

The public being present, and the good sum of £9504 was put through the totalisator, which is an increase of £1588 over the corresponding day held last year. The winners were, in nearly every case, very hard to find, and this resulted in some substantial dividends being returned. There were a couple of nasty accidents during the day, one occurring through Taplow falling at the second to last fence in the Final Hurdle Race, thus turning turtle with his rider, W. Higgins, who, besides getting a severe shaking, was found to have broken his leg. The other accident occurred to A. Grey, who had the mount on Sylvanus in the Wellington Steeplechase, the horse coming to grief at a fence near the road, which resulted in the jockey getting a bad fall.

Proceedings opened with the Hutt Flying, in which a field of seven turned out. St. Peter was made favourite, while Lasting was also well supported. The result, however, turned out in one of the lightly-weighted division scoring, this being Quifina, who got well away, and, making every post a winning one, romped home fully two lengths in front of Sundial, while St. Peter could only manage to squeeze into third place.

The Second Hack and Hunters' Steeplechase came next on the card, and for this another field of seven horses went into the starter's hands. Kaiwhukaron and Muparu carried most weight of gold, while the first day's winner, Menaderva, was well supported. The aged daughter of South-wester showed that her win on the opening day was no fluke, for she won easily by fully twenty lengths, Master Prince and Czarina being in the other places.

The big event of the day followed—the Wellington Steeplechase—and for this a good field of twelve were found ready to battle for the 350 sovereigns. Old Morag was in great request, while the Auckland-owned Dingo was also well supported, the rest being pretty evenly backed, with the exception of Tui and Sylvanus, whose chances were evidently not much thought of. The winner turned up in Plain Bill, who had somewhat of an easy win; the son of Flintlock got well away from his field in the last half mile of the journey and, although he knocked the last hurdle in the straight, he won comfortably by fully six lengths from Kauri Gunn, while Coin was four lengths further back. The winner returned the good dividend of £10 14/ to his 133 investors.

For the Winter Oats Handicap another field of a dozen runners lined out, Crusee being selected favourite, while the rest of the field were all well backed. The favourite was first away, and he remained in the lead for the whole of the journey, finally winning by a neck from Sundial, who made a very fast run home.

The Final Hurdle Race followed, for which there were seven starters, the Napier-owned Coeur de Lion being made a slightly better favourite than Hauriri. The latter held his own throughout and won by half a length from Hayden.

For the July Steeplechase eleven horses turned out, Cairo being most in request. The winner, however, turned up in Dr. Bill, whose first appearance it was over big country. The Gipsy King horse fenced in great style throughout, and won by fully ten lengths from the favourite, while the Auckland pair, Dingo and Straybird ran a dead heat for third position.

The day's sport was brought to a close with the running of the Final Hack Handicap, in which the largest field of the day went to the post. Once again an outsider popped out, this being Mr P. Juno's chestnut gelding Smithy, who led the field the whole way, and won by two lengths from the well backed Dum Dum.

The following are the details of the racing:—

WELLINGTON STEEPLCHASE HAN-DICAP of 350sovs. About three miles. 123—Mr T. Scott's b g Plain Bill, 8yrs, by Flintlock—Pura McDonald, 127 (F. Cochrane)..... 1
89—Mr A. Rayner's b g Kauri Gunn, aged, 10:12 (D. Wattle)..... 2
74—Mr J. Ayr's b g Coin, aged, 10:5 (A. Gubraith)..... 3
131 Nor-west, 12:10; 215 Black Dust, 11:12; The Guard, 10:6; 244 Morag, 11:30; 145 Blackberry, 11:8; 216 Dingo, 10:7; 167 The Friar, 10:7; 21 Tul, 9:9; 21 Sylvanus, 8:8, also ran.

Some of the field did not get well away, notably Blackberry, who was lost over the water jump. Kauri Gunn took the lead, but was supplanted at the back by Sylvanus. Passing in front of the stand the order was Sylvanus, Kauri Gunn, The Friar, Coin, Morag, with Nor-west last.

