

Goodwood Cup a month before the race, and give them the benefit of the super-gang in the park. No trace of objection to racing is to be found in Greek or Latin literature, and to such an extent was the sport ultimately indulged in in Greece, that the Hecataean term, one of the mouths of their year Hippodromia (Horse-race month). It was not until the asceticism of the early Christianity began to prevail that any sort of opposition to racing or other harness amusements was raised. Here I may mention the name of the manufacturer of Lady Meux, Dr. Willis Buzge of the British Museum, has been able to publish the superb volumes entitled "The Book of Paradise being the History and Fragments of the Banks and Palaces of the Egyptian Hierarchy, by P. Ladins, Hieronymus, and others." This is an English translation, together with the Greek Texts, and the general gist of it all is that at the time under notice—the "Book of Paradise" there was a "paradise" to hate "the world and all that be-neath thereof."

THE A.R.C. SUMMER HANDICAP.

(BY REPEATERS)

Mr Evelt's handicaps for the principal events at the A.R.C. summer meeting appeared yesterday some hours before they were actually due. With Achilles engaged in the Auckland Cup there was no doubt as to what would be the leading horse in the betting but off with 9.10 Mr Evelt has given him a racehorse's chance. At the C.J.C. meeting Achilles' form was not of a very high order, but this was to a certain extent accounted for by the fact that a few days before the meeting he was found to be suffering from kidney troubles. Cruciform, 9.9, is one of the picks of the handicap, and if Mr Stead is to win the Cup, I think it will have to be by her aid. Maritan and Graun, 9.9 and 9.8, are hardly treated. The former, who is not yet four years old, is entitled to a 7lb allowance, so virtually he is at the top of the handicap, as the 7lb allowance added on weight of his rivals makes him 10.2. Grand Rapids, within 2lb of Achilles and 1lb of Cruciform, is flattered to an extent that will hardly be appreciated by his new owner. Mahutonga, 8.12, has been given a bit more than he has earned, and taking a weight with such rivals, he is badly treated. Nightfall, 8.10, has been simply murdered, and she is the blot of the handicap. A three-year-old filly, she is asked to carry the highest weight ever carried by a three-year-old mare yet defeated, and she would need to be the best of her age ever seen on a colonial course to carry it successfully. Melolono, 8.8, is also awarded five or six pounds more than he has earned, and on a good running should be held back by one or two above him. Golden Knight, 8.7, is another who has been harshly treated, and with a solitary maiden plate to his credit, will need to improve wonderfully to have a chance. Romeo, 8.7, will probably prove the best of the local horses, although he has been weighted up to his very best performances. Loch Erne and Scotty, 8.3, are given very little chance. Uranus, 7.9, is an unknown quantity, and Mr Evelt has put an odd weight on him. Ghoulia, 7.9, is a proved stayer, and may have an outside chance; but more to my liking is Starshot, 7.8, who has been given a great chance, and should be set to the post to be taken, will stand in need of a lot of beating. Gato above him, badly treated, and Mr Evelt has evidently taken no notice of his recent running. In the Ascot Handicap, at a difference of a stone, Romeo simply writes a book of his own, and Mr Evelt has put on an odd pound worse terms. Of those lower down the list, Float and Herodion look the most favourably treated. To sum the matter up, I will take Achilles, Cruciform, Romeo, Starshot, and Ghoulia as those the winner will likely come from. The Railway Handicap does not give one the option of being well thought out, and on recent running it is a race looked a mile or two for Stead.

In the Auckland Steeplechase Mr Evelt has evidently taken no notice of Up-to-date's showing in the Orounga Steeplechase, and in comparison with him the others appear to have very little chance.

TURF TALK FROM THE SOUTH.

(By Telegraph.—Special to "Graphic.")

CHRISTCHURCH, Saturday.

