

did not last. Queen of Trumps came on full of running, and won easily by a couple of lengths, in 2min 41 2-5sec, and paid £2 9s dividend. St. Malo was second, Kotuku third, St. Katherine fourth, and Rosefeldt last.

The only defections in the Hurdle Race were Tiritea and Taurakaitai. Half a dozen were consequently left in. Disturbance was favourite, Beggarman being next fancied, Kaimanawa being third favourite. Kaimanawa and Gondolier were first to jump away, and they went at a smart bat. In a very short time the field tailed right off. The rear horses did not appear to be going at all. Gondolier very soon took the lead and led by two lengths. In front of the stand the first time the order was—Gondolier, Beggarman, Othello, Kaimanawa, Disturbance and Worth. At the back Gondolier still led, Disturbance going up. The leader did not diminish his pace, however, and coming on won easily by three lengths from Beggarman, Disturbance third, Worth next, and Othello last. Kaimanawa fell. Worth carried a 7lb penalty for winning the Trial Hurdles. Time, 4min 5sec. Dividend, £11 8s. A protest was entered by Alexander, who rode Beggarman, against the winner on the ground of sudden reversal of form, having been beaten easily by Worth in the Trial Hurdles. The stewards met and considered the case, and after hearing evidence decided in favour of Gondolier.

The Flying Handicap saw Ua drop out. Krina got away at the fall of the flag, Free Lance being slowest to move. At the turn the order was—Krina, Stockfish, Free Lance, Dreamland and Kotuku. This was maintained to the scraping sheds, where Dreamland commenced to go up. Krina could not be caught, and won easily from Stockfish. Dreamland was third, Free Lance and Kotuku were close up together, next. Stockfish carried four pounds overweight. Krina paid £5 13s dividend, and got home in 1min 19sec. She appeared to me to be not in the best of condition, and I let her pass.

The Settlers' Handicap, the seventh race on the programme, was then got off. Tell Tit and May Flower did not start. Five faced the wielder of the flag, and when he gave the word "go" they were all in a line, but Water Lily hung at the post. She raced up to second position, however, Chris leading the field. At the back Water Lily had gone up to the leader, and was even with him at the turn, when Jewel went up. Rangiatea made his effort before the scraping sheds were reached, and led when in the straight. Water Lily and Jewel fell back beaten, and Rangiatea came in an easy winner, but the lazy Prairie Grass came with a great rush and snatched second money on the post. Chris was third, Jewel fourth, and Water Lily last. Time, 7min 1 3-5sec. Dividend, £2 13s.

The last race of the day was the Green Meadows Handicap, for which the weights were declared on the ground. Those who started were Dreamland 8.9, Spinfeldt 6.10, Man Friday 6.7, St. Malo 8.0, Link 7.7, and Aronoff 6.11. Man Friday went off at the start, and led until the straight was reached, where Dreamland displaced him and won. Spinfeldt ran a good second, and Man Friday was third. Time, 1min 32 4-5sec. Dividend, £3 13s.

## Poverty Bay Turf Club's Annual Meeting.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, JAN. 10.

THE Poverty Bay Turf Club commenced their annual race meeting on the above date in fine weather, and there was a capital attendance, including a fair sprinkling of Aucklanders.

Business was started with the First Hurdle Handicap of 60sovs, one mile and a half, for which the whole of the five coloured on the card came to the post. Caitiff, 10.0, was made favourite, but Chester, 10.5 (who had been brought up from Napier) pressed him closely in the betting. From a bad start Engakuri, 9.0, was left at the post. Chester led over the first two obstacles, at the second of which Takapuna fell and gave his rider a bit of a shaking. Caitiff soon ran up to Chester, and then assumed the lead. Chester, however, collared him again at the back of the course, and as Caitiff was fencing in a slovenly style it appeared that he had had enough of it. Half a mile from home Engakuri set sail after Chester in a most determined fashion, but Chester was full of running, and

coming on won easily by four lengths from Engakuri, with Caitiff a bad third. Time, 3min 2sec. Dividend, £2 16s.

