

ceeds. But as previously indicated no such a thing could possibly take place under the proposal of the present Bill. As pointed out by Mr. Lawry, a measure framed on similar lines is working admirably in France, and a very large sum (not proportionately so large as would be obtained in New Zealand) is contributed to the charitable institutions of the country. We hope the next general election in New Zealand will express the will of the people on this question, and we confidently assert that if the Bill as introduced in the next session becomes one of the Statutory Laws of New Zealand its benefits will become speedily apparent, and it will at once be ratified and firmly established by bearing the stamp placed on it by a preponderance of public opinion

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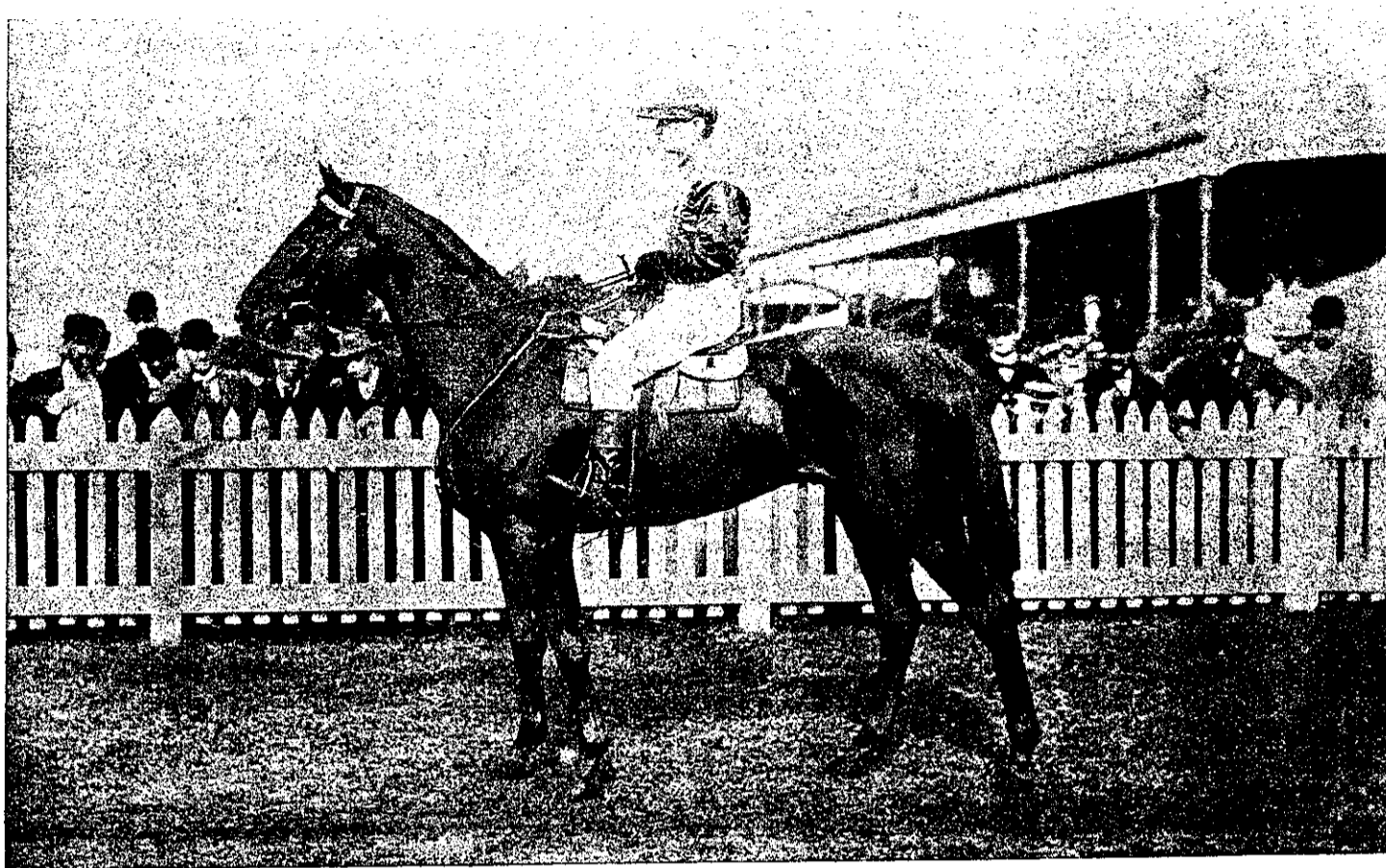
CANTERBURY.

