

in the dark. Should they each accept I should place them—Clanranald, or Lebel, 1; Morion, 2; Flinders, 3.

The next event is the Newmarket Handicap, six furlongs. Judging by the Railway Handicap, won by Reprisal, this horse meets Baron on 9lb; Quadrant, 18lb; Lady Belle, 19lb; Resentment, 4lbs; Dancer, 7lb; Vieux Rose, 15lb, and Warrior, 13lb, worse terms. Lochness meets Fiesole on 6lb better terms than in the Christmas Handicap, and Master Pat on 2lb difference. By a comparison of form and running, I should say the best are Lady Belle, Vieux Rose, Fiesole, and Lochness.

The Midsummer Handicap, five furlongs, for two-year-olds, is rather a puzzler. Space does not permit of a lengthy review of the contestants. I shall therefore content myself with voting for Puwerewere, Glenora, Wyvern, and His Worship.

The A.R.C. Handicap, 1½ miles, is the great event of the day. This event is a very open one. Hilda, 9st 5lb, on her Cup running, should be "out of it." The course being soft she might, however, "bob up serenely." British Lion, 8st 7lb, if well, is not harshly treated. Pinfire, 8st 6lb, is too heavily weighted; about 9lb less would suit him better. Leorina, 8st 3lb, I must pass by. Baron, 8st, has an outside show, the distance being rather too far, I think. Reprisal, 8st, is very well in, and must get into a place. Quadrant and Fraternal pass by. Queen of Trumps, 7st 6lb, is my "fancy" of the whole list, and what beats her must win. Coalscuttle, 7st 4lb, is lightly handicapped, but notwithstanding her second in the Cup, I must consider her outclassed in this race. The Dreamer, 7st 4lb, ran third in the Cup, and ought to hold Coalscuttle quite safe in this shorter race. He appears very fit just now, and might upset all calculations. Leolantis, 7st 4lb, should be "anchored" beside Lochness at the same weight. Of the rest I only fancy Dolosa, 7st, and Resentment, 6st 12lb; the former is so uncertain that one is chary of touching her. If she is in the humour her weight ought to help her home. Resentment, I feel sure, is a good 'un, and when fit and ready will distinguish himself. Summing up the chances of each, I confess a strong preference for Queen of Trumps, Reprisal, Lochness, and British Lion, with Dolosa and Resentment always reserved for a "boil over."

In the Maiden Handicap, one mile and a distance, it is very difficult to imagine what is likely to accept. I fancy, though, that the placed horses will come from Warrior, Lonely, Yattaghan, and the Dancer.

The final event is the Welter Handicap, with a small field of seven. In this race I find nothing but Colonel first, the rest anywhere they can get to.

I have been asked regarding Stamford for the Maiden Plate for New Year's Day. My reply is Stamford won the Drury Cup of 40 sovs., and Flying Stakes of 15sovs, which, with deductions, is nett £47. According to the conditions of the race, and by Rule 45, I presume Stamford will be disqualified.

I take this opportunity of offering my readers the compliments of the season. I hope my "tips" throughout the season have brought you all out on the right side of the ledger, and that my "tips" in this issue will "eventuate," thereby causing you to hope for still better things. I shall conclude by wishing readers of this column "A HAPPY NEW YEAR."

DRURY RACING CLUB.

ABOUT 200 passengers proceeded from Auckland to Drury on Monday by special train to attend the annual summer meeting of the Drury Racing Club, of which Mr. Daniel Maher is the honorary secretary. The weather was everything that could be desired, and there was between 500 and 600 people present. The totalisators were under the management of Messrs. Adams and Andrews, and they gave every satisfaction. Their record for the day—£1,122 10s. for 10s. tickets—proves that they had a busy time of it.

There were seven events on the programme, the first being the Handicap Hurdle Race. Stockman was the only absentee. A good start was effected, and Satanella led past the stand. At the back of the course Tim took the lead, and maintained it till passing the stand the second time; then Tommy and Bryan O'Lynn

assumed command and raced for home, the latter eventually winning by a length, Miss Nellie third. Satanella and Tim ran off, and Nightcap balked.

The Flying Stakes followed, and after a furlong had been traversed Stamford went to the front and won comfortably by half a length, Bon Voyage second, Satanella third.

There were only three starters for the Maiden Plate which was won by Jessica, followed by Mascotte and Kinross.

The event of the day followed—the Drury Cup, 1½ miles. A poor field presented themselves (only three). Belmont made the running past the stand, after which Priscilla put in her claim and took the pride of place till nearly entering the straight; Stamford also putting in his claim. A great race all the way up the straight resulted in Stamford winning by a head from Belmont, Priscilla two or three lengths behind.