Blackberry came down at the brush fence. The field closed up at the road turn, where Sylvanus fell, leaving The Guard in front. At the stand The Guard led Kauri Gunn, and they raced in that order round the hill bend, where Nor-west was pulled up. The Guard and Black Dust both came to grief at the post and fell fence at the last of the course, and Coin, who had improved his position, ran into first place, leading Kauri Gunn. At the turn Plain Bill went up fast from the ruck, and, overhauling the leaders, was in front at the last of the course, a straight, and although he knocked the last hurdle he won comfortably by six lengths. There were four lengths between Kauri Gunn and Coin; then followed Morag, The Friar, Dingo and Tul. Time, 7:4. On totalisator, £1284. Dividend, £19 14/.

Black Dust and The Guard were bracketed on the totalisator.

Winter Oats, Crusee, 1; Sundial, 2; Volley, 3. All started except Ruamahunga. Won by a neck.—Time, 1:54. Dividend, 48 1/2.

Final Hurdles.—Hauriri, 1; Harro, 2; Voltaire, 3. All started, except Sundial and Coin. Won by a length. Time, 3 min. Dividend, £3 11/.

July Steeplechase.—Dr. Bill, 1; Cairo, 2; Dingo and Straybird ran at the course, and third place. Dr. Bill won easily by ten lengths. Time, 4:34. Dividend, £15 4/.

Final Hack Handicap.—Smithy, 1; Dum Dum, 2; Rosette, 3. Smithy led all the way, winning by two lengths, a length and a half separating the second and third horses. Time, 1:25. Dividend, £16 12/.

N.Z. GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

Mr Henri has declared the following weights for the principal events of the above meeting:—

FIRST DAY.

GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLCHASE of 650sovs. Three miles and a-half.

| | st lb. | | st lb. |
|------------|--------|-----------|--------|
| Plain Bill | 12 8 | Dingo | 10 0 |
| Dum Dum | 12 3 | Gillie | 10 0 |
| Nor-west | 11 13 | The Friar | 9 12 |
| Black | 11 5 | Dr. Bill | 9 8 |
| Blackberry | 11 4 | Straybird | 9 8 |
| Roller | 11 2 | Tully-ho | 9 7 |
| Morag | 11 2 | Sylvanus | 9 7 |
| Kauri Gunn | 10 7 | Fineworks | 9 7 |
| Kaaska | 10 6 | Pipi | 9 7 |
| Dr. Bill | 10 6 | Jack | 9 7 |
| The Guard | 10 6 | Curat | 9 7 |
| Kauri Gunn | 10 5 | Corat | 9 7 |
| Bunder | 10 5 | Pilot | 9 7 |
| Torpinia | 10 3 | Goose | 9 7 |

WINTER CUP of 500sovs. One mile.

| | st lb. | | st lb. |
|--------------|--------|---------------|--------|
| Record Reiga | 12 9 | Scottish Min- | 9 11 |
| Str Lancelot | 11 9 | Strat | 9 10 |
| Crusee | 11 8 | Spinner | 9 10 |
| Conqueror | 11 2 | Bristol | 9 10 |
| Djin-Djin | 11 1 | Bloomer | 9 10 |
| Ruamahunga | 10 11 | Cameo | 9 10 |
| Bush Row | 10 9 | Vandike | 9 10 |
| Bon Farley | 10 8 | Phryne | 9 8 |
| Nihilist | 10 8 | Susannah | 9 7 |
| Gold Star | 10 6 | Indian Shot | 9 5 |
| Final Bloss | 10 5 | Ruby Twist | 9 5 |
| Ideal | 10 5 | The Miner | 9 0 |
| Strathairn | 10 4 | Spider | 9 0 |
| Sundial | 10 0 | Lapidary | 9 0 |
| Landing | 10 0 | Sue Boss | 9 0 |
| Derrington | 9 13 | Daphne | 9 0 |
| Huku | 9 13 | Proposal | 9 0 |
| Female Fran- | 9 12 | | |
| chise | | | |

SECOND DAY.

GRAND NATIONAL HURDLE RACE of 500sovs. Two miles.

| | st lb. | | st lb. |
|-----------------|--------|---------------|--------|
| Cavalier (late) | 12 8 | Kaimate | 10 8 |
| Cavalier | 12 8 | Sundial | 10 2 |
| Record Reiga | 12 5 | Coeur de Lion | 10 0 |
| Plain Bill | 12 0 | Derrington | 10 0 |
| Hek | 11 8 | Dr. Bill | 9 10 |
| Nor-west | 11 3 | Hota | 9 7 |
| Roller | 11 2 | Haydn | 9 0 |
| Marina | 10 13 | Bonnie Dean | 9 0 |
| Dunder | 10 12 | Cora Lind | 9 0 |
| Torpinia | 10 11 | Sylvanus | 9 0 |
| Black Dust | 10 10 | Taplow | 9 0 |
| Ruamahunga | 10 7 | Parla | 9 0 |
| Hauriri | 10 5 | Vaugeois | 9 0 |
| Light | 10 5 | Pilot | 9 0 |
| The Guard | 10 5 | Halcion | 9 0 |
| Woodlander | 10 4 | | |

FOOTBALL.