Mr Stead is certain to send a very large team to Auckland at Christmas time. I hardly think, however, that he will start any of his heavy weighted representatives in the Auckland Cup. He has sold Grand Rapids, and I should think it unlikely that he will care to start a horse of this class in Maritan under 9.9, though if he does both may be depended upon to give a good account of themselves. Nightfall will probably be reserved for the Derby, and at present it looks as if the candidate for the Cup will come from Gato, Loch Knight and Uranus. Golden Knight is quite good enough if he is sound enough, and Uranus is bred the right way. Perhaps, however, Mr Stead will consider, as he did in the Auckland Handicap last year, that Golden Knight is over-weighted, and as for Uranus, he has never yet been seen in public.

Of the other candidates, I shall be surprised if Achilles goes to the post. Mahutonga, if and when well, will take some beating, and Melolono's chance is not so bright as his achievement of last year and run into a place. If Hulwango can be brought to the post in his last year's form he will be nearly well, and Ghoulia at his best may be favoured. Cruciform is not over-weighted, and Float is really well treated.

I suppose Auckland backers will still place faith in Houker, despite his repeated failures of a distance.

As I wired you a few days ago, Mr Stead has sold Grand Rapids to a Melbourne buyer. Whether the horse is destined for Victoria or for the Indian racing market, it was said, was not known until September, and was transferred, not by the price paid, but it was understood when he was offered for sale on Monday the reserve on him was 500 guineas. It is said that some time ago Mr Stead offered to take back Mahutonga from the Melbourne and give him Hulda in exchange. If the offer really was made, Mr Palmer must regret that he did not accept it.

Wahia, by Terkin Warbeck II.—Chihara, has found a cool foal to 'Higgins' Progress. This will not visit the horse this season.

After the bustle of last week has come the calm, and Hecataon is as dull as the proverbial ditch water.

Mr Woodroffe, who, during a few years' stay in Canterbury, has become well known in sporting circles, contemplates returning to England, it is said permanently.

CHRISTCHURCH, Tuesday.

As I anticipated, Mr Stead received orders for Grand Rapids. The general opinion in Christchurch is that he has made a good bargain. Though he has won the New Zealand Cup, Grand Rapids is by no means a first-class horse. Moreover, he is thoroughly exposed, and he is a gelding.

The Hecaton trainers, J. J. Lewis and D. Morgan, who were thrown out of a trap during race week, have thrown out of the trap their mishap. Both are now able to attend to their duties.

W. Brown, the well-known horseman, has also been on the sick list.

Slow Tom is under orders for Auckland, but the owner of Phantoms is dissatisfied with the weight allotted his horse in the Steeplechase, and has decided to keep him at a patrol of F. Holmes's stable.

Mr Woodroffe, being obliged to leave for England, has sold Onokite. He put the daughter of Hecataon up to auction during race week, but withdrew her at 140gs, the reserve being 100gs. He has since sold her to a patron of F. Holmes's stable.

Conal, who was sold at auction during race week, has again changed hands. His present owner is Mr V. Harris, and he has gone into F. Holmes's hands.

Miretta, the winner of the Seymour Handicap, has also changed owners, but remains under the care of Loughey, who prepares her for her regular victors.

J. McCracken has purchased the two-year-old Harvest. He intends to have the son of Chaurantid added to the list.

A three-year-old filly by Musketry is the latest addition to M. Hobbs' team.

Lewis' active division has been strengthened by the addition of Lee-Binfield, who has had a few checks of the accident he met with at Geraldine in the hands of a two-year-old by Junzoli-Timwald recently.

Mr George Clifford's two-year-old filly by Grafton—Blue and Gold has been thrown out of the race as to her owner's stud.

Another local representative of Grafton, the two-year-old filly by Gato and Beldara, has been taken up by W. Clarke. She has not given the right way since arriving in New Zealand, and I doubt if she will develop into a good mare. Clarke has turned out Nipina and Kurun, and the autumn.

The latest additions to D. McLaughlin's team is a two-year-old colt by Finland—Alundra, the property of Mr J. H. McKenzie.

The Stepiak colt Astrachan has become a member of Faggan's active contingent.

Mr George Clifford is sending Romeo, Golden Vein, and Camille Chiel to fulfil their respective engagements at the Fellinging meeting.

At Mr Finlander's stud farm at Ashburton, Connell, by Medallion—Tosh, has foaled a colt to Higgins' Progress; Romany Lass, by Gipsy Grant—Tria, a filly to Finland; and Wallemta, by Eldersford—Aokere, a colt to San Francisco.

