

over a mile and a half, run in 2min 44sec. Lady Zetland finished strongly. Euroclydon galloped two miles and a half with neck sweaters on, the last mile and a half taking 2min 43sec. The Shrew accompanied Euroclydon the last mile and a half, and finished better than the Cup favourite. The best gallops of the morning were done by Quiltiri, Fabulist, Lady Zetland, and Euroclydon. Man-o'-War was scratched at 3.30 p.m. to-day for all engagements at the C.J.C. Meeting.

Ngatuere, King's Bowman, and Osmanie arrived to-day. The report that Day Star will not start for the Cup lacks confirmation. The colt was backed for several hundreds on Monday, and this morning Gallagher, who has been retained to ride him, was doing walking exercise to reduce his weight.

If Fabulist does not win the Cup I think he will annex the Metropolitan Handicap. He has been doing splendid work, and seems to finish strongly at the end of a mile and a half.

Mr Stead's horses have not been seen out at Riccarton much this week. They are, however, looking in splendid condition, Epaulet especially so. Gold Medalist and Multiform have gained many admirers.

I heard a rumour to-day that The Possible, Bellicent, and Epaulet were tried over the Cup distance, and that the first named beat his opponents.

There will be racing at Christchurch every day next week. On Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday the C.J.C. Meeting will be held. On Tuesday and Friday the Lancaster Park Trotting Club's Meeting will take place, and on Thursday the Plumpton Park Trotting Club's Meeting will be held.

OTAGO.

The New Zealand Conference—The movement of New Zealand Cup candidates—Bad weather for training—Euroclydon's chances.

DUNEDIN, NOVEMBER 3.

The Hon. G. McLean, Mr J. A. Cook, and Mr G. Miller have been appointed delegates to the Racing Conference. The formation of the New Zealand Jockey Club will receive big opposition from this quarter.

Casket, Missfire, and Nomad leave here tomorrow morning for Riccarton.

Captive will be taken up on Thursday, and is a sure starter.

We have had terrible bad weather this last week for training purposes. There is very little excitement over the N.Z. Cup, the betting being very limited, the backing of Day Star notwithstanding. Unsatisfactory reports about him are considered to be a bookmakers effort to bring him once more into prominence. Euroclydon is still very firm. Owners have not yet made any effort to support him, and, I think, will wait for the day and study the weather, which, if fine, will favour his chance. If it happens to be fine they will probably back him on the totalisator. With favourable going on the day I think he will win, and I like The Shrew next best. Should it be heavy I would as soon rely on Captive as anything.

The betting on the Melbourne Cup to-day was very nominal, the smallest in fact for years.

Anticipations.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S SECOND SPRING MEETING.

[BY ATLAS.]

It is almost unnecessary to inform the sporting community of Auckland that Saturday next will be the first day of the Auckland Racing Club's Second Spring Meeting. Although but a recent arrival, I know that the gathering is fraught with considerable local interest. For a time at this season of the year the thoughts of the local sporting men are devoted to the doings on the Australian courses, but once the Melbourne Cup is over Aucklanders turn their attention, perhaps with an increased interest, to local racing. The Auckland Second Spring Meeting comes, too, as a reward, or a solace, to those who have not journeyed South to see the cracks measuring strides in the New Zealand Cup. The fields left to do battle this year are good enough to produce interesting racing. Mr Percival is in the best of good spirits at the prospects of a big attendance at Ellerslie, and it is satisfactory to know from him that there have been no scratchings during the week, so that it is reasonable to suppose that most of those who still remain in the various events intend to go to the post. The course, too, is in splendid order. I had a peep at it the other day, and I could not help thinking that Byron Moore, of the Victoria Racing Club, or Secretary Clibborn of the A.J.C., would give something to see Flemington or Randwick looking so beautifully green as Ellerslie. Money has done much for Randwick and Flemington, but nature has done more for Ellerslie. Mr Percival tells me that he has made complete arrangements for the comforts and convenience of the patrons of the meeting, and I notice that besides the busses and cabs that will run to the course that there will be seven special trains starting at intervals, the first leaving at a quarter to 11 o'clock in the morning and the last at ten minutes past 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The first race on Saturday is timed to start at 1 o'clock. A want of knowledge of New Zealand form must preclude me for the present from reviewing the fields on the various events, but I have nevertheless looked up the performances of many of the candidates, and assisted by confidential advice of a friend, who is not a bad authority on New Zealand form, I venture the following anticipations:—

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP.—Wairongomai 1, Lord Dunluce 2, Lillie 3.