Great Finish for the Champagne Stakes—Culverin wins the Great Easter cleverly—Marquis of Zetland defeats Grand Cross in Russley Stakes—Firefly a "warm customer"—Strathbraan raced the same way as at Manawatu—Bellicent (first) and Culverin (second) in the Great Autumn Handicap run a great race—Bessie McCarthy close handy—Exciting Finish for the Fourth Challenge Stakes—Dauntless declared winner—Bookmakers ejected from course second day.

Canterbury sportsmen have had plenty to engage their attention during the last few days,

Sketches at the **A.R.C.** Autumn Meeting.

The **WINNER** of the **EASTER** and **SHORTS HANDICAPS.**



Mr A. Davis' ch g ACONE (by St. Leger—Aconite).

The **WINNER** of the **GREAT NORTHERN CHAMPAGNE STAKES & ELLERSLIE HANDICAP.**



Mr J. Chaafe's b c ST. PAUL (by St. Leger—Satanella).

held the lead, and after being shaken up, maintained her position to the end, with Vanilla two lengths away, Maremma a neck in the rear of Vanilla. The daughter of Son-of-a-Gun has proved herself a reliable and consistent mare, and Mr Hugh Vallance, her owner, who lives at Sefton, North Canterbury, came in for much enthusiastic handshaking. I may mention that Culverin was bred by her owner.

Bellicent, Cannonshot, and Lord of Misrule finished in that order in the Epsom Welter, a neck separating the three, Prime Warden fourth.

Trentalto was made favourite for the Russley Plate, but tasted defeat for the first time. Marquis of Zetland, who had previously run in the Champagne Stakes, was rather fractious at the post, but eventually got away splendidly, and making every post a winning one, got to the winning post a length and a-half in front of Grand Cross, a fine looking chestnut colt by Medallion—Marion, while Trentalto was another length away third.

Bizzare was selected as having a rare chance of annexing the Sockburn Handicap, but had to take second place behind Vandyke, a son of Vanguard, who won easily by two lengths, Mona third.

Fire King beat four others easily in the Gimcrack Stakes, and was bought in for £30.

Uniform was scratched in the Autumn Nursery, and backers at once selected Mr. Stead's other rep, Firefly, as the best to support. Their "judgment" was borne out by the result, Firefly winning easily after a set to with Belle Clair, while Marquis of Zetland finished in third place, and Trentalto, who was sore, last.

Strathbraan jumped away immediately the barrier was released, in the Great Autumn Handicap and, closely followed by Bessie McCarthy, Culverin, and Skirmisher, led all round the back and well into the straight. Here, however, the Wellington horse faltered, and Culverin took up the running with Bellicent

varying from trotting in the mud, to, eventually, fair going at Riccarton.

The totalisator investments do not seem to decrease; on the contrary, the money put through the machine during the three days shows a very respectable increase.

