

Cordelia lying last. This order was kept until the half mile post was reached, when Monté Carlo went to the front, while Cordelia improved her position. On approaching the straight Cordelia came to the front, and galloping on strongly she stalled off Monte Carlo's efforts, and ran home an easy winner. Time, 2min 44 2-5th sec. Dividend, £3 6s.

Eight started in the Final Steeplechase, Raven and Hop Bitters being the most fancied. Raven, who was ridden by J. Hickey, fell at the water jump, leaving Nanakia in the lead, and the son of Natator, jumping his fences in splendid style, ran home a rather easy winner. Time, 3min 31 1-5th sec. Dividend, £5 9s.

The Hack Flat Race brought the meeting to a close, and for this event the good field of 15 started. Strayshot and Strike were the most fancied. The first-named got away with the lead and kept it till the straight was entered for home, where Puella came out of the ruck and won rather easily by two lengths, paying the nice dividend of £37 3s. Time, 2min 7sec.

The amount passed through the machine for the day was £3644, being £300 more than last year.

Town and Suburban R.C.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY MEETING.

The above Club held their annual Queen's Birthday Meeting at Taradale on the 24th inst. The meeting was financially a great success, and the sport provided was of the highest class, the different events being well contested, and the finishes throughout the day very exciting. The weather, despite the threatening aspect of the morning, turned out splendid, and as the day wore on it grew more like a midsummer day than a day in the fall of the autumn. The attendance throughout the day was large, and speculation was brisk. The totalisator was under the management of Messrs. Cohen & Stock, who put through the sum of £4114 which is £399 more than was handled at the same meeting last year. The fields in nearly all the events were large, and the close finishes bore testimony to the excellence of Mr Binnie's handicapping. The big event fell to Mr Donald McKinnon by the aid of his sterling gelding Scot Free, who, with 9.9 on his back carved out the mile and a half in 2.47½. The Hon. J. D. Ormond had a winning turn at last with Midas, the full brother to Merrie England. Mr Ormond has evidently got a rare animal in this colt. He is endowed with great pace, and from the determined manner in which he fought out his finishes there can be no suspicion of soft heartedness about him. Mr. Douglas' gelding, Aphony, who is a full brother to Pasha, and a half brother to Rosefeldt, scored in the Maiden, in which he defeated, amongst others, Iliad, (Albany—Helena) and Curio, (St. George—Charm). Mr Rathbone was the unlucky owner at the meeting, his record being three seconds and two thirds out of six races. Mr Cheer wielded the starter's flag, and, with the exception of in the Flying Handicap, performed his duties well. The largest dividend during the day was £29 10s, which was paid out on Samoa in the Flying Handicap, the last race of the day, and his backers returned homewards well pleased with their day's sport.

Six saddled up for the Maiden Race of 30 sovs, 9st up, about 1 mile; the scratchings being Pamoana, Martini, Enfield and Lady Hamilton. Aphony was selected favourite. Paki Paki led the field past the stand the first time, but was soon displaced by The Parson, who maintained his lead until entering the straight, where Aphony came through and challenged him. A severe struggle ensued and resulted in favour of Aphony by a head from The Parson, Iliad half a length away third, the rest close up.

T Rose was the only scratching in the Queen's Birthday Handicap of 50 sovs, about seven furlongs, leaving nine to go to the post. The public picked on Archeress as the best treated animal in the race, but she had to play second fiddle to Midas. A lot of time was wasted at the post chiefly by the disobedience of some of the boys. Silvermine and Magazine were the first away, the favourite lying fourth. The same order was maintained till rounding the bend into the straight, where Magazine shot out, but was immediately challenged by Midas and Archeress. Another fine race was witnessed all down the straight, the judge's fiat being in favour of Midas by half a length from Archeress, who was a length in front of Magazine. Midas' returned his backers £6 13s.

The Handicap Hurdle Race of 50 sovs, about two miles, fell to the public fancy, Pamoana, who cut out the pace from the start, and won very comfortably by a dozen lengths from Merman, Nightshade the same distance away third, and Waterlily, who was second favourite, fourth.

