won, had to fight throughout the race after being one of the last to leave the mark, and any opening he got he had to make himself, so his win was a most meritorious one. Britain, which finished third, also ran a good race, and his trainer, the ex-Aucklander, P. Nolan, is confident of his putting up a good performance in the Melbourne Cup. In the race won by Advantage, which was ridden by H. Deeley, the N.Z. mare had a lucky run on the rails at the finish, and landed the stake by half a head, there only being a neck between the first four.

The New Zealand horsemen, J. McGregor, F. McCabe, and M. Cairns, were doing fairly well, but the latter was undecided as to whether he would stay there or not after the Melbourne Cup meeting. One thing that amazed the Aucklander, was the extent of the betting at the big meetings, and one instance he knew of, was where an owner put £3000 on his horse without its making any difference in his price in the market. The bookmakers were of a good class, and webbing was never heard of amongst the big men. All things considered, however, he was quite satisfied with his lot in N.Z., which was very hard to beat. In addition to riding Master Soult, Sunburst, and Advantage, the horses he went over specially to ride, Deeley had the mount on Tillijey in a handicap at the A.J.C. Spring Meeting, and Lithuslas in the Breeders' Plate at the same fixture. The latter is stated to be a good colt, and was unlucky to be beaten, getting a very bad run.

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A.T.C. SPRING MEETING

The concluding day's racing in connection with the Auckland Trotting Club's Spring Meeting was held at Epsom yesterday afternoon. The weather was showery and the course heavy, but the attendance was up to the average. The racing was much more interesting than on the opening day, and the finishes for the most part were close. The management was again satisfactory, everything passing off without a hitch.

The stewards continued the inquiry into the running of Hamapuku in the Middle Class Trot on Saturday, and, after finding that the condition of the horse bore out the statements tendered in evidence, accepted the explanation.

A couple of small fields had a slight effect on speculation, and the amount (£2583) handled by the staff of Messrs W. Blomfield and Co. was £175 10/ short of last year's amount. The total for the two days (£5886 10/) is an increase of £409 on the figures at last year's gathering. In addition twelve bookmakers were licensed at a fee of £7 10/.

TRIAL HANDICAP (harness). One mile.
W. J. Greenwood's b h Mikado, by Vola Clair—Ham Yum, aged, 13s (Greenwood) 1
J. W. Walters' b m Annoyed, 4yrs, 8s (Hamilton) 2
A. T. Lake's blk c Goldwood, 3yrs, 2s (Cameron) 3
Also started: Dr. Jim 8s, Special Diamond 10s, Pathfinder 11s.

Mikado, the limit horse, had charge when they passed the stand, followed by Dr. Jim and Annoyed. Running along the back, Annoyed was on terms with Mikado, and the pair had the race to themselves, Mikado staying the longest and winning a good race by two lengths. Goldwood was six lengths away, third, with Dr. Jim fourth. Goldwood was favourite. Time, 2.48 2-5.

ELLERSLIE TROTTING HANDICAP (Harness) of 60sovs. Two miles.
T. Richards' b g Royal Albert, aged, by Albert Victor—Unknown, 4s 1
D. A. McKenzie's ch g Receiver, aged, scratch 2
A. J. Jury's b m Mersey, 6yrs, 20s 3
Also started: Count 11s, Bob G. 20s, Mikado 22s.

Passing the stand Mikado had twelve lengths' lead from Bob G., and then came Mersey and Royal Albert. Going along the back Royal Albert ran into second place, while Receiver also made a forward move. Passing the stand the second time Royal Albert had taken the lead, and was three lengths clear of Mikado, who was followed by Receiver. Receiver headed Mikado, which was tiring badly, as they crossed the top stretch, but could not reach Royal Albert, which won easing up by four lengths. Mersey was twenty lengths away, third, and Bob G. last. Time, 5.27 3-5. Bob G. was favourite.

