

65 Captivity, 4yrs, 7.0, Perry; 19 Pororua, 5yrs, 6.7, Castleton; 14 Lady Agnes, 3yrs, 6.7, Waldron. Won by three parts of a length. Time, 1min 32sec. Totalisator, 782. Dividend, £8 18s.

WELLINGTON TROTTING CLUB SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY—23RD JANUARY.

TRIAL HANDICAP (saddle) of 25 sovs. Two miles.

36 Mr W. H. Marsh's br m Florence, 42sec owner... 1 Also started—104 Judge Retford, 36sec; 55 Boss, 38sec; 23 Little Eva, 40sec; 5 Tussock, 40sec; 1 Belle, 42sec; 0 Wairau, 42sec; 3 Lazel, 52sec. Won easily. Time, 5min 55sec. Dividend, £5 15s.

WELLINGTON TROTTING CLUB HANDICAP (saddle) of 50 sovs. Two miles.

103 Mr W. Brown's br g Torori, 42sec, McKay... 1 36 Mr D. Taggart's blk m Rose, 32sec, owner... 2 36 Mr F. Moorhouse's b m Doll, 26sec, owner... 3 Also started—47 Cable, scr; 57 Comet, 36sec. Torori was never caught, Rose being about eight lengths behind at the finish, Doll a bad third. Time, 5min 55sec. Dividend, £2 8s.

PONY HANDICAP (harness) of 20 sovs. Two miles.

151 Mr J. Mackay's g m Agnes, 53sec, owner... 1 46 Mr J. Berry's ch g Tarovale, 35sec, Edwards... 2 23 Mr T. Mason's ch m Beauty, 60sec, owner... 3 Also started—49 Norma, 35sec; 7 Bobby Burns, 37sec. Won with ease, all the other horses being distanced. Time, 6min 43sec. Dividend, £1 12s.

TE ARO HANDICAP TROT (harness), of 55 sovs. Two miles.

189 Mr W. T. Oliff's g h Hazeldene, 38sec, Sheehan... 1 40 Mr J. Mackay's Jenny, 38sec, owner... 2 51 Mr R. Sunderland's ch m Carolina, 14sec, Needham... 3 14 Mr G. Cave's Cable, scr, also started. Won by four lengths. Time, 6min 4sec. Dividend, £1 8s.

PONY HANDICAP (saddle) of 20 sovs. Two miles.

75 Mr J. Taggart's g g Billy Buttons, 6sec, owner... 1 39 Mr C. Earle's b g Thomas, 34sec, J. Sharpe... 2 12 Mr J. H. Jamieson's rn m Merrybody, 27sec, owner... 3 Also started—0 Bobby Burns, 16sec, 56 Lily, 22sec; 31 Rangiatea, 32sec. Billy Buttons walked home an easy winner. Time, 6min. Dividend, £2 12s.

DASH HANDICAP (harness) of 25 sovs. One mile.

124 Mr B. Edward's g m Fairy, 13sec, owner 1 59 Mr McKay's b m Jenny, 23sec, owner 2 46 Mr R. Sunderland's ch m Carolina, 12sec, Needham... 3 Also started—7 Norma, 20sec; 20 Hazledean, 15sec; 2 Butcher Boy III., 28sec. A good race throughout. Time, 2min 50sec. Dividend, £1 17s.

ELECTRIC HANDICAP (saddle) of 20 sovs. One mile.

51 Mr W. Fudgeon's b g Vermont, 16sec 1 29 Mr W. H. Marsh's b m Florence, 24sec 2 12 Mr F. Moorhouse's b m Doll, 20sec... 3 Also started—39 Invictus, 3sec; 20 Rose, 22sec; 86 Thurza, 24sec; 12 Gentle Annie, 24sec; 0 Butcher Boy III., 30sec. Won by four lengths. Time, 2min 42½sec. Dividend, £4 7s.

SECOND DAY—JANUARY 25TH.

MAIDEN HANDICAP (harness) of 20 sovs. Two miles.

12 Mr J. Wright's rn m Little Eva, 38sec, owner... 1 2 Mr H. Williams' br m Belle, 38sec... 2 37 Mr J. Langtry's b g Judge Retford, 34sec... 3 Won easily. Time, 6min 32sec. Dividend, £3 16s.

A protest was entered by the owner of Judge Retford on the ground that Belle had got away 10sec in front of her time, but it was dismissed. Taggart, the driver of Judge Retford, was cautioned for the way in which he had driven his horse, his explanation being that he would not go in harness.

SUMMER HANDICAP (saddle) of 40 sovs. Two miles.