The Christchurch Racing Club has received satisfactory nominations for its Summer Meeting. The entries for the two principal events include Lady Lynours, The Mohican, Steadlander, Antigonie, Manjess, Lohak, Secret Society, Ability, Magdalen, Turpin, The Ice Rey, Sandy, Shellfire, Zealand, and Snow Tom.

Machine Gun's weight in the A.R.C. Railway Stakes was telegraphed to the local papers as 10.0 instead of 10.10.

Mr Mason, a Dunedin 104-starter proprietor, won £500 over Grand Rapids in the New Zealand Cup.

Mr D. A. Mitchell has been appointed secretary of the Golden Knight Club.

J. Hay, the Dunedin horseman, was married last week to Miss Curtis, daughter of Mr B. Curtis, at one time well known in racing circles.

TARAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

The following acceptances have been received in connection with the 9.3.5.5. Spring Meeting, which opens on Saturday next:

FIRST DAY.

St. Andrew's Handicap, of 200 sovs; one mile and a quarter.—Danahie 8.4, Zuleika 8.0, Avulanche 7.10, Moro 7.10, George 7.10, Strathburn 7.8, Amused 7.8, Sonoma 7.4, Lady Hume 7.5.

The Handicap of 200 sovs, one mile.—Anchorage 8.7, Golden Knight 8.30, Berga 8.10, Leo Delaval 8.5, Robin 8.3, Calaret 8.3, Lavin 7.9, Stimpie Blane 7.5, Calrago 7.10, Buranawa 7.10.

Cambridge Handicap of 100 sovs, four furlongs.—Kildarkin 9.2, Larocque 7.10, Devereux 7.10, Hiss 7.5, Merv 7.0, Merry Delaval 7.5, Moira untraced 6.10.

Handicap Maiden Hurdles of 50 sovs, one mile and a half and 10 furlongs.—Swagman 10.12, Swimmer 10.12, Westcott 10.12, Native Rose 10.10, Jack Brown 10.0, Layton 9.12, Malinta 8.8, Heckless 8.8, Lukok 9.0, Freeman 8.6, Wairaka 8.0, Makaki 9.0.

Melrose Handicap of 50 sovs, five furlongs.—Romona 8.7, Euphros 8.7, Jean 8.0, Air Gun 8.0, Celery 8.0, Slick 8.0, Maitai 7.12, Discoverer 7.10, Kereru 7.10, Stromness 7.10, Mimpie Kiman 7.7, Euphrate 7.7, Malimure 7.7, St. Cyril 7.7, South Maid 7.7, Teatui 7.7.

First Pony Handicap of 50 sovs, six furlongs.—Gilton (Gir) 8.11, Keith 8.11, Mannevere 8.0, Winahill 7.12, Miss Ostrander 7.10, Storyteller 7.6, Luerece 7.6, Sautfield 7.5, Sulzary 7.5, Sally Horner 7.5, Lady Lottia 7.2.

First Handicap Hurdles of 50 sovs, two miles.—Pinchona of Thule 11.10, Bellman 11.0, Irish 9.9, Weiland 9.8, Lingard 9.4, Hinea 9.0, Loch Leonard 9.0.

Cheltenham Handicap of 100 sovs, five furlongs.—Black and Gold 9.6, Alba 10.0 8.0, Ben Blair 8.5, The Middy 8.2, Te Aroha 8.0, Anstret 8.0, Lady Roba 8.0, Liberator 8.0, Anstret 8.0, Knight 7.9, Gessard 7.9, Swagman 7.6, Noerby 7.5, Aurore 7.5, Fishin 7.5, Southfish 6.10, Discoverer 6.10, Lityma 6.7.

SECOND DAY.

Handicap Steeplechase of 100 sovs, about three miles.—Pinchona of Thule 11.10, Dingo 11.4, Hinea 9.8, Hylas 9.12, Irish 9.7, Averserance 9.7, Heckless 9.7, Loch Leonard 9.7, Kurauai 9.7, Wairaka 9.7.