A field of nine went to the post for the big event of the day, the Taradale Handicap of 100 sovs, about one and a half miles. Scot Free was the favourite, Ua and Krina being next in demand. Musketeer was the first to show in front from a good start, but Queen of Trumps soon wrested the lead from him. Passing the stand the light-weights, Samoa, Brown Bell, and Jewel were racing together a length ahead of the Queen, who was just clear of Musketeer and Scot Free. The field closed up at the back of the course, but Queen of Trumps held pride of place when the horses turned into the straight. Scot Free immediately challenged the Queen and the latter retired beaten. A furlong from the post Zanella and Musketeer came at Scot Free, but the top weight held his own to the end, winning fairly comfortably by a length from Zanella. Musketeer half a length away third, the rest pulling up.

Rayfeldt and Emancipation dropped out of the Meanee Handicap of 50 sovs, 6 furlongs, leaving eleven to fight out the contest. Aio was made the favourite by four pounds from the ultimate winner, Midas, Magazine being next best backed. Midas got the best of a bad start, closely followed by Archeress. The former was at once pulled back, and Archeress and Kiritai led the field at a great bat. Half a mile from home Piano shot out, and as she was going very strongly the race looked all over, but when fairly in the straight Midas was brought up, and coming with a great run snatched the race from Piano on the post, Archeress being close up third. Then came Kiritai and Magazine, the rest easing up.

A field of eight saddled up for the Welter Handicap of 30 sovs, 1½ miles. Spinfeldt, Lady Hamilton and Pamoana being scratched. Bangalore was made a hot favourite, Prince Charlie being next in demand. The favourite assumed the lead at the start, and led the field past the stand closely followed by Kauri Gum and Prince Charlie, T Rose being last. At the back of the course Lobelia was taken to the front, and coming on full of running won easily by two lengths from Sylvanus, who just beat T Rose for second place, Bangalore next, and the rest in a bunch. Lobelia rewarded her backers with the nice dividend of £9.

The Flying Handicap of 40 sovs, 6 furlongs, brought out a field of nine, Aphony being the only one to decline the contest. Scot Free and Zanella were the public selections. The start was the worst of the day. Fully 15 minutes was wasted at the post, and when the flag fell Salisbury was left. Zanella, Samoa, Magazine, and Queen of Trumps got all the best of the start, while Dingo, Musketeer and Scot Free were almost left at post. Zanella made the pace to the back, where Magazine showed momentarily in front, only to give way to Samoa. Samoa was the first into the straight, Dingo and Queen of Trumps being on his heels. When fairly in a line for home Musketeer and Zanella challenged Samoa, who, however, maintained his advantage to the finish, winning by a short head from Musketeer, Zanella half a length away third, the rest close up. The dividend on Samoa was a handsome one, viz., £29 10s.

Normanby Trotting Club

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

NEW PLYMOUTH, May 25.

The initial meeting of the Normanby Trotting Club was held on Thursday, and considering the unpropitious state of the elements it must be pronounced a success. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr G. V. Bate, in a thorough and painstaking manner, and all the other officers of the club—notably Messrs P. Wilson and J. Quinn—were also assiduous in their efforts to make the fixture a success. The totalisator was run by Mr Adams of the firm of Adams and Andrews, of Auckland, who gave perfect satisfaction to investors. The programme opened with the Maiden Trot, about two miles, for which Twopence, Paiaka, Hard Case, Urenui, Tichborne, Sloper, Mairangi, Canoona, Tauranga, Schoolboy, Lady Grey, Ivy and Starlight were saddled up. Twopence made play all the way, and although pushed towards the finish by Hard Case won by a couple of lengths, Schoolboy being third. Time, 7min 9sec. Dividend, £6 4s.

The Pony Trot, about 1½ miles,

brought out Twopence (40s, being penalised 5 sec), Miss Fun, The Pony, Toby, Kitty, Poppy II., Jim, Alice, Barbwire, Black Belle (each 45s), Tate, Jack Spratt (each 40s); The Cob (20s), and Sailor Boy II. scr. Twopence and Tate came away from the others, and the former looked like winning, but broke turning to home, and Tate passed him and won by a couple of lengths. Time, 5min 20 4-5th sec. Dividend, £13 2s.

For the Winter Handicap Trot (in harness) about two and a half miles, Ragman and Starlight 45s, Forester 30s, Deceiver and Tinker 20s, Comet 5s, and Peter scr., were saddled up. Starlight led most of the way, but Greenwood woke up Deceiver in the last half-mile, and won by a few lengths, Comet being third. Dividend, £2.

The Normanby Trot, about three miles, saw at the post Hard Case, Fanny, Sloper, Canoona, Nero 60s each, Cyclone and Carbine 55s, The Cob 45s, The Grey 40s, Peter 25s, Iolanthe 20s, Sailor Boy II. 18s, Le Corbeau 5s, and Otakeho scr. Carbine led all the way, and had no difficulty in winning. Time, 10min 29sec. Dividend, £6 18s.