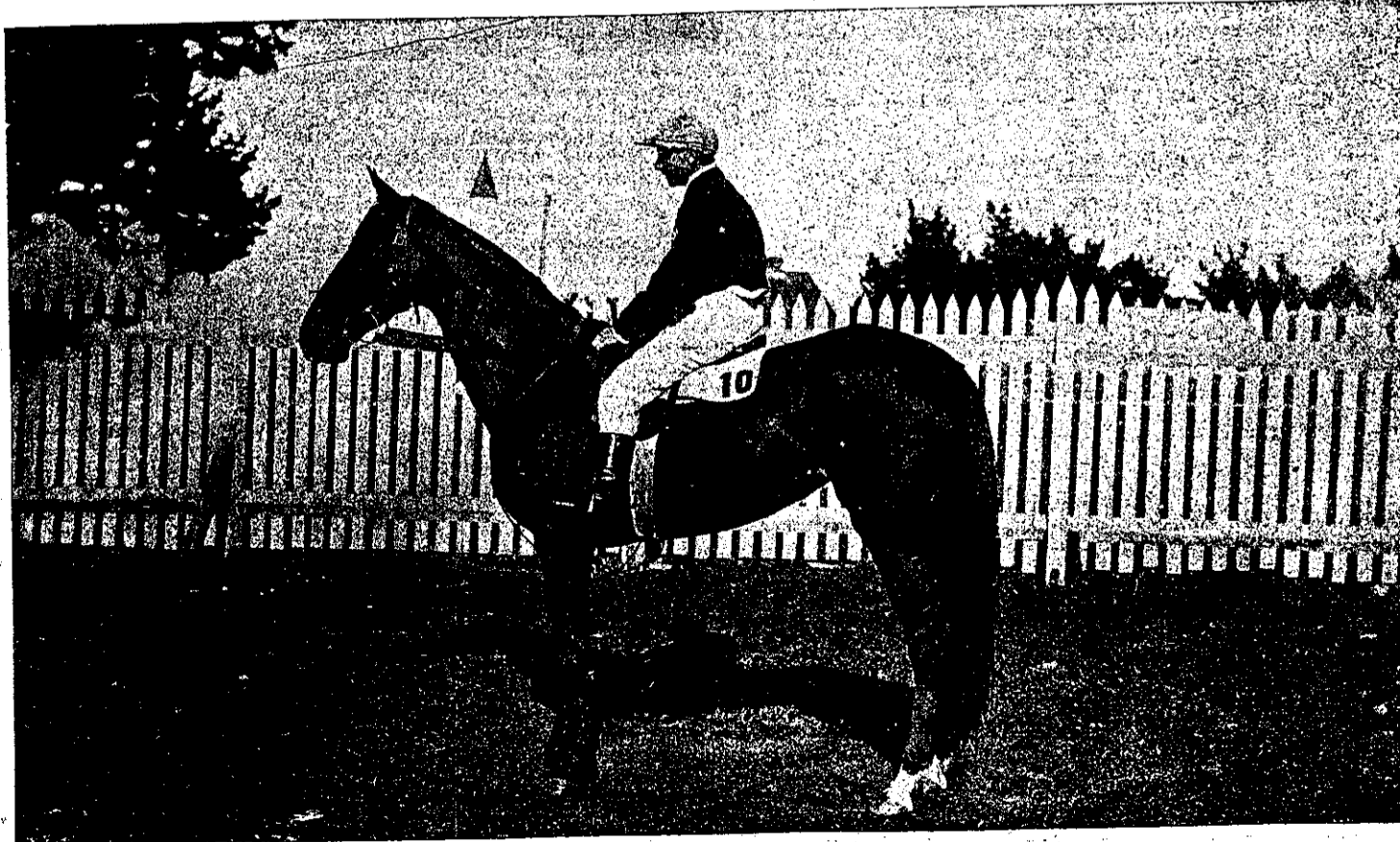
The C.J.C. had better weather than the Lancaster Park Trotting Club, especially on the second day, when it could not be improved upon.

The details of the various events have already been sent you. Hopeful was much too good for his opponents in the First Hurdle Race, winning as he liked from Clarence and Barnardo, Liberator last. Hopeful ran a still better race on the second day, carrying 12.8, when he ran a dead heat with Barnardo 11.9. Liberator was never dangerous, although he had 7lbs less on his back than Hopeful.

The Champagne Stakes resulted in a great finish between Mr Stead's three nominations. The Auckland-bred Uniform (Hotchkies—Forma) showed up particularly well, coming with such a great run at the distance that Dorrett had to ride all he knew to get "there" with Bombshell. Firefly, the Artillery—Fairy Maid filly, was only a neck away third, the Yaldhurst sportsman thus securing the whole of the prize money attached to the race. Dauntless was prominent for five furlongs, after being left at the post, but turned it up when the pinch came.

Again a grand field went out for the Easter Handicap, seven furlongs, and backers found it difficult to select the winner. A good start saw Solitaire and Jane Eyre slow in commencing, but they quickly made up lost ground, and at the top turn were runding with the ruck. The leader at this point—Culverin—was going well within herself, whilst Maremma and Vanilla were hotly pursuing her. New Forest momentarily took a hand, but died away almost immediately, as also did Skirmisher, who, by the way, finished absolutely last. At the distance, Culverin still

The **WINNER** of the **TRADESMAN'S PLATE.**



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Mr J. C. Booth's b m. TIT (by Leolinus—Titania).

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