111 Mr P. Maloney's b g Rotheram, 2sec, B. Edwards... 1 46 Mr F. Moorhouse's b m Doll, 26sec, owner... 2 12 Mr J. T. Craig's b g Ned Kelly, 32sec, owner... disq. Also started—15 Cable, scr; 55 Billy Buttons, 14sec; 4 Boss, 42sec; 14 Tussock, 44sec. Ned Kelly finished an easy first, but the owner of Rotheram entered a protest on the ground of inconsistent running by Ned Kelly at Johnsonville. The stewards considered the protest in camera, and decided that the money should be paid to Rotheram, and that the owner of Ned Kelly should be disqualified during the pleasure of the stewards. Time, 5min 26sec. Dividend, £2 1s.

SELLING HANDICAP (saddle) of 25 sovs. Two miles.

73 Mr J. Langtry's b g Little Hero, 17sec, J. Taggart... 1 20 Mr J. Barrett's b m Lily, 40sec, Munro... 2 82 Mr D. Taggart's blk m Rose, 32sec, owner... 3 Also started—10 Khandallah, 30sec; 1 Bobby Burns, 34sec; 7 Rangiatea, 48sec; 1 Mick, 48sec; 2 Gallant, 50sec; 0 Hokomai, 50sec.

Won by about ten lengths. Time, 5min 48sec. Dividend, £2 8s. The winner was bought in at £16 10s.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP (harness) of 45 sovs. Two miles.

27 Mr W. T. Oliff's g h Hazledean, 28sec, Sheehan... 1 12 Mr R. Sunderland's ch m Carolina, 14sec, Needham... 2 118 Mr H. Lowes' br g Little Ben, 12sec, Edwards... 3 Also started—3 F.B., scr; 18 Hampton, 28sec. Won by three lengths. Time, 5min 58sec. Dividend, £5 18s.

PONY HANDICAP (saddle) of 20 sovs. Two miles.

29 Mr W. J. Jorgensen's br g Bobby Burns, 42sec, J. Wright... 1 54 Mr Earle's b g Thomas, 58sec, J. Sharpe... 2 44 Mr J. Barrett's b m Lily, 46sec, Munro... 3 Also started—113 Billy Buttons, 20sec; 0 Chance, 46sec; 3 Merrybody, 53sec; 0 Rangiatea, 58sec; 2 Ghanet, 58sec. Won by seven lengths, Lilly a good third. The owner of Thomas protested against Bobby Burns on the ground of inconsistent running, but the protest was not upheld. Time, 6min 0½sec. Dividend, £7 12s.

KILBIRNIE HANDICAP (harness) of 25 sovs. Two miles.

61 Mr J. Mackay's b m Jenny, 38sec, Owner... 1 31 Mr W. H. Cornal's br m Vim, 26sec, J. Wright... 2 Also started—6 Norma, 32sec; 2 Butcher Boy III., 50sec; 2 Lazel, 50sec. Won as she liked; Butcher Boy was distanced for third place. Time, 6min 2sec. Dividend, £1 13s.

FINAL HANDICAP (saddle) of 20 sovs. One mile.

72 Mr W. Cooper's b g Hampton, 20sec, Owner... 1 18 Mr W. Hawkins' br g Invictus, 3sec, Wright... 2 Also started—89 Whitefoot, 18sec; 26 Doll, 19sec; 22 Rose, 22sec; 34 Thurza, 24sec; 1 Comet, 24sec; 27 Torori, 19sec; 0 Butcher Boy III., 30sec. Time, 2min 55sec. Dividend, £3 10s. [During the meeting £3241 were put through the machine—£1805 the first day and £1436 the second day.]

DANEVIRKE HACK MEETING.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH JANUARY.

[Weather Fine.—Attendance 1000.]

MAIDEN HANDICAP HURDLES of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. One mile and a half.

121 Mr W. Carr's b m Hilda II, by Bedouin—Stella, 5yrs, 11.4, Cuneen... 1 75 Mr Witherow's ch m Belmo, aged, 10.6, Sweeney... 2 67 Mr T. Lloyd's b g Schnapps, 4yrs, 9.6, Rayner... 3 Won hard held by three lengths. Time, 3min 12sec. Dividend, £1 19s.

MAIDEN PLATE of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. One mile and a quarter.

100 Mr A. Portland's ch g Tokotea, by Torpedo—Kopeki, 3yrs, 7.13, Whitaker... 1 36 Mr C. Siddell's ch f Maid Marion, 3yrs, 7.13, Lindsay... 2 73 Mr G. Hunter's b f Mysterious, 3yrs, 7.13, Fairbrother... 3 Also started—11 Needlegun, 9.3, Rainer; 4 Kopeke, 9.0, Hannon. Won easily by three lengths, same distance between second and third. Time, 2min 27sec. Dividend, £2.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. One mile.

