

win. 7.7; Kalkulu, 1.2; Kanarora, 7.0; Hukandu, 6.10; Sunbommet, 6.10; Lady Pet, 6.10; Narrow Escape, 6.10; Disprove, 6.10. Won by a length. Time, 1.0. Dividends, £2 5/ and £1 1/2.

Canterbury Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting.

CHRISTCHURCH, Friday.

The following are the acceptances for the Canterbury Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting.

GREAT EASTER HANDICAP of 750sovs.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Odds. Includes Achilles (9/12), Signalmann (8/1), Exmore (8/7), Petrova (8/6), Master Alx (8/5), Mastina (8/4), Boris (8/4), Stronghold (8/2), Maudslayi (8/2), Red Gauntlet (7/12), Boumerang (7/12), Pallas (7/12), Conroy (7/11), Savary (7/10).

GREAT AUTUMN HANDICAP of 750sovs.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Odds. Includes Marlton (8/10), Huncorak (8/10), Sivoory (8/10), Ghoska (7/12), Boris (7/12), Master Alx (7/12), Conroy (7/10), Steadfast (7/7), Cannon Chief (7/4).

After payment of the final subscription the following remain in the Fourteenth Challenge Stakes of 500 Sovs. seven furlongs—Maudslayi, Port, Port, Edna May, Kirriemuir, Snowshill, Pas Seul, Oudalora, Landwara, Achilles, Boris, Firdi Gun, Ivanoff, Largesse, De Witte, Lady Landon, Master Alx.

The Champagne Stakes of 650sovs. six furlongs. Gahantey, Kirriemuir, Edna May, Hansen, Firdi Gun, Ivanoff, Conductor, Misses, Latona, Lady Landon, P. Jorgans, brown colt by Hatfield, First Venture, Benoko, Lapland, De Witte, Jack Ashore, J. Onley's bay colt by Cairns—Anniebell.

South Canterbury Jockey Club's Meeting.

FIRST DAY.

TIMARU, Thursday.

The South Canterbury Jockey Club's autumn meeting opened today in the weather. The attendance was excellent, and the sport good all round. The totalisator handled £3315 10/2, or £243 10/2 more than last autumn. The results are as follows:—

First, Conroy, 9/5, 1; Dean Scat, 8/5, 2; Sumner, 7/12, 2; Time 2.02. Dividends, £1 18/ and £2 10/7.

Half Race, five furlongs—Disappointment, 1; Astakhun, 2; Knutskoff, 3. Eleven others started. Dividends, £12 8/ and 11/2.

President's Welter Handicap, six furlongs—Syechem, 8/8, 1; Rossett, 9/5, 2; Alexis, 8/11, 3; King's Guest, Ladah, and Radium were scratched. Won easily. Time, 1.77. Dividends, £48 12/ and £1 27/.

Prok, one mile and a half—Baxpaxa, 208, 1; Imperial Girl, 278, 2; Refona, 288, 3. Won easily. Jack, Patara, and Rippee were scratched. Time, 4.81. Dividends, £2 4/ and £4 14/.

Wattaki District Handicap, six furlongs—Sabra, 8/13, 1; Bombastes, 10/12, 2; Ranghala, 10/3, 3; Groundstand, Harvest, and Patma were scratched. Won by a length. Time, 1.88. Dividends, £7 14/ and £1 27/.

Flying Handicap, six furlongs—Zeland, 8/12, 1; Alexis, 7/5, 2; Red Gauntlet, 3/5, 3; Petrovum, Sandy, Mckasoff, Christoffel, and Jolly Roger also ran. Won by half a length. Time, 1.32. Dividends, £6 12/ and £4 9/.

TURF TALK FROM THE SOUTH.

CHRISTCHURCH, Saturday.

Hewitt came into conflict with the authorities at Waimate, where he was fined £1 for alleged impertinence to an official. He has since appealed against the conviction. By this day, I understand that Hewitt has abandoned his intention to leave for England at the close of the present season. He will not go home until after the New Zealand Cup meeting, and probably not until February.

Kirriemuir is standing up to her work, and there is every probability of the ground remaining soft, so she may be seen out at the autumn meeting. Whether or not she will be seen at her best is another matter.

Slow Tom is again showing signs of impotence. It is the old trouble. I fear. The Moidan is also very sore, and it is impossible to believe that he will be fit to race on Easter Monday.

One of the most improved horses at Riccarton is Huncorak, the son of Faddock who has put on a great deal of condition since he joined Hobbs' team.