FELLOW ACCEPTANCES.

The following are the acceptances for the principal events of the first day of the Fellinging Jockey Club's Spring Meeting:—

Flying Stakes, 6 furlongs.—Blaze 8.5, Krennli 8.5, Black Keypad 8.15, Reginald 8.12, Lass of Gowrie 8.5, Solution 8.5, 7.15, Ficks 7.15, Asteroid 7.15, Khrumel 7.5, Plaidie 7.7, Crumley 7.2, Sullivan 7.5, Tercelet 6.15, Herodion 6.12, Joe Chamberlain 6.9, Jeanne d'Arc 6.7, Sea Lion 6.7, Le Beau 6.7, Little Turk 6.7.

Waipuna Handicap Hurdles, 1 1/2 mile.—Valley 11.2, Westgard 10.10, Peruvia 10.3, Athol Maid 8.5, Rangawa 9.15, Reppure 9.15, Durban 9.15, Good Hope 9.12, Morpeth 9.12, Monarque 9.11, Laimie 9.9, Romany Girl 9.8, Flanagan 9.5, Romany 9.5, Angus 9.5, Givacy 8.5, Jewel Cut 9.0, Van Tromp 9.0, Languid 9.0, Black Cat 9.0, Donah 9.0, Cassiope 9.0.

Kiwitua Welter, 1 mile.—Golden Vein 10.8, Struvel 10.8, Full Cry 9.12, Kaharoa 9.8, Breke 9.8, Romance 8.15, Optunist 8.12, Marlin 8.4, Pessers 8.4, 8.9, Parkshot 8.9, Sea Lion 8.8, Bowman 8.8, Norwood 8.8, Lydard 8.7, Joe Chamberlain 8.7, Nonen 8.4, St. Alia 8.3, Handmaster 8.0, Glory 8.0, Little Turk 8.0, Rustique 8.0, Hokio 8.0.

OTARU TROTTING CLUB.

The following handicaps have been declared by Mr Johnston for the above meeting, which commences on December 3:—

Trial Trot Handicap of 25 sovs, 1 1/2 mile.—Bellmouth ser, Agnes B. ser, Red Wilkes 28, Eureka 28, Daydream 28, Rob 28, Victoria 28, Green Lavender 28, Miss Yedinger 28, 44, Tataraniti 48, Cleve 48, Albert 48, Miss Dunmore 48, Huan Clair 48, Manganui 48, Seacole 48, Miss Vola 68.

Suburban Trot Handicap of 40 sovs, 2 miles.—Rake 48, Ivy 48, 48, Thorndeath 78, Autocrat 88, Beidatona 128, Duchess of Rutshill 108, Black Diamond 178, Miss Haun 208, Kiteconeta 258.

Spring Pony Handicap of 50 sovs, 6 1/2 furlongs.—Fashionable 9.12, Orange and Blue 9.10, Lady French (late Eureka) 8.7, Manoeuvre 8.2, Winahill 7.12, George Rose 7.12, Storyteller 7.12, Sally Horner 7.10, Larocce 7.10, Solly 7.8, Whareure 7.5, Little Mabel 6.7, Lucy Godfrey 6.7.

Mangere Trot Handicap of 20 sovs, 1 1/2 mile.—Hiel, Jay ser, Juliette 48, Little Paul 48, Donsett 112, Alberton 128, Little Ben 218, Bert 215, George 218, St. John 218, Carlisle 288, Green Lavender 288, Cleve 288, Miss Wilmington 288.

Ladies' Bracelet Handicap of 25 sovs, 1 1/2 mile.—Le Rover ser, Woodcock 88, Bala-collina 88, Lady Florence 128, Flora 228, Miss Hunter 228, Miss 228, Miss 228, Agnes H. 228, Laveta 228, Keocole 228, Miss Agard 228.

Metric Trot Handicap of 25 sovs, 1 mile.—Hailot ser, Watekauri 58, Thorndike 88, Coleridge 108, Houghlight 108, Isabel 88, The Meadows 128, Black Diamond 128, Donsett 128, Hippy 128, Manurewa 128, Atherstone 178, Eric 128, Bell Car 228, K. O. 228, Hare 228, St. John 228, Carlisle 228, Miss Wilmington 228.