140 Mr J. Lindsay's br m Gold Cup, by Ascot—Caller Herrin, 6yrs, 8.2, Lindsay... 1 76 Mr Dennehy's b m Slumber, 4yrs, 8.0, Rainer... 2 49 Mr F. Armstrong's b g Trout, aged, 7.0, Connop... 3 18 Magic, 7.1, Fairbrother, also started. Won easily by a length, two lengths between second and third. Time, 1min 54sec. Dividend, £1 16s.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. Two miles.

93 Mr J. Rollo's ch g Outlaw, by Opawa, aged, 9.10, owner... 1 50 Mr W. Carr's b m Hilda II, 5yrs, 9.12, Cuneen... 2 66 Mr J. Maher's b g Kiwi, 6yrs, 10.2, Redmond... 3 Also started—72 Barman, 10.8, Lyford; 102 Waterlily, 10.6, Sweeney; 8 Scrap Iron, 9.10, W. Laing; 21 Moa, 9.10. Won easily by three lengths, the same distance between second and third. Time, 4min 13sec. Dividend, £3 19s.

DANEVIRKE HANDICAP of 75 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. One mile and a quarter.

122 Mr G. Hope's b m Aio, by Mute—Wairi, 5yrs, 8.5, Lindsay... 1 115 Mr W. Carr's b g Kauri Gum, aged, 8.2, Fairbrother... 2 108 Mr H. R. Walton's b g Rainbow, 4yrs, 8.7, Banks... 3 Also started—70 Goosander, 8.12, Parker; 47 Flaneur, 8.8, Jones; 13 Slumber, 8.0, Rainer; 11 Trout, 7.6, Whitaker. Won by half a length, two lengths between second and third. Time, 2min 22sec. Dividend, £3 11s.

SELLING RACE of 15 sovs. About seven furlongs.

59 Mr Dan Knight's b g Scrap Iron, by Papapa, aged, 8.0, G. Wright... 1

56 Mr W. Robinson's b g Scrap Iron II, 4yrs, 9.7, Whittaker... 2 33 Mr F. Witherow's br g Billy, aged, 9.0, Rainer... 3 Also started—39 Lobelia, 9.7, Banks; 8 Kopeke, 9.0, Hannon; 82 Kerry Lass, 9.0, A. Mitchell; 52 Young Papapa, 8.0, Parker. Won by half a length. Time, 1min 38 1-5sec. Dividend, £5.

HIGH-WEIGHT HANDICAP of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. One mile and a quarter.

45 Mr A. B. Walton's b h Rainbow, by Somnus—Maori Girl, 4yrs, 11.0, G. Hope... 1 72 Mr A. Portland's ch g Tokotea, 3yrs, 9.0, Whitaker... 2 88 Mr W. Carr's b g Kauri Gum, 6yrs, 10.10, Cuneen... 3 Also started—8 Barman, 10.2, Lyford; 11 Magic, 10.0, McTaggart; 33 Outlaw, 9.2, Rollo; 1 Cromo, 9.0, Dowling. Won easily by a length, a length and a half between second and third. Time, 2min 25sec. Dividend, £5 10s.

FLYING HANDICAP of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Six furlongs.

150 Mr J. Lindsay's br m Gold Cup, by Ascot—Caller Herrin, 6yrs, 9.1 (inc. 7lb penalty), Lindsay... 1 31 Mr C. Siddell's ch f Maid Marion, 3yrs, 6.9, D. Watt... 2 48 Mr R. T. Hanga's blk m Kiritea, 5yrs, 7.9, Whitaker... 3 Also started—81 Moira, 6.12, 4 Scrap Iron II, 6.10; 5 Mysterious, 6.10. Won comfortably by two lengths. Time, 1min 21sec. Dividend, £1 18s.

[Totalisator investments for the day £2,593.]

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THE OPERATIONS OF THE ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS SALES CONTROL ACT, 1895.

