first to move, but was soon headed by Goodwin Sands, which in turn was displaced by Tragedy King, the latter showing the way along the back and across the top, followed by Goodwin Sands, Alleration and Devastation, with Prince King and Cloudy Dawn at the head of the others. Tragedy King still had charge when they turned for home, and never gave the opposition

Tragedy King was as he liked by five lengths from Goodwin Sands, which was three lengths in front of Cloudy Dawn. Alleration was fourth. Time, 1.31 2-5. Tragedy King was favourite.

WELTER HANDICAP of 275sovs. Distance, One mile.

S. Bradley's b h First Waitiki, 6yrs, by Waitiki—Leo Delaval, 8.5 (McMillan) .. 1
A. Jackson's b g Coromandel, aged, 9.11 (Dullan) 2
J. J. Stewart's br m Wee Olga, 5yrs, 8.12 (Buchanan) 3

Also started: Advocate 9.2, Maui Nina 8.10, Ngatimaunt 8.9, Tiresome 8.5, Grenadier 8.2, Admiral Soult 8.1, Watchchain 8.1, Master Jack 8.0, Duma 8.0, Parawai 8.0.

Scorch was scratched.

Won very easily by four lengths from Coromandel, which caught Wee Olga a short distance from the post, and beat her by half-a-length for second honours. Time, 1.43. Maui Nina was favourite.

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C.J.C. SPRING MEETING.

The Canterbury J.C. Spring Meeting was continued at Riccarton to-day, under very unpleasant conditions. Thick rain fell all the afternoon.

A field of nine contested the Middleton Hurdle Handicap, and the rain temporarily ceased just before the race started. Bollin, on the strength of his first day's showing, was made favourite, the backers' second choice being Golden Loop, which had a slight call over White Cockade. Gold Pin, White Cockade, and Hawick led over the first hurdle, which Bollin hit hard, and at the stand Golden Loop, which was just behind the first two, led by White Cockade, lost his rider. Bollin fallen off going round past Cutts'. White Cockade made more than one bad jump, but maintained his position. At the mile Hawick, hitting fairly heavy, lost a lot of ground, but Bollin improved his position considerably. White Cockade, Gold Pin, and Fashion Plate raced for the straight together, but once over the last fence White Cockade drew clear and won with a bit in hand by two lengths from Fashion Plate, which beat Gold Pin by six lengths. Bollin was fourth and Arma fifth.

There were 13 starters for the Criterion Handicap, Heatherbrae having a call in the betting over Soldiers' Chorus and Pelrene. The start settled the chances of Seatondale, which was left badly, and when the field settled down Booties was out well clear of Merry Frank and Culprit. These three were still in front when the straight was reached, but a little farther on Soldiers' Chorus, on the rails, ran to the front, with Pelrene in close attendance. A good finish between these two ended in favour of Soldiers' Chorus by a length, with Ceylon, which finished fast, two lengths away, followed by Heatherbrae, Tannhauser, The Cornet, Culprit, and Merry Frank. The performance of Soldiers' Chorus was full of merit, particularly in view of the fact that he had been specially trained for the New Zealand Cup, in which he ran a good race on Saturday. Pelrene improved considerably on her Stewards' Handicap performance, Heatherbrae was rather unlucky, as she met with some interference in the early stages of the race, and only got an opening in the straight when she made a fast run.

Seventeen two-year-olds went out for the Jewell Handicap, and backers were sorely troubled to find a favourite, Peronilla finishing up with a call on the Chokelore pair, Glencamich and Briar Patch, with the Greenwood bracket, Cherubim and Zeus, a good third favourite. When the field reached the course proper at the end of a furlong and a-half Peronilla and Tatterly were showing out prominently, but a little further on Zeus and Immer joined in. At the distance Zeus had a slight advantage, but Fender finished with a brilliant run and won by half a fourth, Zeus beating Immer by a length, followed by Soltano and Sartovan close up. The winner is a half-sister to Firelon, the winner of the Great Easter of 1907. The state of the going probably interfered with the chances of several of the competitors, and in solid going the form in this race may not prove satisfactory to follow.