There were four starters for the Hack Hurdle Handicap of 10sovs, one mile, and Criminal, 11.5, and Warrigal, 10.4, were the only ones backed in real earnest. Warrigal led all the way, and won easily by two lengths. Dividend, £2 11s.

Only the poor field of three contested the Flying Handicap of 80sovs, 6 furlongs, and a regular plunge was made on Loch Ness, 9.2, his opponents being Ua, 7.10, and Leopold's brother Albert, 6.10. Out of a total of £536 in the machine £216 was on Loch Ness. Ua made play as soon as the flag went down, and led Albert a length in the first furlong, Loch Ness lying off. Just before entering the straight Loch Ness made his effort, but the filly was too full of running to be caught, and she won in a canter by three lengths from Mr McKinnon's horse, who was two lengths in front of Albert. Ua was bred by her owner Mr W. Douglas, and is by The Mute out of Waitiri, the mare that finished second to Nelson in two Auckland Cups. Ua's time for the six furlongs was 1min 17 1/2sec, and the dividend was £3 12s.

The Maiden Plate of 40sovs, one mile, brought out a quartette, Tell Tit being a slightly better favourite than Pekapu. This pair made joint running till half the journey had been covered, when Pekapu got her head in front, and never being headed from that point won easily from Ormonde, with Dangar third. The time was 1min 49 3-5sec, and the dividend £2 4s.

The Half-mile Scurry of 10sovs, was won by the favourite Mr A. Sharp's Jack, with Kaha second and Freny third, the other starters being Idiot, Namu, Cynsore, Waggoner, Tam O'Shanter and Esca. Time, 51 3-5sec. Dividend, £2 11s.

Albert was the only scratching for the principal event of the meeting, the Tauranga Stakes Handicap of 200sovs, one mile and a half, leaving the following seven to go to the post:—Loch Ness, Brigand, Scot Free, Pani, Huerfana, Kapua and Zanzibar. Pani and Scot Free carried the bulk of the public's money, Scot Free having a slight call. Zanzibar and Pani made the running together past the stand, with Brigand next, and Loch Ness last. Brigand supplanted Zanzibar as they ran towards the back of the course, and shortly afterwards Kapua went through and assumed command. Huerfana next made her effort, and led into the straight with a clear advantage from Pani. The latter, however, by sheer gameness got up inch by inch, and beat Captain Russell's mare by a neck, with Loch Ness (who came late) third. Pani, who was ridden by Banks, carried 7.9, and being a horse well known in this district for a long time his win was very popular. Huerfana had 7.3 up, and Loch Ness 8.11. The time of the race was 2min 42 1-5sec, and the dividend on Pani £3 7s.

The County Stakes Handicap of 40 sovs, one mile, saw seven assemble at the post, including the Auckland representative The Sharper. It looked a good thing for Pekapu after her win in the Maiden with 10lb more than she had now to carry, and she was made a warm favourite. She and Engakuri were first away, The Sharper hanging at the post. Pekapu, 7.3, indulged Engakuri with the lead for a bit at the back of the course, but when called on at the home turn she came away and won in a canter by three lengths, Zanzibar, 8.9, furnishing second, and Dangar, 6.7, third. Time, 1min 48 2-5sec. Dividend, £1 16s. Pekapu is by Daniel O'Rourke out of Frivolity.

In a field of half a dozen for the Handicap Hack Flat Race of 10sovs, 6 furlongs, Retribution 7.2, Dancing Master 8.12, and Hexham 7.13, were very evenly backed. Retribution took command when half the journey had been negotiated, and won by a couple of lengths from Dancing Master, with Hexham third. Time, 1min 19 4-5sec. Dividend, £3 1s.

£2315 went through the totalisator during the day, which is £1049 less than was handled on the same day's racing last year.

SECOND DAY.—WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11TH.

THE weather for the second day's racing was fine, but the attendance was not very good. The handicaps had attracted but very poor acceptances, which most probably accounts for the small interest in the sport evinced by the public.

For the Stewards' Handicap of 70sovs, seven furlongs, only Ua, 8.6, and Glenora, 6.7, faced the starter. Glenora was allowed to lead on sufferance up to the home turn, where Ua put on steam

and won in a canter. Time, 1min 32 2-5th sec. Dividend, £1 5s.