I understand that all going well Bolt will be sent to Auckland to fulfil her engagement in the New Zealand Cup.

has prevailed in this part of the colony for the past week, the South Canterbury Jockey Club opened its autumn meeting on Thursday under favourable conditions. There, a cold south-west wind was blowing, but the sky was clear and the sun shone brightly in the sun. The attendance was not quite so large as that of the corresponding day last year, but speculation was brisker, and totalisator turnover being 10/1, an excess of the sum handled on the first day of last year's gathering.

The racing was very interesting. In fact, I have attended few more enjoyable afternoon sports. Except the fact that he has returned to form by his easy victory in the Timaru Cup. He certainly did not encounter strong opposition, but he defeated the field with no more trouble than he experienced in winning the Waimate Cup. If he continues to go on the right way and is caught in a pleasant humour on the day he is bound to be prominent in the Great Autumn Handicap. Beau Seaton gave evidence of the improvement which I chronicled recently, and Sumaroff once again ran into a place, without doing more. Babsam was made favourite for the second day, but he never ran. Mungo, who was second in demand, was placed, and the useful Grandstand was easily run by Rosseth. Petrovum's 3-year-old brother, Astakhun, started a great favourite for the half race, but though he did better than Babsam he was easily beaten by the Gorton mare Disappointment. Rossett, the favourite for the President's Welter Handicap, showed a similar fate, his conqueror being Syechem, who scored a popular victory for the Hon. Geo. Melan. Sabra followed up his success at Waimate by appropriating the Wattaki District Handicap, and then turning to his supporters a comfortable dividend. Buckers were again astray in the Flying Handicap, which fell to the improving Zeland, who capitalised with Alexis and Red Gauntlet.

It is understood here that Solution's mission at Easter will be the Auckland meeting. Riccarton on Thursday Kirriemuir moved freely in three-quarter pace work. Signalmann, who is wonderfully well, and Clanchattan galloped 7 furlongs in 1.33 2-5. Signalmann finishing in front. Favourite Field Cup were together at the end of 5 furlongs, run in 1.10 2-5. Pas Seul galloped a similar distance in 1.7 3-5 from a flying start. Marlton, which is improving, was restricted to half-pace work, and Stradner galloped 6 furlongs fast. Yesterday was an "off" morning, and no work of importance was done.

(By Telegraph.—Special to "Graphic").

CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

The Canterbury Jockey Club may well be congratulated for the acceptances for the Great Easter and Great Autumn Handicaps. No less than 25 horses remain in the shorter race and 17 in the Great Autumn Handicap. Of the acceptances for the Great Easter Handicap, Achilles, Exmore, Boris, and Ghoska, all from Prosser's stable, and Signalmann, Stradner, and Clanchattan from Sir George Clifford's team; two (Master Alx and Conroy) belong to Mr Buckley; three (Maudslayi, Savary, and Pilen) to Mr St. Boonrang and Starshoot to Mr. M. Watt; and two (Red Gauntlet and Firdi Gun) are trained by Mr Hobbs. Bearing these facts in mind, it may be taken for granted that the field will be materially reduced before the barrier rises. There is very little hope for the candidates. No visiting horses have arrived yet, and nothing is known about the Yaldhurst reps. Of the local division nothing is looking so moving better than Signalmann, while Clanchattan is in good form; and it is now pretty evident that, on her summer form, Cross Battery has a great chance. Of the horses promising in the Great Autumn Handicap, eight, viz. Conroy, Sandy, Mckasoff, and DeWara are trained at Yaldhurst. Of the Riccarton trained candidates, Marlton is not improving, and Stradner is coming on again nicely. Mckasoff still further disgraced himself at Timaru, and is now, partly rehabilitated his reputation, and is now thought to possess a good outside chance. Undoubtedly, however, the horse which in favour here just now is Conroy, whose performance at Timaru was more memorable than it appears at first sight. Red Gauntlet, too, ran well at the South Canterbury meeting, and there are more unlikely things than that the son of Luchel will win the Great Easter Handicap. If they were back to the form they showed a couple of years ago, they would certainly make very light of the opposition.

Another horse that showed good form at Timaru was Tschibana. After running prominently in the Cup she was made favourite for the Teituka Handicap, which she just eluded through bad riding. Syechem, who followed up his victory on the first day by retaining the judge's eye, may also be heard of again before long. Rossett also showed promising form, and Firdi Gun, a two-year-old, by Beizoff from Ereside, may develop into a useful performer.

