

The dividend was £5 13s., and the time 1min. 31 3-5th secs.

Three weighed out for the Ladies' Bracelet. The Dreamer, ridden by Mr. C. Enderby, just pipped Durus (Mr. F. Watson) on the post. Tattler (Mr. Jas. Hooker) was the other starter. The winner was paraded on the lawn, and his rider presented with the bracelet by Mrs. A. Standish, the President's lady. Cheers were given for the winner and rider, and the band struck up "The Red, White and Blue." Dividend, £1 11s. Time, 2min. 53 1/2secs.

There were eight in the Second Pony Race, the second favourite, Poppy, winning after a good set-to. Time, 1min. 54 3-5th secs. Dividend, £3 2s.

The big money, the Autumn Handicap, brought out a field of six. Prestige again asserted himself, but just collared Heather Bell on the post and won by a head. Price, the rider of the latter, was called before the stewards for foul riding. It was alleged that he crossed Scot Free, and also struck Prestige on the head with his whip. Price said that it was an accident. The stewards administered a severe reprimand to the erring jockey. Time, 2min. 12 2-5th secs. Dividend, £3 5s.

Six went out for the Second Hack Race. Ionic won by a couple of lengths from Miss Cole, the other four being almost on level terms just behind the latter. Time, 2min. 21secs. Dividend, £4 16s.

The Farewell Handicap brought out a field of six. Torpedo, who carried level weights with Weka (7st 11lbs.), was returned the winner, but I am of opinion that it was a dead heat. Fleeta was third. Time, 1min. 17 2-5th secs. Dividend, £2 15s.

McKeague was again to the fore with two wins on Prestige and Weka. Higginson had one, P. Johnston one, G. Collelo one, and Gall one.

OUR NAPIER LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

It is thought hear that Whakawatea cannot very well help winning the Canterbury Champagne this month, Day Dream notwithstanding.

Mr. F. Collins, owner of Link, has purchased a fine upstanding two-year-old colt called Splitlink, by Mute—Swiviline, from a Hawera sportsman for £130. Splitlink who has not yet sported silk is full brother to Link and Swivel.

Whisper and Krina were well backed here for the big event at Taranaki, but their admirers had to go under, for Prestige was a snag they had not reckoned on knocking against. He has apparently been kept for the Taranaki event since he cut up so badly at Wellington. We have a half brother to him here in Captain Webb.

They got rather mixed up at Manawatu the other day when the race books were issued before the acceptances were due, and the consequence was that the numbers in the book did not correspond with those that appeared on the machine.

Mr. Jas. Lyon has been elected treasurer of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club.

I believe that Mr. Ormond has purchased a colt by Voltigeur Maori Girl on the other Coast for 75 guineas. The animal is half-brother to Gasparini.

Claude, who is owned by Mr. McAndrew, is now being tried over sticks, and jumps beautifully.

The Hawke's Bay Trotting Club came out with a nice little balance to the good over their late meeting.

If the Racing Club's continue to act in so arbitrary a manner as they are now doing towards the metallicians the latter will be put on their metal. I believe they intend to have it decided by law whether or not a Club has a right to warn a man off their course.

After Kaikora we will have a pleasant little gathering at Waipukurau to attend on Easter Monday.

There will be a large batch of horses nominated for the New Zealand Cup by Hawke's Bay owners this year.

Teddy Yuille is, I believe, a life member of the Wellington Racing Club. The members consequently do not care about ordering him off their course.

The Union Rowing crew who defeated the Napier and Poverty Bay crew rather easily

recently on the inner harbour, are to be entertained shortly by the members of the Club which they so worthily represented.

Queen of Trumps goes off in a most peculiar manner sometimes, a fact which renders her very unreliable. Her acceptance was telegraphed for the big money at Taranaki, but had to be revoked later on in the day on account of her indisposition.

If Diadem is well she ought to go near winning the Great Easter and Great Autumn Handicaps at Christchurch.

Merganser was fancied by a number of sports for one of the events at Christchurch, but her owner was not satisfied with her treatment, and withdrew her name.

OUR WANGANUI LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

ALICK McCORMICK has had to turn two of his charges out, viz.: Cheque and Hillarian, by Somnus. Cheque had only been taken up about five months back, and he was beginning to show some of his old form when his old ailment again troubled him, causing him to again retire to the paddock.

Prestige, Dudd's half brother, showed what a real good little horse he is by winning the T.J.C. Handicap, as the mile and a half was run in the fast time of 2min. 39 2-5sec. Prestige was greatly fancied by a large number of sports here, who forwarded their usual £1 for the totalizator. McCormick had him in first-class order, and was very sanguine about his chance.

[BY WIRE.]

Prestige, winner of three races at Taranaki, has been purchased by Mr. Syson, of Turakina, for the sum of £275. The horse will still remain in McCormick's hands to undergo his preparations for future engagements.

R. Wheeler has just taken in hand a couple of youngsters, viz., a two-year-old colt by Somnus—Foam. This youngster is rather small, and seems to have none the best of knees to stand a thorough preparation for a severe race. The other young one is a two-year-old chestnut gelding by Puriri, dam Star Water, half-sister to Recluse, by Premier—Voltarina. He is a fine muscular-looking youngster greatly resembling his sire, with plenty of power behind, showing splendid gaskins. If he does not turn out to be a first-class galloper I shall be greatly mistaken, as I greatly prefer him of the two. Wheeler, I hear, is also likely to have one or two more classical colts in hand shortly, and I shall expect to see his stable strongly represented at the commencement of next session, and I heartily wish Wheeler plenty of luck, as although he was offered a good billet on the Wairarapa, he decided to give this district another try, in which he deserves to have a turn of good luck.