In our two last issues we published the full text of the Act alluded to, and we have no doubt our readers have carefully considered its important bearings on the trade. In many essential points it is much more drastic than the acts which to a large extent it incorporates or repeals. More especially does this apply to the increased penalties to be imposed for a conviction for Sunday trading. Recognising this, the trade (if our information is correct) has entered into a signed agreement to religiously close on Sundays, and to such an extent in this direction does the agreement go that even lodgers and bona fide travellers are not to be supplied with alcoholic liquors in the hotels situated within the precincts of the city. If such a compact has been made, we hope it will in every case be strictly adhered to, although it will inflict hardships on certain individuals who look upon their hotels as their homes, and whose residence is their "inn." It will perhaps be useless to hope that in the near future the liquor law of New Zealand will in some appreciable degree become assimilated in nature with that of the Old Country, which provides, under proper regulations, for the sale of alcoholic liquors during prescribed hours on Sunday, especially as there is no substantial evidence to show that the privilege thus conferred on the poor man who does not like to be robbed of his beer has been abused. The framers and supporters of the Act of last session failed to recognise the demonstrative fact that it is to all intents and purposes a class enactment, especially so far as it applies to Sunday trading, although its supporters may say it has only intensified provisions which obtained previous to its passing the Legislature; but this argument only proves that a huge premium has been given to a law which was class legislation before. Take, for instance, our successful business men, who have

their well-stocked cellars of wines, spirits, and beer, available Sundays and week-days alike. The new law does not affect those, neither should it do in the remotest degree. Yet while these can have their beer on their Sunday dinner table from their well-stocked cellar, the poor man, who has looked upon his Sunday dinner beer as one of the luxuries of his somewhat monotonous life, must either buy it the day before and drink it "flat, stale, and unprofitable," or do without it altogether. In England for ages past the operatives, the navvies, the farm labourers, and others have been just as much accustomed to purchase their dinner beer from their respective favourite "pubs" on Sundays as the New Zealand housewife is to obtain her Sunday's supply of milk from her milkman, and the one has been considered just as necessary under the great law of custom as the other. Then again, take the class of people who are what is termed well-to-do and can afford to keep or hire a vehicle for a Sunday drive. These can travel a few miles into the country, put up at a village hotel, order a lunch, and drink as much beer whilst eating it as they deem nature requires or as inclination suggests; whilst the poor labourer, who has been slaving all week, may fret and fume at being compelled by law to abstain from his accustomed beverage, which his reason assures him is necessary to aid him in rebuilding up his wasted tissue. The above remarks have been suggested by the information imparted as to what is adopted by the trade, and though at the present time it may not be possible to secure what we think is desirable in the interest of the trade and for public convenience, we cannot forbear to express the opinion that if the hotels in the city and suburbs were kept open on week days until eleven o'clock p.m. and then positively closed, the customers would go home, which they will not do at ten o'clock, and if the Old Country practice of opening hotels on Sundays as previously indicated was introduced, there would be less cases of excessive drinking and a proportionate falling off in the violations of the law. We shall deal with other phases of the Act in future issues.

TRADE TOPICS.

"What is a chestnut?" a schoolmaster asked a boy in the front row. "It's the tale father tells mother when he comes home after the hotels are closed!"

"My husband neglects me!" sighed the young wife. "But, my dear," the matured matron consolingly said, "he has to obey the call of duty." "Perhaps he does," responded her friend; "but duty doesn't call men with a hiccup at half-past twelve."

Human nature is very sensitive," a sad-eyed man remarked in a well-known pub the other day. "Don't see it," retorted a frequenter of the establishment. "Well, now," resumed the stranger, "you have a red nose; but I don't suppose you can help it. Yet if I offer you a remedy for—" "I've a d—d good mind to punch your head!" shouted the man who did not believe in sensitiveness. And as the sad-eyed man drifted towards the door, he said: "I told you so."

"So you've come home, then?" floated down the staircase just as the speaker's husband, after heroic struggles, opened the door and fell over the mat. "Wonder you don't stay out drinking all night," she continued. "Do me 'justice, m'dea," he feebly replied, gradually separating himself from the hall mat. "Some men—co'found thing!—might; but I—hic—know when I've had 'nough." And, as a proof of his assertion, he reached the top of the stairs in a minute under the half hour.

A mem. for Editor Isitt, of the Prohibitionist. The latest fad in Home total abstinence circles is the "teetotal cow." "Blue Ribbon Army milk," so I read in the Liverpool Post, is now consumed by the stricter disciples of Sir Wilfred Lawson. This particular kind of lactical fluid in favour with the teetotal elect is guaranteed to be taken from animals certified never, never, never to have been fed on the fattening refuse known as brewers' grains. The faddists and cranks are as prominent at Home as they are in New Zealand. The English Anti-Tobacco Society are, I read, getting up a test case to show that public smoking is, under the Health Act, an "illegal, unjust, ungentlemanly, and, therefore, un-Christian habit." If it is, then all I can say is that the English Health Act stands in urgent need of amendment.—"Scrutator," New Zealand Mail.

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