The Novel Handicap was the fifth race, and likewise only produced three starters. Coquette and Little Raven made the running for half a mile, when Fusilier went up, but at the six furlongs fell back beaten, Coquette winning easily by two lengths from Little Raven.

The Drury Racing Club Handicap produced five contestants. Priscilla and Jessica made all the running. The former came away when she liked, and won in a canter from Ika Vuka and Maire in that order, Bryan O'Lynn and Jessica being unplaced.

The Stewards' Handicap was again reduced to a trio, and resulted in a boil over, Belmont being made a strong favourite. Ika Vuka, however, downed him, Eric supplying the third place.

The starting throughout the day was very good, and everything passed off satisfactorily. The visitors from Auckland got back to town about half-past seven p.m. A reference to our turf record column will give our readers every detail required.

TARANAKI SPORTING NOTES.

(BY WIRE.—FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

NEW PLYMOUTH, Dec. 28.

THE Taranaki Summer Meeting was held today. It being glorious weather, there was a large attendance. The following are the results of the various events:—Maiden Plate, 1½ miles: Maroro, 9st, Crozier, 1; Atlantic, 9st, P. Johnston, 2; Bradshaw, 9st, Peachey, 3. Dividend, £2. Time, 2min 25 2-5th sec. First Pony Race: Storyteller, Brown, 1; Poppy, Reilly, 2; Fly, McLauchlan, 3. Dividend, £4 13s. Time, 1min 7 2-5th sec. Hack Flying Handicap, 6 furlongs: Elukem, Stevens, 1; Volley, Wilson, 2; Tattler, Cudd, 3. Dividend, £2 6s. Time, 1min 19 2-5th sec. Handicap Hurdle Race, about 1½ miles: Recruit, P. Johnston, 1; Atlantic also started. Dividend, £1 7s. Time, 2min 37 1-5th sec. Spring Handicap, 1½ miles: Ionic, Stevens, 1; The Orphan, Reilly, 2; Tattler, Cudd, 3. Dividend, £2 8s. Time, 2min 50sec. Second Pony Race, 1 mile: Storyteller, 8st, 1; Poppy, 8st 7lb, 2; Tanariwa, 7st 8lb, 3. Dividend, £2 8s. Time, 1min 5 2-5th sec. Welter Handicap, 1 mile: Ionic, 10st 11lb, P. Johnston, 1; Nugget, 9st, Cudd, 2; Thunderbolt, 9st, Stevens, 3. Dividend, £1 11s. Time, 2min 51 1-5th sec. Farewell Handicap: Ionic, 9st 7lb, Johnston, 1; The Orphan, 9st 5lb, Stevens, 2; Nugget, 7st 3lb, Reilly, 3. £1,741 was put through the totalisator, worked by Cosen and Stock, of Napier.

The Manaia Meeting on Saturday was well attended, £1,500 being put through the machine. The following are the principal results:—Hurdles: Baccarat, 1; Recruit, 2. Cup: Tattler, 1; Javelin, 2. Dividend, £4 14s. Time, 2min 50sec. Tallyho: Sirius, 1. Dividend, £8 4s.

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

To-day (Thursday), December 31st, by noon. The Great Northern Derby, the forfeit of 5sovs to be declared and paid, or the nominator will be liable for the whole of sweepstakes (15sovs).

Friday January 1st, by 10 p.m., acceptances for the

Grand Stand Handicap of 100sovs, 1½ miles, 1sov.
 Sylvia Handicap of 100sovs, 6 furlongs, 2sovs.
 Victoria Handicap of 100sovs, 7 furlongs, 1sov.
 Auckland Racing Club Handicap of 400 sovs, 1½ miles, sweep of 5 sovs, due at the post.

Great Northern Derby of 500 sovs., 1½ miles, sweep of 15 sovs, due at the post.

Saturday, January 2nd, at the post, acceptances due for the

Steeplechase (sweep 5sovs.), of 300sovs, about 3½ miles.
 Auckland Plate of 200sovs, 1½ miles, 3sovs.
 Musket Stakes of 150sovs, 6 furlongs, 2sovs.
 Recovery Stakes Handicap of 60sovs, 5 furlongs, 1sov.

Friday, January 8th, by 10 p.m., nominations for the

Great Northern Derby, 1893-94, of 500 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov.

The Great Northern Foal Stakes, 1893-94, of 300 sovs., 6 furlongs

All of the above to be in the hands of Mr. Wm. Percival, Secretary, at the above-mentioned times and at his office, Durham-street, unless otherwise specified.

ONEHUNGA RACING CLUB.