Again was there a miserable field of two in the Second Hurdle Handicap of 60sovs, two miles—Chester, 11.13, and Herbert, 9.10, inc. 10lb over, being the only runners. Both were well supported in the machine, Chester having 122 supporters and Herbert 93. Though they ran together for a good way, it was evident that Chester could leave his opponent whenever he liked, and he ultimately won in a canter. Time, 4min 18 4-5th sec. Dividend, £1 11s.

There were but three starters for the Hack Hurdle Handicap of 10sovs, one mile, viz., Criminal, Warrigal, and Kahoe-e-Kaha, and Warrigal leading all the way, won in a canter from Criminal. Criminal was a slightly better favourite than Warrigal, who paid £2 12s. dividend. The time was 2min 3 1-5th sec.

Brigand being scratched, only Pani, 8.5, and Huerfana, 7.7, were left to go to the post for the Sunderland Stakes Handicap of 110sovs, one mile and a quarter. Out of £246 on the totalisator, £149 were on Pani and £97 on Huerfana. The pair kept very close company all the way, and they entered the straight with nothing to choose. A slashing race home ended amid great excitement in Huerfana winning by a length. Time, 2min 21 3-5th sec. Dividend, £2 4s. Captain Russell's success was received with great enthusiasm. He bred the mare himself, and she is by Vasco di Gama (imp.) out of Sydney, by Javelin (son of Yattendon) out of Mina Mina, the dam of Rewi.

The Hack Handicap of 10sovs, one mile, was won by Jack, 7.0, with The Joker, 6.12, second, and Retribution, 8.7, third. It was a grand finish, Jack only getting home by a head. Time, 1min 49 1/2sec. Dividend, £3 1s.

The Publicans' Purse Handicap of 70 sovs, one mile, though only producing four starters, furnished a good contest. Huerfana, 7.12, though getting the worst of the start, won by half-a-length from Pani, 8.8, and Avis, 6.10, who ran a dead heat for second place. Kapua was the only other runner. The time was 1min 46sec, and the dividend £2 11s.

The Post Stakes of 10sovs, six furlongs, brought out a field of seven. Bernanzer was made a warm favourite, but didn't get a place, a grand finish between Freeny and Kaha ending in Freeny winning by half-a-length. Tam O'Shanter third. Time, 1min 20 1/2sec. Dividend, £10 15s.

The Forced Handicap of 30sovs, one mile and a distance, which brought the meeting to a tame conclusion, only attracted a couple—Kapua, 8.2, and Pekapu, 7.12, Kapua being favourite. Kapua got to the front just before rounding the home turn, and though Pekapu stuck to him gamely, he won a bit comfortably by two lengths. Time, 2min 5 3-5th sec. Dividend, £1 13s.

£1,707 went through the totalisator, making a total of £4,022 for the whole meeting. This, I am sorry to have to note, is a falling off of £4,773 on last year's total, which means a good bit out of the Club's pocket.

The meeting was well conducted throughout by Mr J. H. Aislabie, and his brother officials, who deserved better fortune than attended them.

## Gisborne Racing Club's Summer Meeting.

(BY WIRE—FROM OWN CORRESPONDENT)

FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, JAN. 17.

THE Gisborne Racing Club's Summer Meeting commenced to-day. The weather was threatening during the morning but it cleared off later on, and the afternoon was fine.

The Gisborne Handicap of 40sovs, one mile, was won by Avis, 8.4, who just got home from Retribution, 6.7, on the post. Dangar, 6.7, was third. The dividend was £1 16s.

The Flying Handicap of 50sovs, six furlongs, was won very comfortably by Ua, 8.7, as was only to be expected after the form she displayed at the Poverty Bay Turf Club's Meeting last week. Playmate, 6.12, was second, and The Sharper, 6.12, third. Again had backers to lay odds-on, Ua only returning £1 16s out of the machine.

The First Hurdle Handicap of 65sovs, two miles, saw Chester, 10.11, again to the fore. He won very easily from Orena, 9.0, and Cloth of Gold, 9.4, was third. The dividend was another odds-on one—£1 7s.