Mr. Sted had the misfortune to lose his only Crown Jug on Saturday. The daughter of Royal Arthur and Sander was doing a gallop at Yaldhurst, in company with Edna May, when she suddenly stopped, and it was discovered that her off hind leg was broken. It was found that she struck out while rounding one of the turns, but that the Jug did not run particularly well when she made her debut at our summer meeting, but it was understood that she had improved since that time. She was, of course, destroyed immediately.

McGulness is breaking in a yearling colt by Pigrin's Progress, from the Dunedin Cup winner Starshoot. The youngster shows neither size or substance, but he is a well tempered colt, and has a good set of legs.

From the two-year-old colt by Saut-Anna, in Hobbs' stable, who has been a miss for the greater part of the season, is now sound, and is coming on rapidly. He promises to develop into a smart hunter, and is being trained by Mckasoff. The two-year-old colt by Starshoot

Glanella, who was gelded in the spring on account of his bad temper, is now being backed about preparatory to resuming work. He is quiet enough now.

Enell has been absent from the tracks for some days, owing to influenza contracted while running at the Akaroa meeting. The half brother to Solution has been a sore disappointment to his connections.

Four boxes at Rodin's stables have been engaged for the members of the Hon. G. McQueen's team, who are to take part in our autumn meeting. Isolt, in charge of R. O'Donnell, will leave for Auckland to-day (Wednesday) to fulfil her engagement in the Great Northern Handicap. She will be ridden by W. Holmes.

The Yaldhurst pair, Maudslayi and Delaware, are the favourite double locally for the Great Easter and Great Autumn Handicaps, as short a price as 10 to 1 being taken about the two. After Maudslayi, there is little to choose between Achilles, Signalmann, Master Alx, and Cross Battery for the Great Easter Handicap, and next to Delaware, Boumerang, Savary, Ghoska, Conroy, Stradner, and Clanchattan are most in favour for the Autumn Handicap. Grand Stand changed hands at Timaru last week.

A big pointer, who operated from a South Canterbury town, is missing from his former haunts. It is announced that his absence has alarmed certain bookmakers. Many folders are wrath with the missing one.

J. McCoub has been retained to ride Conroy in the Great Autumn Handicap.

The Foxbury Park Racing Club will just about balance accounts over its recent meeting. The club pays a rental of £50 per racing day, which is far too much money for the use of the course. Conduff has been allowed to remain in the Challenge Stakes, but that may be taken as an oversight on the part of his owner.

During the currency of the South Canterbury meeting, McQueen's patent hood for horses which are fractions at the post, was shown to several trainers and riders, and won favourable comment from all who saw it.

Australian Racing.

RAHWICK TRAINING NOTES.

ANOTHER GOOD GALLOP BY MANTAPOTO.

SYDNEY, March 30.

Mantapoto is doing excellent work on the tracks. He is the best colt of the year, morning at Rahwick this morning, covering seven furlongs in 1.32, finishing strongly.

AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB.

BIG INCREASE IN STAKES.

The Australian Jockey Club has decided on an all-round raising of prize money at their spring meeting, the opening of which will probably be deferred until September 29th, 1906. This will enable them to get a two-year-old race on the programme, and will permit the Metropolitan Handicap being run on Eight Hours Day. The prize money for the principal weight-for-age races, viz. the Spring Stakes and Craven Plate, has been raised to £750, the latter event carrying with it Mr. G. G. Stead's cup. The Randwick Plate is increased to £1000, while the Spring Maiden Stakes has been eliminated, and the Breeders' Plate of the value of £125 substituted. The A.J.C. Derby has been raised to £2000.

MANTAPOTO DEFEATED.

SYDNEY, April 1.

The New Zealand horse Mantapoto started a warm favourite at 2 to 1 against for the Railway Handicap at Rosehill to-day. He got away badly, however, and though finishing with a great run he was beaten out of a place by a head. The winner came up in Mr. Williams' Zythos, a 20 to 1 chance.

THE NEWCASTLE CUP.

RECORD PERFORMANCE BY GLAD-SOME.

The Newcastle Jockey Club's meeting was held to-day. The following was the result of the principal event:—

THE NEWCASTLE CUP. One mile and a quarter.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Odds. Includes Mr. S. Green's ch in Gladstone, 5yrs, by Seaton Delvany-Miss Gladly, 10/10, 1; Chaparron, aged, by Patrol—dam by Gen. 8/0, 2; Chronograph, aged, by The Jeweller—Opera, 8/0, 3.