ALEXANDRA HANDICAP of 100sovs. Distance, 2 miles.
D. Brophy's ch g Yankee Doodle, 16s, (Orange) 1
W. J. Bowden's b g Viscount, 8s (Bowden) 2
Stockley's b g Tableau, 18s (Tozer) 3
All started.

Black Diamond was in front when they passed the stand the first time, by three lengths, after which came Yankee Doodle and Haldane together, and then Wild Marie. Passing the stand the second time Yankee Doodle had a slight advantage of Haldane, and then came Black Diamond and Viscount. Going along the back Yankee Doodle drew out, and Viscount run up into second place. Yankee Doodle was the first to turn for home, and stalling off a run by Viscount, which broke 50 yards from the post, won by one and a-half lengths, with Tableau twelve lengths away, third. Cavalier was fourth. Time, 5.14 4-5. Yankee Doodle was favourite.

REMUERA HANDICAP of 50 sovs, second 10sovs. Six furlongs and a-half.
T. Barr's ch h Norway, 8yrs, by Waitiki—Nora, 6.9 (R. W. Brown) 1
G. Holt's Prophesied, 9.0 (Conquest) .. 2
T. P. Simis' Maika, 6.10 (O'Shea) 3
Also started: Fraulein 8.2, Nora Soult 6.9.

Nora Soult gave a lot of trouble at the post, and, after she had bolted once around, the field were dispatched without her. Prophesied was first to move, followed by Norway, Maika, and Fraulein, in that order. Going along the back, Norway headed Prophesied, and, drawing out in the concluding stages, won easing up by four lengths from Prophesied, which was two lengths in front of Maika, with Fraulein last. Time 1.29. Prophesied was favourite. After the race the stewards had the rider of Norway before them, and administered a severe caution for alleged cutting in at the start of the race, but did not alter the placings of the judge.

JUNCTION HANDICAP (Harness) of 35 sovs, second 5 sovs. One mile and a-half.
R. Keen's blk m Phyllistina, aged, by Victor Royal—Unknown, 7s (G. Robertson) 1
T. Richards' Specialty, 24s (Richards) .. 2
W. Orange's Santa Claus, 15s (Orange) .. 3
The only starters.

Specialty showed the way for half a furlong, when Santa Claus took charge, but was displaced again by Specialty before the stand was reached, with Phyllistina some distance away, last. Specialty and Santa Claus were racing in close company going along the back, and when they turned for home it looked as if the race lay between them, but Phyllistina, coming with a great run, just got up in time to win by a length and a-half from Specialty, which was a neck in front of Santa Claus. Time, 4.9. Phyllistina was favourite.

INNOVATION HANDICAP (Saddle) of 40sovs, second 5sovs. One mile and a-half.
Mrs. A. T. Lake's b g Hamapuku, 6yrs, Viking—Unknown, 7s (Cameron) 1
G. Brain's (aged Friday, 7s, (Brain) 2
C. Nicholson's Madam Melba, scratch (Nicholson) 3
Also started: Receiver 3s, Miss Dunmore 3s, Maureen 6s, Murad 7s, Fiery Cross 9s, Diamond Bell 10s, Mersey 18s, Dick May 19s, Pakuranga Boy 19s, Black Gin 19s, Ferncliffe 19s.

Mersey was in the lead when they reached the half-mile post, but when the dip was reign was short, for when the stand was reached the scratch mare, Madam Melba, reached Diamond Bell was in charge. Her was the leader, followed by Hamapuku, Diamond Bell, and Good Friday. Hamapuku ran up to Madam Melba going along the back, and the scratch mare tiring to nothing, Hamapuku headed her going through the dip, and from that out the issue was never in doubt, Hamapuku winning as he liked by six lengths from Good Friday, which caught Madam Melba a short distance from the post, and beat her a length for second honours. Maureen was fourth. Time, 4.5. Hamapuku was favourite.