The Derby attracted a field of seven starters, the Yaldhurst bracket Bon Ton and Bon Reve having a slight call over the Chokelore pair, Autumnus and Brown Owl. When the barrier was raised Bon Reve set out in front, and, though in the early stages he looked nothing more than a pacemaker, it was apparent before the straight was reached that he was the hope of the Yaldhurst stable. Haskayne and Gnome were in nearest attendance to him over the first mile, but at the entrance to the straight Bon Reve set out in convincing style and gave his opponents no hope of a chance. Haskayne followed up the effort of Miscount a year ago, but his running showed that speed, rather than staying, is his forte. Brown Owl was running well at the finish, but his stable companion Autumnus, which was one of the prime fancies for the race, cut up badly.

The Juvenile Plate drew a field of nine, and the Australian-bred three-year-old Ventura was sent out a good deal better favourite than the five two-year-olds by which she was opposed. Ventura jumped off smartly, and the result was never in doubt after a furlong had been covered. Ventura is by Traquair, a high class performer in England as a two-year-old, and his death after two seasons at the stud in Australia was one of the misfortunes of the racing game in the Southern Hemisphere.

The withdrawal of Los Angelos and Haskayne left sixteen starters in the Metropolitan Handicap, and of these Masterpiece was made a better favourite than Sinap's, whose form in the big race on Saturday attracted backers. Coroniform was the third choice. The start saw Sandstream and Brown Trout left several lengths. Bobrikoff went off to the front, with the field well bunched behind him, his nearest attendants being Mira, Sea Queen, and Goldfinder. This was the order past Cutts', where behind the leading division Coroniform and Odessa were showing prominently. Five furlongs from home Goldfinder had moved into second place, and Allegory had improved his position slightly. Bobrikoff led into the straight, where, however, he seemed to falter, but, with Goldfinder on terms with him, he ran on well. The pair drew well clear, and a long struggle ended with the judge unable to separate them. Sinap's, which had been in a handy position after passing the mile, came through, and, six lengths away from the winning pair, managed to beat Allegory by a narrow margin for third place. Then came, after a short interval, Mira, Sea Queen and Odessa.

Twenty-one horses went to the "straight" six-furlongs for the Epsom High-weight Handicap, and in the betting the most-fancied candidate was Query, which attracted a lot of investments, My Lawyer was next, but with a considerably smaller following, having a slight call over Peary. The usual difficulty with the new six-furlong course was experienced, and the bad light did not improve one's chance of picking out the horses. It was a good start, and half-a-dozen of the horses were disputing the lead as they turned into the course proper. However, Potoa and Query were soon in command, and they remained so until the finish. Query looked like catching the leader at the distance, but Potoa finished up strongly and won with something to spare. He did not look quite ready on the first day, and his gallop then evidently did him the world of good. My Lawyer came with a dashing run from the distance post, but he could not get nearer than a length of Query. He was followed in close order by Crown Pearl, Bracken, Peary, and Teviotdale.

For the last race of the day, the Ashley Handicap, ten backs went to the post, and Gold Ring emphasised the merit of his first day's effort by winning easily from the Australian-bred Phroso.

THIRD DAY.

The weather conditions for the third day of the C.J.C. Meeting were about as vile and anyone could imagine. Considering the state of the track the racing was interesting. The crowd was keenly speculative, the tote investments amounting to £30,294, compared with £25,928 on the corresponding day last year.

There were three withdrawals from the Hurdle Race, leaving four starters. Golden Loop was a slightly better favourite than Master Paul, but the latter jumped out in front and never gave the opposition a chance. Last winter Master Paul was tried as a steeplechaser, but he showed to-day that he still retains his old dash over hurdles.

Fourteen was the main for the Spring Nursery, and an even betting race ended with Jason slightly better backed than Nightwatch and The Hague. The judgment of backers was amply justified, for these three finished in the places. Jason and The Hague commenced smartly, and were in the front all the way, Jason winning decisively by a length. Nightwatch was a trifle slow in leaving the mark, but he finished very well, two lengths behind The Hague. Immer and Historiette and Cherubim were close up, but nothing looked to have a winning chance outside the first two. Jason was bred at the Waikanae Stud, and realised 240 guineas as a yearling. He was the second two-year-old at the meeting from Mr Duncan's stud to win. Jason had a great reputation at Hastings in the early spring, but met with bad luck, which prevented him showing his ability as a galloper as soon as he was expected. The manner in which he went out to-day left no doubt as to the fact that he is a colt much above the average.