AUCKLAND GUINEAS.—St. Paul 1, Nestor 2, St. Gordon 3.

HANDICAP HURDLES.—Aughadowney 1, Beggarman 2, Bombardier 3. Sweet things are said of St. Simon, and if only a portion of what his flatterers say be true, he should win, but then there are doubts.

THE SHORTS HANDICAP.—St. Elmo 1, The Flirt 2, Lufra 3.

CITY HANDICAP.—St. Paul 1, Panoply 2, Haria 3.

PONY HANDICAP.—Fidget 1, Archduke 2, Toppail 3.

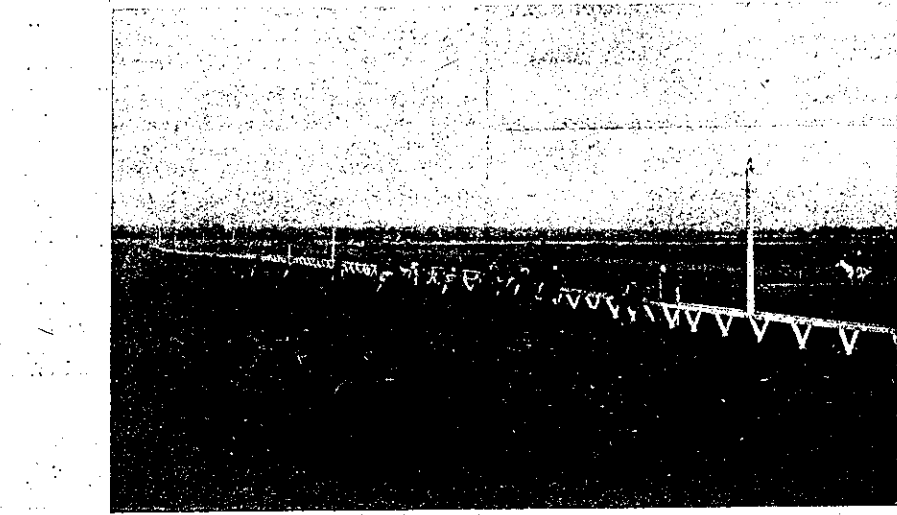
FLYING HANDICAP.—Waiuku or St. Clements 1, Nestor or Lady Anna next best.

MUSKET STAKES.—Coronet 1, Miss Rose 2, St. Evelyn 3.

THE NEW ZEALAND CUP.

[BY ATLAS.]

FABULIST	1
LADY ZETLAND	2
EUROCLYDON	3



LIEUTENANT'S VICTORY IN WINDSOR HANDICAP.

The aid of dreamers as turf tipsters has been invoked, and even the hypnotist and fortune-teller have been appealed to for a ray of light with but little success. I, however, have been fortunate in having gained an interview with the Muse of Ellerslie, and this is what is supplied:—

The bell rings out at Riccarton, and "clear the course" they cry. In satin sheen, on the emerald green, the twenty-four glide by. Five anxious minutes. Then the tape flies up—away they go. The colours shine a wavy line in the sunlights golden glow. What's that in front? why Aldershot and reefing for his head, Euroclydon is back behind and the half mile is sped; Captive and Lotion lead the ruck, well favoured as to weight, They'll have a try to do or die before the final straight. Both Bellicent and Epaulet are striding bold and free,

THE CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S METROPOLITAN MEETING.

The Cup Horses Reviewed.

[BY OUR CANTERBURY CORRESPONDENT.]