Tramway Handicap of 25 sovs, 5 furlongs.—Trotton 111, 8.15, Orange and Blue 8.12, Lady French (late Eureka) 8.9, Manoeuvre 8.3, Matara 8.8, Whawhe 7.12, Gladys 8.8, 7.15, Storyteller 7.15, Inspiration 7.11, Sally Horner 7.11, Larocce 7.10, Solly 7.10, Little Mabel 6.9, Leggett (late Man Toy) 6.8, Moanaki 6.7.

Orounga Trot Handicap of 20 sovs, 1 1/2 mile.—Le Rover ser, Watekauri ser, Sir Robert ser, Lady Love 48, Tycrover 48, G. Meadows 48, Blarona 48, Houghlight 48, Kapura 48, Dunsett 48, Atherstone 48, Donsett 48, Miss Huan 48, Hippy 48, Kiteconeta 48.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

WEIGHTS FOR PRINCIPAL EVENTS.

Mr Evelt has declared the following weights for events to be run at the A.R.C. Summer Meeting:—

AUCKLAND CUP of 1500 sovs.—Two miles.

at lb	at lb
Achilles	9 10
Cruciform	9 10
Maritan	9 10
Grand Rapids ..	9 8
Mahutonga	8 12
Nightfall	8 10
Melolono	8 8
Gato	8 7
Loch Erne	8 3
Scotty	8 3
Hulwango	7 12
Uranus	7 9
Herodion	7 9
Starshot	7 8
Gladstone	7 6
Kaharoa	7 6
Secret Society ..	7 5
Little Lottie	7 4
Hekia	7 4
Madrigal	7 4
Plect	7 4
Ides	7 3
Akarama	7 3
Strathburn	7 0
Alba	7 0
Northway	7 0
Wokeville	7 0
Monofora	7 0
Knabber	7 0
Swagsman	7 0
Patty	7 0
Heroban	6 12
Belton	6 10
Blindia	6 10
Lady Irene	6 7
King Paul	6 7
Sir Percival	6 7
View Average ..	6 7
Lovelina	6 7

RAILWAY HANDICAP, Six furlongs.

at lb	at lb
Mahtue Gun 10 10	Monofora 7 7
Hoboro 9 9	Muskereale 7 7
Gwynn 8 11	Geonle 7 7
Strathburn 8 7	Strathburn 7 7
Starshot 8 7	To-morrow 7 7
Irish 8 6	The Middy 7 5
Blowser 8 4	La Cigale 7 5
Blowser 8 4	Solution 7 4
Savony 8 4	Asteriz 7 3
Boris 8 4	Sonora 7 3
Black and Gold 8 3	Green and Gold 7 2
Mina 7 0	Mina 7 0
Mechanic 7 0	Mechanic 7 0
Seabird 6 12	Seabird 6 12
Gen. Average 6 10	Gen. Average 6 10
Caroline 7 11	Caroline 6 10
Golden Vein 7 11	Pondergroe 6 10
Lady Lynours 7 10	Beau Benton 6 10
Alba 7 10	Richard 6 8
Golden Lily 7 12	The Snake 6 8
Gladstone 7 11	Caroline 6 10
Golden Vein 7 11	Pondergroe 6 10
Lady Lynours 7 10	Beau Benton 6 10
Alba 7 10	Richard 6 8
Lady Annie 7 9	The Snake 6 8
Wakafo 7 8	Hanza 6 9
Noua 7 8	Dafodil 6 7
Newtown 7 8	Lovelin 6 7
Avulanche 7 8	Lyla 6 7

AUCKLAND STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 300 sovs. About 3 1/2 miles.

at lb	at lb
Slow Tom	11 12
Canogaue	11 7
Up-to-date	11 3
Protogolla	11 4
Pin of Thule	10 9
Miss	10 5
Malanta	9 8
Resolution	9 7
St. Kowas	9 7
Beau	9 7
Manurewa	9 7
Trui	9 7
Huan	9 7
Irish	9 6

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