There were fourteen starters for the Avon Welter, Peary being made favourite, with Seatondale and Troon next in order. Peary, Mount Victoria, Pilgrim's Way, and Seatondale were the leaders for the first half-mile, but at the turn for home Pilgrim's Way shot out, and, staying on well, won by three lengths from Seatondale, which beat Troon by half a length. Bracken, Medallist, and Mira were close up. Pilgrim's Way has always been regarded as a mere sprinter, but he finished up his task to-day in fairly good style.

The Canterbury Cup attracted eight starters, the bracketed pair, Los Angelos and Bon Ton, being easily the first choice of backers, Vice-Admiral claiming more support than the others, while Domino and Lady Lucy were the outsiders of the party. Bon Ton and Vice-Admiral went out at the start, but at the end of half a mile Bobrikoff took charge, followed by Bon Ton and Goldfinder. Going down the back the field closed up, Bobrikoff being still in charge. At the entrance to the straight Bobrikoff was in trouble, and Goldfinder went to the front, winning comfortably from Domino, which beat Bon Ton by three lengths. Bobrikoff was fourth, followed by Los Angelos, Masterpiece, and Vice-Admiral, with Lady Lucy bringing up the rear. The performance of Goldfinder was very attractive, and he is evidently just racing into form. He stayed on well, results which also applies to Domino, the effort of which was a great improvement on his New Zealand Cup performance. Bon Ton had every chance, but he is evidently not a good three-year-old. Bobrikoff found the journey too long for him, and Los Angelos, after being in a good position six furlongs from home, faded out badly. Masterpiece seemed troubled by the state of going, and never looked dangerous, while Vice-Admiral ran much below his best form. Lady Lucy appeared to be in trouble from the rise of the barrier.

The Jockey Club Handicap drew a field of twelve starters, Haskayne being a slightly better favourite than Pelrene and My Lawyer. There was some delay at the start, Oldgant breaking through the barrier and going for a half-mile gallop. When he was brought back he got all the worst of the start, Mr Piper subsequently coming in for a hostile demonstration from a section of the public. Sea King shot out smartly, and made all the running to the straight, followed by My Lawyer and Haskayne. At the distance Haskayne ran to the front and beat Sea King comfortably by a length. Odessa finished very fast, and was two lengths away, beating My Lawyer, Pelrene, and Autumnus. Haskayne, like many of Birkenhead's stock, seems partial to heavy going. This was his first success during the present season, though he had previously shown up prominently in more than one important event. Sea King ran a good race, and the manner in which he was backed showed that his connections were quite prepared for his excellent display. Among the disappointments in the race were Culprit and Bronze, neither of which seemed able to act in the mud.

There were only four starters for the Oaks, Brown Owl being made a hot favourite. At the end of two furlongs she streaked to the front, and though Stardancer moved up to her at the entrance to the straight it was only on sufferance, Brown Owl drawing out again without much effort and winning by three lengths. The stable companions Lady Marcia and Britain's Crown finished together, about fifty yards away. Brown Owl, which was bred by her owner, is by Trendmill—Glenowlet. Last season Brown Owl was responsible for one or two smart performances, but she did not quite fulfil early expectations. This season she opened out by running second to Bon Reve in the Wanganui Guineas, while on Monday she finished in third place in the Derby. Her success in to-day's race was very meritorious, and, but for a weak constitution, she would be a filly of great promise.

The Randolph Handicap was contested by seventeen horses, representing very useful back form. Black Lupin, on the strength of several good performances recently, was sent out favourite. Peg, Lockwood, and Hestone coming in for most support among the others. When the field reached the course proper Peg, May Dalrymple, and Lockwood were showing out in front, but at the distance Lockwood was in trouble, and an exciting finish resulted in Peg beating May Dalrymple by a neck. Lockwood was two lengths away, third, with Distinction, which finished very fast, close up, followed by Dan Cameron and Gold Cup. The three placed horses were three-year-olds. Peg, which was bred by her owner, is by Charlemagne I.—Cora Lynn, which will be remembered as a very speedy sprinter a few years ago.