HIGH-CLASS HANDICAP of 50sovs, second 10sovs. One mile.
Grattan Downs Stock Farm's b g John Harold, aged, Little John—Harold mare, 8s (Mabee) 1
Preece and Hamilton's Floriam, 6s (Hamilton) 2
Royal Victor, the only other starter, broke one of his hopples, and pulled up soon after the start. John Harold was slow to begin, but Floriam breaking badly, let him into the lead before the stand was reached, and from that out the issue was never in doubt, John Harold eventually winning by four lengths. Time, 2.26. John Harold was favourite.

INSULATION HANDICAP of 40sovs, second 5sovs. One mile.
Jas. Lyon's ch m Mah Honey, 6yrs, Rothschild—Unknown, 18s (Scott) 1
G. Nicholson's Irish Molly, 14s (Nicholson) 2
T. M. Wade's Manxman, 14s (Wade) 3
Also started: Maplewood scratch, Taihoa 9s, John Harold 8s (including 2s penalty), Bell Gray 11s, Lady Park 14s, Autocrat 16s.

Mah Honey, from the limit, was quick to settle to her work, and passing the stand had three lengths' lead of Irish Molly, after which came Autocrat and Manxman. Mah Honey increased her advantage going along the back, and, striding along at a nice even gait, never left the issue in doubt, winning at the finish by four lengths from Irish Molly, which was three lengths in front of Manxman. Autocrat was fourth. Time, 2.38 4-5. Mah Honey was favourite.

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A.R.C. SPRING MEETING.

The following acceptances and final payments were received last night by Mr. Hartland for events to be run at the Auckland Racing Club's Spring Meeting, which opens at Ellerslie on Saturday next:—

THE GREAT NORTHERN GUINEAS.
Mr. W. S. Davidson's br c Goldfinder, by San Fran—Dazzle.
Mrs. W. Dayles' ch c Royal News, by Wairiki—Bad News.
Mrs. E. A. Lindsay's br c Kapanga, by Soult—Golden Rose.
Mr. F. J. McManemin's br c Apellon, by Monoform—Latona.
Mr. F. E. Ross' br c King Soult, by Soult—Lady Musket.
Mr. E. J. Watts' br c Cheddar, by Merriwee—Brown Alice.
Mr. M. McLean's ch g Poictiers, by Obligado—Crecy.
Mr. J. Shepherd's ch g Solus, by Salvadon—Solitary.
Mr. F. W. Arnold's b f Antoinette, by Soult—Miss Annie.
Mr. G. Cremer's br f Monolope, by Monoform—Antelope.

City Handicap, one mile and a-quarter.—North-East 9.3, Paisano (including 5lb penalty) 8.10, Advocate 8.1, Waiari 7.13, Waimangu 7.10, Sea Elf 7.10, Uranium 7.9, Lochbuhie 7.8, Parable 7.6, Iney (including 5lb penalty) 7.5, Admiral Soult 7.4, Waitapu 6.13, Coromandel 6.10.

Welcome Stakes, five furlongs.—Hemisphere 8.5, Ireland 8.5, Master Baber 8.5, Sylverlyte 8.5, Cloudy Dawn 8.2, Harrigan 8.2, Kalpara 8.2, Condamine 8.0, Miss Winsome 8.0, Panthea 8.0, Tranquil 8.0.

Shorts Handicap, five furlongs.—Salute 9.7, Turbine 9.4, Miss Winnie 8.13, St. Bill 8.9, Emblem 8.9, Makaua 8.4, Dogger Bank 8.3, Lady Frances 7.13, Blue Garment 7.12, Jens 7.5, Captain Soult 6.13, Muskewai 6.10, Frontino 6.9, Master Jack 6.7, Mary Anne 6.7.

President's Handicap, one mile.—Epsom Lass 8.3, Remain 8.3, Freevata 8.3, First Wairiki 8.3, Flying Soult 8.0, Duma 7.10, Maxwell 7.6, Waiotahi 7.6, Maroon and Black 7.5, Scotch 7.4, Hamadryad 7.2, Lloyds 7.2, Lieutenant Soult 6.13, Napenape 6.13, Monoplane 6.13, Tipua 6.13, Master Theory 6.13, Lady Betty 6.13, Sinn Fein 6.13, Monocle 6.13, Columbia 6.13.