Fourteen went out for the Post Stakes, about 1½ miles, which fell to Diana, with Kitty second, and Jenny third. Time, 5min 25sec. Dividend, £3 19s.

The Birthday Handicap Trot (in harness) brought out Tichborne, Maraugi and Starlight 50s, Deceiver 25s (less 13s penalty), Tinker 25s, Comet 5s, and Peter scr. Won easily by Deceiver, Peter second and Tinker third.

A large field was handicapped for the Consolation, which was run in the dark. Several of the riders had not left the paddock when the start was made. The race was won by Iolanthe, who paid something like £8.

On the Training Track.

THERE was very little work done on the tracks at Ellerslie on Monday last owing to the bad state of the going. Scaltheen went over the Steeplechase country accompanied by Viceroy, and fenced and worked capitally. On Tuesday all the work done was on the tan. Chester and Royal Rose went round once at half pace, and Grenadier did slow work for one round and half pace for a second. St. Kilda covered two rounds at a slow pace, and Fishmonger went twice at a good swinging gallop. St. Patrick was worked twice at three-quarter pace, and Ingorina covered two laps at a slow gait. Webley went round three times at half pace, and Belmont galloped round. Cingalee did two laps at half pace and a third at top, showing very strong work, and Lottie was restricted to trotting work. Otakeho was worked over the small hurdles and Adventurer did likewise. Marechal Neil did two rounds slow, and Parnell was given similar exercise. Scaltheen, Pansy, and Viceroy were associated in slow work.

On Wednesday work was again all done on the tan. Chester went once at half pace and was then joined by Grenadier for a second round. Three-quarter pace was kept until the straight was reached, when Grenadier of course nearly pulled his rider out of the saddle in his efforts to get away. Fright did a working gallop twice round and moved very well. His chance in the National should be second to none. Royal Rose went one lap slow, and Webley did the same and a second round at half pace. St. Patrick was given two rounds slow and Fishmonger did three at a similar pace. This horse is very well. Belmont did twice slow, and Marechal Neil and Salute were worked twice slow in company. Derry was schooled over the hurdles twice and did not show very great aptitude and Parnell had two rounds slow. The ponies Fauntleroy and Red Rose were schooled over the jumps and the first-named ran off twice. The St. Leger—Friendship colt was cantered twice round. He looks very well and has been clipped. Gay Deceiver did a couple of rounds slow and Ben Godfrey had one slow and one at half pace. Otakeho was given twice slow, and Belle did a good working gallop. The mare moved grandly, and is evidently improving. Pansy was schooled, and Union Jack, who is in physic, was given walking exercise.

Messrs D. Tonks & Co. will offer the privileges in connection with the Auckland Racing Club's Winter Meeting at the Brunswick Mart to-morrow (Friday) at noon. The full particulars will be found in our advertising columns.

The value of the stakes for the Liverpool Grand National Steeplechase was £1,975. The event was won by Captain C. H. Fenwick's bay gelding Why Not, carrying 11.13, and the time registered for the four miles and 856 yards was 9min 45sec.

Owners, Note!

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

To-morrow, Friday, June 1st, by 9 p.m., acceptances will be due for the following events:—

- Winter Welter Handicap, 1 mile, 1 sov
- Pony Handicap Hurdle Race, 1½ miles, 1 sov
- Maiden Handicap Hurdle Race, 1½ miles, 1 sov

Also on Thursday, June 7th, by 9 p.m. the following acceptances will be due:—

- Second Pony Handicap Hurdle Race, 1½ miles, 1 sov
- Handicap Hurdle Race, 1½ miles, 2 sovs
- Second Winter Welter Handicap, 7 furlongs, 1 sov
- Tally-Ho Handicap Steeplechase, about 3 miles, 3 sovs

GISBORNE PARK STEEPLECHASE CLUB.

On Saturday, June 16th, by 9 p.m., nominations for the following events will close with the secretary, Mr M. G. Nasmith, at the Argyll Hotel, Gisborne:—

- Handicap Hurdle Race, 2 miles, 1 sov
- Ladies' Bracelet, 1 mile and a distance, ½ sov
- Winter Oats, 6 furlongs, 15s
- Gisborne Park Steeplechase, 3½ miles, 1 sov
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