The President's Handicap of 130sovs, one mile and a half, fell to another animal

that had won at the Poverty Bay Turf Club's Meeting, Huerfana, who had 7.5 up. It was a good race. Pani, 7.11, was second, and Kapua, 7.2, third. The time was 2min 41 1/2sec, and the dividend £1 13s.

The Park Stakes Handicap of 50sovs, one mile and a distance, was won by Avis, 7.10, after a splendid finish with Albert, 7.4. Zanzibar, 8.0, was third. The dividend was £1 15s.

The total put through the machines during the day was £2201.

SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18.

THE weather was good, but the attendance not so large as on the previous day. The County Stakes Handicap of 40 sovs., 7 furlongs, was won by Maroon, with Pekapu second and Dangar third. It was a good race. Dividend £4 4s.

In the Stewards' Handicap of 50 sovs., one mile and a distance, Ua was once more in winning form and got home as she liked from Avis and Albert. Dividend £1 8s.

The Second Hurdle Race of 55 sovs. one mile and a quarter, was won easily by Arena, upsetting two better backed ones in Chester and Engakuri. The dividend was £4 1/2s.

The Grandstand Handicap of 80 sovs., one mile and a quarter, went to Pekapu, with Pani and Huerfana in the other places. It was a good finish between first and second. The dividend was the rich one of £4 1 1/2s.

Retribution won the Forced Handicap of 30 sovs., one mile, paying a dividend of £3.

## Ormond Races.

MONDAY, JANUARY 2ND.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

THE Ormond Races, which were held on the New Year's Day holiday, attracted a good attendance, though the weather was inclement in the morning. However, in the afternoon it cleared up. There was some capital racing, and the good sum of £1,140 went through the totalisator. This is £75 more than the Club handled last year.

The Handicap Hurdle Race of 30sovs, one and three-quarter miles, was contested by five horses, with Herbert, 11.0, and Arena, 9.6, very evenly backed. Arena had the race in hand by the time the home turn was reached, and won easily, Warrigal, 9.6, was third. Time, 4min 4 2-5th sec. Dividend, £5 17s.

The Hack Hurdles of 10sovs, one mile, brought out a quintette. Engakuri and Lady Florin divided favouritism, and Lady Florin, 10.7, won by half-a-length from Starlight, 9.0. Engakuri, 10.7, was third, and might have been closer had his rider not lain so far out of his ground in the early part of the race. The time was returned as 2min 19sec, and the dividend was £2 10s.

The Maiden Scurry of 10sovs, four furlongs, went to The Joker, with Waggoner second and Happy Jack third. There were five other starters. The time was 1min 2-5th sec, and the dividend £5 1s.

There was a good field of half-a-dozen for the Flying Handicap of 25sovs, six furlongs. Cairngorm, 8.2, was favourite, with Pekapu, 8.9, next in demand. The start was not a good one, Maroon, 7.6, having the best of it, while Hexham, 6.9, and Koteru, 6.7, were left a long way in the rear. Cairngorm was in front three furlongs from home, and stalling off Pekapu in the straight, he won by a length. He pulled up very lame. Dangar, 6.7, was third. Time, 1min 33 1-5th sec. Dividend, £3 8s.

Engakuri, 10.9, was favourite for the Welter Handicap of 15sovs, one mile, and he won by a length after a good finish with Avis, 12.2, who made a big struggle under his heavy weight. Arena, 10.7, was third. Dividend, £2 15s.

For the Ormond Cup Handicap of 40 sovs, one mile and a-quarter, the following seven came out:—Fitz James 8.6, Pekapu 8.6, Lord Raven 8.0, Maroon 8.0, Herbert 7.9, Hexham 6.12, and Dangar 6.9. Fitz James was favourite, with Pekapu next in demand. Herbert and Hexham made the running, with Pekapu and Dangar next, and Maroon last. The field lay well together till the turn for home, where it was plain that the race lay between Herbert, Dangar, and Pekapu. The latter came with a late run, but could not get up, and Herbert won by a length from Dangar, with Pekapu third. Time, 2min 39 3-5th sec. Dividend, £6 13s.

The Joker, 7.0, beat Ormonde, 8.7, and a field of nine in the Handicap Hack Race of 10sovs, one mile, and the sport