To-day (Thursday), Dec. 31, at 10 p.m., Mr. C. F. Mark, secretary, receives nominations at his office Durham-street East, up to the above hour for the following events:—

Handicap Maiden Plate of 20 sovs., 1 mile, ½ sov.
 Handicap Hurdles of 30 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov.
 Onehunga Cup of 50 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov.
 Handicap Pony Race of 15 sovs., for 14.2 ponies, 5 furlongs, ½ sov.
 Handicap Flying Stakes of 20 guineas., 6 furlongs, ½ sov.
 Handicap Steeplechase of 50 sovs., about three miles, 1 sov.
 Welter Handicap of 20 sovs., 1 mile, ½ sov.

NELSON JOCKEY CLUB.

Mr. J. M. Rogers, Secretary, receives the following nominations up to 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2nd January, 1892, addressed to the Masonic Hotel, Nelson:—

Nelson Cup Handicap, £1 5s.
 Selling Hack Handicap (first day), 5s.
 Time Trotting Handicap, 7s. 6d.
 Grand Stand Handicap, 10s.
 Hurdle Race Handicap (first day), £1.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

Tuesday, January 5th, at 9 p.m., nominations close with Mr. H. M. Lyon, Secretary, at the Club Hotel, Wellington, for the

Anniversary Handicap of 80 sovs., 1 mile, 1 sov.
 Hurdle Handicap (first day) of 85 sovs., 2 miles, 1 sov.
 Nursery Handicap of 80 sovs., 6 furlongs, 1 sov.
 Welter Handicap of 80 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov.
 Telegraph Handicap of 100 sovs., 6 furlongs, 1 sov.
 January Handicap of 80 sovs., 1 mile 1 furlong, 1 sov.
 Hurdle Handicap (second day) of 75 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov.

Juvenile Handicap of 75 sovs., 5 furlongs, 1 sov.
 Metropolitan Handicap of 100 sovs., 6 furlongs, 1 sov.

Friday, January 8th, at the same time and place, nominations are due for

Hack Hurdle Handicap (first day) of 30 sovs., 1½ miles, 10s.
 Hack Handicap (flat, first day) of 30 sovs., 1½ miles, 10s.

WHANGAREI PARK RACING COMPANY.

Tuesday, January 5th, 1892, by 8 p.m., acceptances for the following handicaps to be forwarded to the secretary, Mr. G. E. Alderton, and endorsed "acceptance," or Mr. W. Adams, Durham-street East, Auckland.

Hurdle Race of 25sovs, 2 miles, 10s.
 Trial Stakes of 20sovs, 1 mile, 5s.
 Whangarei Racing Company's Handicap of 50sovs, 1½ miles, 1sov.

Maiden Steeplechase of 25sovs, about 2 miles, 15s.
 Marsden Handicap of 15sovs, 1½ miles, 5s.
 Flying Handicap of 15sovs, 7 furlongs, 5s.
 Publicans' Purse of 20sovs, 1½ miles, 5s.
 Northern Steeplechase of 35sovs, about 3 miles, 15s.
 Kensington Park Handicap of 30sovs, 1½ miles, 10s.
 Pony Handicap of 15sovs, for 14.2 ponies, 7 furlongs, 5s.

Farewell Handicap of 15sovs, 1 mile, 5s.

At the same time and place entries are due for the

Auction Stakes of 20 sovs., 1 mile, 1 sov.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

Thursday, January 7th, at 10 p.m., acceptances close with the secretary, Mr. C. F. Mark, Durham-street East, Auckland, for the following events, which take place on the second day, January, 9:—

Stewards' Handicap of 40sovs, 5 furlongs, 1sov.
 Second Maiden Trot of 50sovs, 2 miles, 1sov.
 Christmas Handicap of 50sovs, 7 furlongs, 1sov.
 President's Handicap Trot of 100sovs, 3 miles, 2sovs.
 Pony Steeplechase of 50sovs, about 2½ miles, 1sov.
 Second Pony Trot of 40sovs, 2 miles, 1sov.
 Electric Handicap Trot of 50sovs, 1 mile, 1sov.

Entries will also be received up to 10 p.m. on the same date for the

Second Selling Trot of 50 sovs., 2½ miles, 1 sov.

POVERTY BAY TURF CLUB.

Thursday, 7th January, 1892, at 8 p.m., Mr. J. H. Aislabie, Secretary, receives acceptances for the following events:—

Maiden Plate of 40 sovs., 1 mile, 2 sovs.
 Flying Handicap of 80 sovs., 6 furlongs, 2 sovs.
 First Hurdle Handicap of 60 sovs., 1½ miles, 2 sovs.
 Turanga Stakes of 200 sovs., 1½ miles, 4 sovs.
 County Stakes of 40 sovs., 1 mile, 1 sov.