Hobson Handicap, six furlongs.—Kanewara 8.8, Freevata 8.6, Michaeloff 8.5, Flying Soult 8.4, Peggy Pryde 7.11, Minatrel 7.10, Maxwell 7.9, Royal News 7.8, Taka 7.7, Princess Soult 7.6, Hamadryad 7.5, Lucille 7.5, Spectre 7.2, Master Wairiki 7.1, Kuratau 7.0, Napenape 7.0, Prophesied 7.0, Parawai 7.0, Rangiora 7.0, Bonnie Fishwife 7.0, Vivace 7.0, Urukohu 7.0, Rogey 7.0, Cadmon 7.0, Arawa 7.0, Maykoff 7.0, Goodwin Sands 7.0.

Maiden Hurdles, one mile and a-half.—Continuance 11.9, Hoanga 10.13, Black Northern 10.2, Sabre 10.2, King Hippo 9.10, Don Quex 9.9, Delegate 9.8, Paul 9.4, St. Maria 9.0, Seldom 9.0, Nellus 9.0, Miss Explosion 9.0, Penfold 9.0.

Flying Handicap, seven furlongs.—Salute 9.3, Santa Rosa 8.4, Sir Artegal 7.13, Iney (including 5lb penalty) 7.13, Tamainuno 7.12, Manapouri 7.12, Tattoo 7.12, Lady Frances 7.10, Zinnia 7.10, Admiral Soult 7.10, General Soult 7.8, Dazzling 7.6, Haldane 7.6, Golden Loop 6.13.

Hunters' Steeplechase, about three miles.—Cloudy Morn 11.6, Hina 11.6, Star Laws 11.6, Laddie 11.5, Togotoushima 11.1, Rangitana 10.10, Gaiety 10.9, Atawhai 10.7, Ringaway 10.7, Powerful 10.7, Secret Gun 10.7, Cutler 10.7, Lough Finn 10.7, Hunakaha 10.7, Rebel 10.7, Hobartown 10.7, Romo 10.7.

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AUSTRALIAN RACING.

V.R.C. SPRING MEETING.

FLEMINGTON, Saturday.

The first day's racing of the Victoria Racing Club's Spring Meeting was held at Flemington to-day. The results are:—

MAIDEN PLATE. One mile.
Mr. J. Samuel's br f Blue Gum, by San Francisco—Real Blue, 7.8 1
First Aurate 2
Bowhill 3

MARIBYRNONG PLATE. Five furlongs.
Mr. J. Wilson, jun.'s, ch c Philip, by Andria—Phyllis 1
Mr. A. Knox's Popinjay 2
Mr. J. North's bd c Woolerina 3
Soochong and Sweet Malt were scratched.

Elvanite and Calidor were first away, but when they settled down Woolerina took charge from Philip, Calidor, Briggs, Popinjay and Elvanite. Philip fell back a little, but was always in a good place in the centre of the field. At the three-furlong post Woolerina still led, Popinjay and Flaith being his closest attendants. Popinjay led up to the distance, where Philip came through, and the latter, settling his opponents, came on and won by a length and a-half from Popinjay, who was four lengths clear of Woolerina.

HOTHAM HANDICAP. One and a-half miles.
Mr R. Crawford's b h Flavian, by Flavius—Posted 1
Mr E. S. Davison's blk h Call Boy 2
Mr G. E. Minie's b h Sonnambulist 3
VICTORIA DERBY, a sweepstake of 25sovs each, with 2000sovs added. Colts or geldings, 8.10; fillies, 8.5. One mile and a-half.
Mr Colin Ramsay's br c Beverage, by Malaster—Wild Rose 1
Mr J. Sealy's br f Styria, by Haute Brion—Trieste 2
Mr J. Wilson's, jun., b c Bobadea, by Bobadil — Ardea 3

Desert Rose was first to show in front from a good start, and she led round the river two lengths in advance of Beverage, St. Wyne, Indiscreet, Styria, Lager, Golden Point and Bobadea following in that order, with Tanami last. At the abattoirs Desert Rose was two lengths in front of Lager and Beverage. Styria moved up into fourth place at the sheds, five lengths separating the next division, which was led by Golden Point. Beverage led into the straight from Styria, Lager and Desert Rose. At the distance, Bobadea took third place. Beverage kept the opposition at bay, and won by three-quarters of a length from Styria, who was four lengths in front of Bobadea. Desert Rose was fourth, and then followed Golden Point, Indiscreet, Tanami and St. Wyne. Time, 2.37½.