Saturday witnessed the conclusion of the Cup fixtures, and, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, there was a very large attendance at Potter's. The result of the match, City v. Newton, which was won by the former by 13 points to 12, was rather a surprise to the majority, who anticipated a much more decisive win for the wearers of the red and black. Moreover, they were fortunate to win by even the small margin of 1 point, as within 3 minutes of the end of the game they appeared well beaten. By their victory on Saturday City has established a unique record, having this season won the championship in all three grades.

At the beginning of the winter it was very generally considered that City, on paper, had a rather soft thing for the Senior Championship, but, as usual, the good thing did not work out quite as expected, for, although City has won the premiership, there was nothing of a moral about it; in fact, many will be found to contend that they were lucky to win, which only goes to prove the glorious uncertainty of the game.

The match on No. 2 ground at Potter's was between Suburbs and Farnell, and the former team proved quite too strong for their opponents,

and won by 14 points to nil. Suburbs appear to have struck form at last, and it is a great pity that they did not do so earlier, as their present team would apparently have given some of the leading clubs a real good go.

CITY V. NEWTON

City was fortunate enough to win the toss, and therefore had the advantage of playing with a strong wind in the first spell. For the first twenty minutes it did not appear to assist them a great deal, or, rather, the majority of their backs were unable to take advantage of it, and seemed totally incapable of taking, passing or kicking the ball to any good effect. In consequence of City's poor display the Newton players quite held their own throughout the first part of the spell, and the numerous supporters of the former team were beginning to get rather anxious. City then pulled themselves together and the backs, showing some improvement, the ball was for some time confined to Newton territory. Here, from a scrum, City heeled out, and a nice bit of passing between Young, Asher, McGee and Absolum resulted in the lastnamed player scoring between the posts. It was a really good piece of play, and the try was one of the best Absolum has ever obtained. Young converted, making the score 5 to nil.

With less than fifteen minutes of the first spell remaining, City seemed to recognise that the position was far from safe, and they therefore made strenuous endeavours to improve matters, but for some time without success. However, just on time, Brown brought off a pretty dribbling rush and carried the ball over the line, where he and Paul dived for it simultaneously. Paul appeared to get it, but in falling he cannoned with Brown and failed to get his hands on the ball, which rolled clear, and Bonella, who was following up fast, scored

a second try for City in a splendid position. Young was again entrusted with the kick, and narrowly escaped missing the major points, the ball just going inside the post. Time was then called, leaving City with a lead of 10 points.

On resuming play it was soon apparent that Newton were going to make desperate efforts to overhaul their opponents' score. Right from the jump they set to work and carried the ball to City's 25, and there it remained for by far the greater part of the spell. The kicking of the black and red backs against the wind was not nearly so effective as was Newton's in the first spell, and, on the other hand, Newton appeared to make more use of the wind than their opponents had. On several occasions, however, their kicking was a bit rash, and force resulted, but City gained little or no profit therefrom.

Asher was primarily responsible for Newton's first score, being collared in front of his goal he deliberately threw the ball forward and a free kick was given against him, and Eaton succeeded in landing a goal. Far from being warned by the result of Asher's breach of the rules the City players seemed to deliberately lay themselves out to incur penalties, and free kick after free kick was awarded against them. Although they continued on the attack it was a considerable time before Newton again succeeded in scoring. Then a City back kicked across the field, but failed to find the boundary, and Roberts dashing up took the ball on the full and scored near the corner. The kick at goal was rather a difficult one, and Eaton failed to increase the score, though he made a fine attempt. For the next ten minutes City supporters were none too happy, as their men seemed unable to clear their line, and some of the numerous free kicks awarded against them were going uncomfortably near the posts. Then Asher failed to take a high kick right on the goal line, and the ball was

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