The Canterbury Jockey Club's Metropolitan Meeting will be commenced at Riccarton on Monday next. In my notes this week I shall endeavour to give your numerous readers throughout New Zealand particulars of the training operations and prospects of the various horses engaged in the races on the first day. Great interest is being manifested in the meeting, which promises, providing that all-important factor, the weather, be fine, to be up to the standard of the very successful meeting held a year ago. Visitors are now arriving from all parts of the colony. At all sporting resorts—and there are a great many in Christchurch—one continually hears the question, "Who is going to win the Cup at Riccarton?" Visitors who travel out to see the training exhibit keen interest in the doings of the various horses en-

your readers. If she stays as well as her sire did she should be close up to the winner at the finish. Lorelei is a doubtful starter. The Shrew, despite her recent displays, cannot, I think, beat Euroclydon or Fabulist. Quiltiri, who was unwell a week ago, is now all-right. His gallop over a mile and a half, which he cut out in 2min 41sec on Saturday last, has gained him many admirers; the distance is, I think, a little too far for him. Casket is an improbable starter. Bellicent has undergone a thorough preparation with Epaulet, at the owner's private track; the selected will be bound to run prominently. Lotion has not been showing his best form since his arrival at Riccarton, but with only 79 on his back he is bound to run well. A similar remark applies to Pompom, who is considered one of the best outsiders in the race. Man-o'-War is an unlikely starter. Aldershot has competed in the race before, and, although he is very well, I do not think he can beat those just above him. Day Star was a strong favourite until a day or two ago, but he suddenly developed lameness, and at once went down in the betting. On Saturday he was badly beaten in a mile and a half gallop with Fabulist and Black and Red; unless he shows greatly improved form during the next five days I think he will be outside of the placed division; he is still lame, and it is rumoured he will not start. Epaulet is I think, the best of the three-year-olds in the race, and if any of them win it will be him. Defiance, Captive, and Lord Roslyn have not done anything startling on the track, but they are all in good condition, the son of St. Clair being, I think, the most likely to effect a surprise. Voltigeur is the light weight of the field, having only 6.7 on his back; he should be handy at the finish. I am now compelled to give my selection. After considering the performances of the various horses and their present form I shall place—

EUROCLYDON	1
FABULIST	2
LADY ZETLAND	3

Should the track be at all heavy, I shall expect to see Lotion win. After the horses I have mentioned I like The Possible and Epaulet.

In the Spring Hurdles TALLY-HO and ILEX should between them fight out the finish, the former being my selection.

The Welcome Stakes should furnish a good race. All the youngsters are well bred, and most of them have showed pace. SIR LAUNCELOT, MULTIFORM, and SEASHELL are my selections, and I think they will finish in the order named.

The winner of the Riccarton Welter Handicap should come from MARQUIS OF ZETLAND (9.3), JEWEL (9.1), DALLIANCE (8.8.)

Twenty-six horses still remain in the Stewards' Stakes. The race is a very open one, but I think the winner will come from VANILLA, BISLEY, and DAREDEVIL.

In the Curragh Steeple I like ROBIN and GILLIE.

DALLIANCE, ARMILLA, or ST. OUIDA are my selections for the Oaks Stakes.

EPAULET or UNIFORM should win the Derby.

Our Napier correspondent, who has had the opportunity of seeing a number of the New Zealand Cup horses recently, supplies the following:—

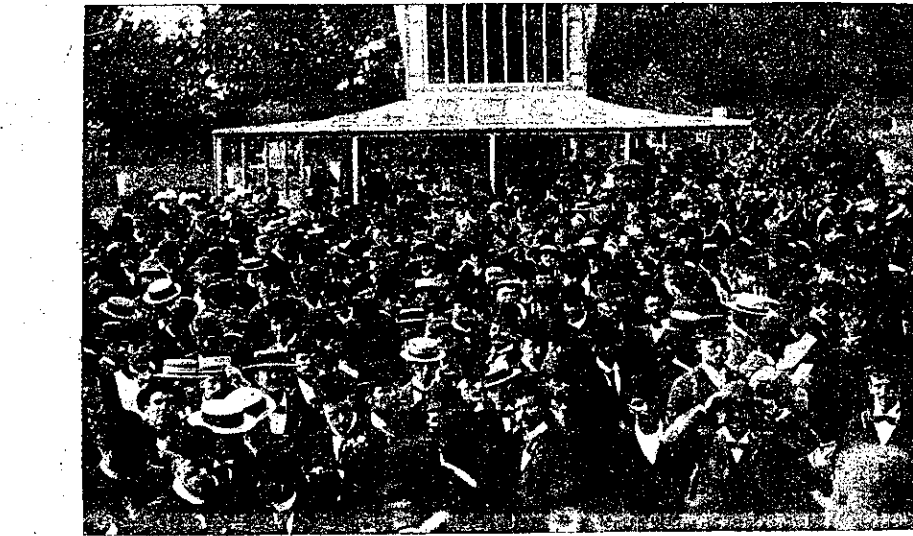
As this will be the last issue of the SPORTING REVIEW previous to the decision of the N.Z. Cup, I will take the opportunity of giving my forecast for that event. Although I will be handicapped by not being able to see the final payments, my vote will go for FABULIST, THE SHREW, and BELLICENT to fill the places. Should an outsider prevail I opine it will be Aldershot.