OUR WELLINGTON LETTER.

[BY WIRE.]

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

THE Wellington Racing Club stewards, at a meeting on Tuesday last, decided to postpone dealing with the disqualification of Yuille, Nathan and May, bookmakers, until the Wanganui Club, which it was reported was going to re-open the matter, had given their final decision. The Wanganui Club at their monthly committee meeting on Friday, had the appeal before them, and definitely resolved that the decision previously arrived at should not be altered. The hesitation of the Wellington stewards over the endorsement of the disqualification is said to arise from the fact that Yuille is a life member of the Club. Having subscribed ten guineas to the grand stand fund two years ago, if they warn him off the course they will probably feel it incumbent on them to return his money.

Mr. Robert Napier, a well-known garden contractor here, has been appointed caretaker of the Hutt course. He has had a lot of experience in laying lawns, bowling greens, etc., and should be the right man in the right place.

Mr. Martin's Retina has, after all, accepted for the Great Autumn Handicap. It is not, however, decided to send her, as she is entered at Feilding, for which meeting the weights are just out. Martin will probably settle to-morrow which meeting she will go to. I am inclined

to think it will be Feilding, for she is well in for the principal race with 8st 2lb.

Several bookies here have volumes open on the extremely difficult double—Great Easter Handicap and Great Autumn. Before the acceptances 50 to thirty shillings was laid and offered. Since the price has been 50 to 3. Palliser, Merrie England and Kulnine are the local picks for the longer race, and Flinders and Hippomenes for the seven furlong flutter.

There are no further developments of the rival trotting clubs. The Island Bay Club's application to be constituted the Metropolitan Club was to have come before the Christchurch Association yesterday, but I have not heard whether anything was done. The latest of news about the Johnsonville combination was that they were willing to give way on the question of title, if the Island Bay stewards consent to give up Queen's Birthday as date of their inaugural meeting. No such arrangement, however, is likely to be arrived at.

The racing club have received magnificent general entries for their Autumn Meeting. There are 9 for the Trial, 15 each for the First and Second Hurdles, 23 for the Hack Flat, 17 for the Hack Hurdles, 21 for the Stewards, 29 for the Railway, 27 for Waiwetu, 20 Welter, and 27 for Electric—total 203; besides the 83 for the Thompson and Autumn Handicaps. Mr. Evett will have his work cut out to compile the handicaps, which are due on the 20th inst. If he succeeds in giving satisfaction to the owners we shall have a capital meeting.

The weights for the Otaki Maori Club Easter Monday Meeting were issued yesterday by Mr. A. King, the Club's handicapper. This is purely a hack meeting, but it is very popular with Wellington sports, who will about equally patronise this and the Wairarapa race meeting at Taubererikau.

The United Hunt opened their new season very successfully at Miramar on Saturday afternoon. There was a capital field, and the run, which was over Mr. Crawford's (the master) land, was voted one of the best the Club has yet had. There were two or three spills, but no one was hurt. Mr. Crawford very hospitably entertained the members after the run at afternoon tea at his homestead. Mr. D. H. Mackinnon, the new secretary, is shaping well for a successful season.

OUR TARANAKI LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

[BY WIRE.]

NEW PLYMOUTH, April 5.

THE Taranaki Club made £350 over their Anniversary Meeting.

Mr. Evett left here for Napier this morning. He informed me that he was going back to arrange his affairs preparatory to taking up his residence in Auckland. He has therefore made up his mind to reside with you.

The mare Jenny was purchased on Saturday by Mr. Standish for 80 guineas. The Hibernian mare brought £18, Mr. A. Colson being the purchaser. Jerome was sold to H. Richardson for £22 10s. A filly out of a blood mare was sold to G. Carrick for £10.

Whisper and Cynisca will be shipped to Auckland to-morrow night.

Awarua Rose has recovered from lameness, and will probably compete at the Wellington Autumn Meeting.

Mr. W. R. King's brood mare Prudence, and a colt, were killed by an engine on the railway line the other day.

The following is the nomination of the sires for the Sires Hack Produce Stakes at the Egmont Meeting in 1895:—Diamedes, Capapié, Cast-off, Puriri, Sou'-wester, Armament, Foul Shot, Ascot, Strenuous, Tim Whiffler, Isaac Walton, Wapiti, Australian, Natator, Redwood, Flintlock, Country Boy, Cocksure, Lionel, Howitzer, Somnus, Gipsy King, and Daniel O'Rourke.

Scot Free and Lochness will probably compete at Feilding instead of Auckland.

Some sporting writers whose knowledge of racing phrases and turf terms is on a par with their ability to write about sporting, are in the habit of crediting Chinamen (real Celestials) with frequently pulling big dividends out of the totalizator. For instance, a writer in the Wanganui Chronicle recently stated that a Chinaman was one of the fortunate investors when Cingalee won the First Hack Hurdle Race at the recent Egmont Autumn Meeting,