The field for the Otaio Plate numbered eight, Ngatimaru finishing up a slightly better favourite than Brown Trout and Ceylon, Mumura, Kilmeny, and Brown Trout were responsible for the pace-making, but five furlongs from home Ngatimaru shot to the front with a brilliant run. A little further on, Ceylon, which up to this stage had been near the rear, commenced a strong run, and, romping over everything in the straight, won by a length and a-half from Mumura, which was some distance in front of Ngatimaru. Brown Trout which owed his prominent position in the betting to his reputation as a mud lark, gave a very indifferent display, as he was in trouble five furlongs from home. The winner was making her first appearance over a long course, but the manner in which she ran out the mile and a-half in the heavy going was decidedly impressive.

CONCLUDING DAY.

The weather for the concluding day of the Canterbury J.C. meeting was stormy.

The Port Cooper Hurdles Handicap attracted eight starters, Beacon being a warm favourite, with Mercedo and Golden Loop best backed among the others. Master Paul set out in his usual tactics, making the pace hot from the start. He had not gone far, however, before Beacon ran past him, Mercedo also joining in. Six furlongs from home Master Paul was in trouble. Rounding the turn, Golden Loop made a forward move, and at the last hurdle, where Mercedo fell, Golden Loop and Beacon were together, Golden Loop eventually winning in good style. Golden Loop is another good advertisement for the ex-Government sire, Lupin, whose stock seem useful under any conditions.

The Cressey Welter Handicap was a particularly interesting race. There were nineteen starters, Query winding up a slightly better favourite than Arafatia, Peg, and Styx. Peg and Query were prominent in the early stages, and at the distance both of them were going well. A little further on, Peg and Teviotdale shot out clear, but Kilts put in a strong run, and beat Teviotdale by a head. Counterpine, which finished very fast over the last furlong, was half a length away, just in front of Peg, Sycaborg, Gold Cup and Crown Pearl. The winner has been racing very well for some time, but this was easily the best field he has yet beaten. Of the lot behind him, Teviotdale and Sycaborg are a very likely pair to keep in mind for future events.

Sixteen backs, ridden by apprentices, lined up for the Seymour Handicap. A wild south-west storm sprang up just before the start, and before the race was over the rain was pouring down. It was a great betting race, Black Lupin finishing up with a slight call over Foam Flake, Kilmeny, Trireme and Hesstone. Kilmeny and Gunfinsh shot out smartly, and when Gunfinsh retired at the entrance to the straight, Kilmeny was left with starters all her own way, his victory being one of the easiest of the week. Lockwood ran the journey out well, and just beat Canute for second place. Editah, Umeraboy, and Black Lupin being close up. Trireme was pulled up at the end of a furlong, his saddle having slipped. The winner has run several good races recently, among them two against decent open company at Dunedin last month.

There were seven starters for the Members' Handicap, a very even betting race ending, with Culprit just a better favourite than Heatherbrae. Sea King followed his usual tactics, and set a warm pace from the start. At the end of three furlongs he had a break of five lengths, Culprit and My Lawyer being at the head of the others. Culprit was done with as they turned for home, and at the distance Sea King was also in trouble, and My Lawyer was decisively from Heatherbrae with Sea King four lengths away, third, followed by Oldgant and Merry Frank. Heatherbrae ran well, and she was unlucky in meeting My Lawyer when he was ridden by so capable a horseman. Culprit cut up badly, and finished last.

Sixteen two-year-olds lined up for the Pioneer Handicap, Bonny Helen being a warm favourite, with the Greenwood bracket Historiette and Cherubim a little better backed than Soltano and the Chokelore pair, Veritas and Briar Patch. There was an interesting contest, but Soltano was in front all the way, and just lasted long enough to beat Whizz, which finished very fast and secured second honours, a neck in front of Cherubim, Bradamante, and Sartovna. The winner is a smart-looking colt by Soult from Monoquil, and was purchased cheaply by Mr T. H. Lowry when Mr McNicol's youngsters were sold at Glenora Park. He stays well, but in that respect Whizz made the best impression.

