

Saturday was a very unfavourable day for hunting, the day being very wet and equally, while the ground round Sylvia Park, the point fixed for the meet, was so sodden that the woods lands round Mount Hunt were substituted. A hare was found on Mr Water's farm, and was killed after a short run, while a second hare was chopped without giving a run. Another hare was found shortly afterwards, and the hounds went away at a good pace, but a heavy rain squall hit them as they were on the point returned home. The hounds met at Paparotol Station at noon to-morrow.