Gladstone was a hot favourite at 6 to 4 to win, and she won easily by four lengths. Gladstone's owner, Mr. Green, made a "pot" over the race. He bought a half-share in the ticket held about his mare in Tattersall's No. 1 sweep for £200.

English Racing.

THE LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP.

LONDON, March 27.

The Lincolnshire Handicap of 1000sovs. The straight mile—Mr. M. Ephraim's b c 3y. Sires, Hongkong—Gen. 8/0, 1; M. J. B. Joel's ch 2 Dean Swift, 5yrs, Childwick

Jessup, 7/11, 2; Mr. L. Robinson's b s Rowate Dawn Sire, Enthusiast-Honeydew, 8/5, 3.

The winner Ob is owned and trained in France. When the last mail left England Ob was quoted at 100 to 6.

GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE.

LONDON, March 30.

The following is the result of the Grand National Steeplechase of 2750sovs. over a course of about four miles and 800 yards:— Prince Hatfield's Assort's Silver, aged 1; Mr. E. M. Lucas' Red Lad, 6yrs, 2; Mr. R. W. Farr's Aunt May, aged 2.

HUNTING.

PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Pakuranga Hunt Club was held at the Haymarket last Friday afternoon. Mr. W. McLaughlin, president, occupied the chair, and there was a fair attendance of members.

The balance sheet showed that receipts totalled £681 2/10, including subscriptions, £304 4/0 7/; 1905 £151 2/2, annual sports £170 18/; and Auckland Racing Club £200. The expenditure amounted to £723 10/2, including salary to Huntsman £250, equips to fencers £54 15/3, annual sports £101 8/4, club history £40, annual mail £23 18/1, repairs to kennels £24 0/10, salary to secretary £10 10/0, sundries £20 6/4. The overdraft was stated at £24 6/4. The assets were set down at £791 12/2, including kennel property £600, Auckland Racing Club £150, subscriptions owing to £12 2/2, cash in hand £11 10/2. Liabilities were set down at £520 11/2, including by mortgage on kennel property £250, overdraft interest £25 0/0, and annual sports £43 16/2. The annual sports left a credit balance of £30 13/10, the receipts being £115 18/ and the expenditure at £145 14/2. The balance sheet was adopted. Mr. H. T. Gorrie was elected Master, Mr. B. Lewis treasurer, Mr. B. Myers auditor, Mr. J. P. Kiloh secretary. Last year's general committee was re-elected.

The committee to elect the executive committee. On the motion of Mr. Rallock Webster, seconded by Mr. W. R. Broomfield, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the farmers over whose land the club had hunted. The Master and Deputy-Master were also thanked. Mr. J. H. Dalton of a silver cup for a point-to-point steeplechase was accepted.

A Scene That Miscarried.

We were playing at the Princess Theatre, Edinburgh, and one morning, walking along Princes-street, we met Sir Henry—then, of course, Mr.—Irving, writes Huntly Wright in the course of some autobiographical notes in "M.A.P." My father introduced me, and the great man shook hands and made some kindly remark. I was quite overcome when he left—the hand he had shaken I felt I ought never to wash again. In the evening Mr. Irving came to the theatre to see our performance. You can imagine the general excitement behind when it became known that he was "in front." The piece was "False Lights," and I took the part of a particularly brutal prison warder. For the benefit of those lucky people who do not know me I may say that I am a little man, and was no bigger as a youth. In the great scene of the play I had to affront the hero, first slaking and buffeting him, and afterwards tying him up and thrashing him unmercifully. The thrashing I could manage easily enough, but the slaking was difficult, as the hero was about five times my size. The only way we could manage it was for me to hang on to the hero's coat-lapels while he staggered about, really shaking me—a clear case of the tail wagging the dog.

In one corner of the cell was a sort of infernal machine, secreted there by the hero's friends, and destined to go off at the close of the scene, blowing in the wall of the cell and thus enabling the hero to escape.

Well, we put so much energy into our struggle that night that my peaked cap fell off. The stage was half-darkened, and in groping about to find my cap I picked up the infernal machine instead, and hastily clapped it on my head. It went off at once with a bang, scaring me out of my life; the cell walls failed to collapse, for nobody was ready, and naturally the scene was completely spoiled. I staggered off the stage the most miserable creature on earth. "Oh, you, you—you beauty," I said to myself; "Irving in front and you go and make a hideous fool of yourself like this. Well, well, you've done for yourself this time, anyway." Then I saw, or thought I saw, a stool, tumbled to it, and sat down. But it was a fireman's bucket full of water, and it and my cup of tribulation overflowed.