In the Derby, DEFIANCE will have the services of a horseman (H. Moore) who knows his mount well, coupled with the fact that he is one of those big striding horses who take a lot of holding together, making him essentially a man's horse. Certainly, at Wanganui, he had the services of a competent man in Percy White, but then at Riccarton he will have no St. Paul to meet, and I consider that he (St. Paul) could beat Day Star; therefore, I expect the bearer of the "all-cerise" to prove victorious in the classic event at Christchurch on the 11th of next month.

In the Welcome Stakes the aristocratic and handsome-looking half-brother to Sir Modred, SIR LAUNCELOT should annex that event; and, in the Welter, SOLITAIRE should silence all opposition.

In the Stewards' Handicap, Dreadnought son, DAREDEVIL, looks to me to be a real good thing, and in KARVA we have got a horse who will take a power of beating, and, as everybody knows how game and fast he is, I shall pin my faith to him, and select him as the winner of the Spring Hurdle Race.

The attention of owners and trainers is directed to the advertised programme of the Taranaki Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting, published elsewhere. The added money for the fourteen events amounts to the very respectable sum of £1,190, and the chief event is the Taranaki Handicap of 300 sovs, one mile and a quarter, to be run on the first day of the meeting, February 17. Second in point of value is the Autumn Handicap of 200 sovs, also one mile and a quarter, to be run on the second day, but other plums worth picking are the Flying Handicap, six furlongs, and the Grandstand Handicap, seven furlongs, each race being worth a level century. The other items are the First Handicap Hurdles, one mile and a half; the First Handicap Hack Hurdles, one mile and a half; First Handicap Hack Race, one mile; First Pony Handicap, six furlongs; Hack Scurry Stakes, five furlongs; Second Handicap Hurdles, two miles; Second Handicap Hack Hurdles, one mile and a half; Second Handicap Hack Race, one mile and a quarter; Second Pony Handicap, one mile; and Farewell Handicap, one mile. Nominations for the principal events will close on January 9th, and for minor events on February 6th. Full particulars, however, may be obtained by a reference to the advertised programme, which should meet with the support of owners.



THE CAULFIELD BETTING RING.

Photos. by Wall Bros., St. Kilda, Melbourne

While Tommy steers the big black horse, the hope of Mangare; Then past the stand a glittering band the winner none can spot, But critics vote and pressmen note the pace uncommon hot. They turn for home, ah! Captive's done and Pompom's going up, Stead's pair are flogging, now or ne'er is won New Zealand's Cup; See through the ruck with nerve and pluck the top weights deftly steer, Euroclydon and Fabulist their backers wildly cheer. 'Tis South and North are battling hard, then with a length'ning stride, The brilliant black flies o'er the track and will not be denied; In vain they whip, in vain they spur, he romps victorious on, My tale is told, maroon and gold, and FABULIST have won. ELLESLIE.

Zetland has also undergone a sound preparation, and is now looking as well as ever. This fine mare has shown capital form all through her work. Some of her gallops have pleased all who saw them. I think she will get a place. Saracen is looking in good nick. Many think he will be the selected of the stable. If this should be correct, then his connections must have a high opinion of his staying abilities. Personally I think two miles is a little too far for him. The Possible has been training at Yaldhurst, and very little has been seen of him since the Hawke's Bay Meeting. He was on the track for the first time on Saturday. After cantering once round at half-pace, he brushed along for a mile with Culverin at a fairly strong pace, beating his companion at the finish. I am sure he will run forward, but I do not think he will beat the three top-weights. Mahaki and Ngatuere are both improbable starters. Culverin has got through the work allotted to her in fine style, and should strip very fit. Her running at Riccarton last autumn is still fresh in the memories of most of