Six good horses lined up for the Stead Memorial Cup, the Stead Brothers' stable being represented by three with Bon Reve, Bon Ton, and Los Angelos. With such a solid bracket it was no surprise that they were first choice with backers. Brown Owl was first to move, but at the end of a furlong Bon Reve ran to the front, followed by Brown Owl and Haskayne, and the trio were in close order all the way down the back. Rounding the turn for the straight Los Angelos and Bobrikoff were well up with the leaders, and when fairly in line for home Bon Ton also put in a claim. At the distance Bon Reve and Bon Ton drew away together, and after a desperate race the judge gave the verdict to Bon Reve by half a head, but most people would have been satisfied with a dead heat. Brown Owl was two lengths away, with Haskayne and Los Angelos next and Bobrikoff last. It was a fine race, the only drawback being that it was run in a heavy shower of rain. Bon Reve, which was well handled by Deeley, and is still unbeaten, is a good gelding, but to-day's running showed that we did not see the best of Bon Ton in the Derby.

There were twelve starters for the Electric Plate, the largest field in this race for many years. Mr Watts' pair, Ventura and Tatterley, were very hotly backed, Peronilla and Blue Lake claiming most support among the others. In the early part Ventura, Peronilla, and Naumai were prominent, but Mowbray joined in at the distance and won in a decisive manner by half a length from Ventura, which beat Tatterley by a length, with Peronilla, Blue Lake, Stepmaid, and Pirlwai close up. Mowbray's performance was very attractive, and he must be considered a very useful two-year-old. He was bred in Australia, and was purchased as a yearling last Easter at the Sydney sales.

The meeting was concluded with the Fendalton Handicap, for which there were eighteen starters. Despite the difficult problem set them, backers went for a recovery, and when the machine closed Soldiers' Chorus had a slight call over the coupled Ceylon and Odessa, with Sinapis a good third choice. It was a fine race to watch. Theodore and Soldiers' Chorus showed out for a couple of furlongs, when Medallist ran to the front, and half a mile from home he was still in charge, with Soldiers' Chorus and Sinapis on his girth. On reaching the straight Odessa shot out with a brilliant run and beat Medallist by two lengths, Mira being a head away, third, just in front of Soldiers' Chorus, Ngatimaru, and Mendip. The result was a bit of a surprise, as Odessa was not seriously fancied, the money invested on the Whitney bracket being mostly intended for Ceylon, which finished nearly last.

In spite of the bad weather, £39,782 was put through the totalisator, making £144,240 for the meeting, as against £137,363 at last year's meeting. The seven days' racing during the carnival just closed produced £243,417 in totalisator investments, averaging £34,773 per day.

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METROPOLITAN TROTTING CLUB'S MEETING.

The New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club's November meeting opened at Addington in fine weather. As the result of yesterday's rain, the track was very heavy when racing commenced, though under the influence of the sun and wind it improved as the afternoon wore on. There was a very good attendance, including visitors from all parts of the Dominion. Following are the results:—

SPRING HANDICAP of 125sovs. One mile and a-half.

Rosalie, 13s 1
Golden Way, 15s 2
Wild Ree, 15s 3
Scratched: Mokau and Salt Air.
Won by ten lengths. Time, 3.56.

EMPIRE HANDICAP of 175sovs. Two miles.

Country Belle, 9s 1
Solo, 2s 2
Treasure Seeker, 9s 3
Scratched: Lucy, Dillon.
Won by two lengths. Time, 4.57.

THE NEW ZEALAND TROTTING CUP of 1,000sovs. Two miles.

Albert H, 8s 1
Ravenschild, 9s 2
Glendalough, 8s 3
All started.

Mandarene was left on the mark, and St. Swithin lost his driver. Ravenschild, Glendalough, Albert H., and Prince Alert were the front division throughout. Ravenschild drew out half a mile from home, but Albert H caught him in the straight, and finishing strongly, won by three lengths, with five lengths between second and third. Prince Alert was fourth. Time, 4.48 4-5.

NEW ZEALAND CUP HANDICAP (Harness) of 1000sovs. Two miles.

M. Maher's b h Albert H., aged, by Rothschild - Jessie M., 8s (A. Hendrick son) 1
J. McCutcheon's b h Ravenschild, 6yrs, 9s (F. Holmes) 2
J. Farrel's b m Glendalough, 5yrs, 8s (E. McKeown) 3
Also started: Emmeline scratch, 8s.