MELBOURNE STAKES, a sweepstakes of 10sovs each, with 1000sovs added. One mile and a-quarter.
Mr W. Kelso's ch h Son of Marsh, by Wildflower—Leo's Pride, 9.1 1
Mr J. Whitworth's br m Artillerie, 8.13 2
Messrs P. and W. Mitchell's ch h Trafalgar, 9.4 3
Also started: Alawa, Flavinius, Parsee, Maltine, Comedy King, Danaus.

Son of the Marsh led from start to finish. At the mile post he was three lengths in front of Maltine, Danaus, Alawa, Trafalgar and Comedy King, Artillerie being last. Son of the Marsh increased his lead to four lengths passing the abattoirs and led into the straight, where Maltine rapidly fell away. Artillerie and Trafalgar, both coming fast, dashed up in the straight, but Son of the Marsh finished out well, and won by three-quarters of a length from Artillerie, who in turn was half-a-length in front of Trafalgar. Parsee was fourth, and then came Comedy King, Danaus and Flavinius, with Maltine a bad last. Time, 2.7½.

THE COBURG STAKES, of 300 sovs. One mile.
tel—Alvsary, 6.7 1
J. N. McArthur's br h Brasseur, 6.9 2
J. Rowen's ch c Braw Scot ..... *
R. A. Affleck's ch h McCulloch, 6.7 ..... *
Nineteen ran.

Perilous won by half-a-length. Time, 1.41½.

SYDNEY, this day.

The "Sydney Morning Herald" describes the Victorian Derby as a veritable bolt over. Right up to the rise of the barrier it was all Tanami. After that a lot of other horses were mentioned, but Tanami was never heard of. He started off as he finished, at the tail of the field, which was on the whole well conditioned, and the largest since Carnarge won in 1892. When they lined up at the barrier St. Wyne was on the rails, and extended in order were Beverage, Indiscreet, Tanami, and Hartfell, with Desert Rose on the outer wing. They were quickly despatched on their important mission in line, which was soon broken by Beverage, Desert Rose, and Styria, while St. Wyne and Tanami dropped to the rear. Setting a sound pace, Beverage carried the field along the riverside until near the bridge, where Desert Rose ran past him, and, fully maintaining the pace, conducted the field along the back to the half-mile post. Here Beverage, who had been kept within easy striking distance of the leader, again assumed command, and successfully resisting a bold challenge from Styria, who had escorted him into the straight, won by three-quarters of a length, Bobadea four lengths away, with Hartfell next.

The "Telegraph" says: "By common consent there was not a real smasher among the eleven starters, and many winners of previous Derbys could have wiped the floor with the lot. Desert Rose went to the front at the end of the second furlong, and carried the field along right to the home turn, where Beverage and Styria joined issue, but once in line for home, the one-eyed Beverage assumed command by two lengths from Styria. At the distance he shook off a bold bid by that filly, and won by a short length."

Young Son (to mother who has just been invited to join the Optimistic Club of America): Mamma, dear, what is an optimist?

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AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

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G.N. GUINEAS, 650sovs.
CITY HANDICAP, 400sovs.
ETC.

Second Day, Wednesday 9th—
KING EDWARD MEMORIAL HANDICAP, 500sovs.
ONEHUNGA STEEPLECHASE, 200 sovs.
ETC.

Third Day, Saturday 12th—
HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE, 100sovs.
ASCOT HANDICAP, 325sovs.
ETC.

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