

AUCKLAND R.C. SUMMER MEETING.

CUP DAY ANTICIPATIONS.

[BY "THE JUDGE."]

It seems only the other day that we assembled at Ellerslie to witness Wairiki score a hollow victory in the Cup, but twelve months have elapsed since Mr Bradley's colours triumphed in the great two-mile event, and now racegoers are once again called upon to participate in the great summer carnival of the Auckland Racing Club, the premier event of the world of sport in the North Island. Every city has its partisans, and therefore Melbourneites swear by their Cup week, while Christchurch folk consider their November meeting the best event of the turf year. Having visited nearly every racecourse of note in the colonies I can say with confidence that for genuine enjoyment there is no better gathering than the coming fixture, which, extending as it does over four days, provides sport in plenty under almost ideal conditions. Never has Ellerslie looked better than is the case at present, for although we have had a very wet and unpleasant spring, it has had the effect of making everything fresh and green, the flower beds being quite a sight, while both course and lawn are in the most faultless condition. During the week every steamer and train has added its quota to the number of visitors in Auckland who are visiting the Northern city on pleasure bent, and therefore it is safe to assume that if Monday proves fine the curtain will be rung up on a crowd of mammoth proportions. Mr Percival, the secretary, and his large staff are making adequate arrangements for dealing with the anticipated big rush, and everything should go smoothly. A large number of special trains will be run to the racecourse platform, and particulars of these will be found in our advertising columns. In addition the Electric Tramway Company will have as many cars as possible on the Remuera route, and these should have the effect of relieving the congestion in the traffic.

A look through the list of candidates with a view to ascertaining those whose chances are rosier may be found of interest. Racing will be commenced at noon on Monday with the Trial Handicap, of 100 sovs, seven furlongs. In this there is a nice field of eighteen, with the probability of most facing the starter. Jewellery has top weight, but if she runs like she did in the Spring Handicap which was over the same distance, she will take some beating, even with 9lb more in the saddle. The three who might fill the places are—

WAIPUNA
WAIKATO
THE MIDDY

The Great Northern Foal Stakes, of 500 sovs, six furlongs, is the next event. It hardly appears that we have anything good enough in Auckland to put down Mr Stead's representative. Carl Rosa is probably our best, and a victory for the son of Seaton Delaval would be very popular. There are three bailing from the Yaldhurst stable, these being Sun-god, Noctiform, and Delaware, and whichever is started should win, although not without strong opposition from King Billy. The placings should be—

MR STEAD'S SELECTED
KING BILLY
CARL ROSA

The great event of the day, the Auckland Cup, of 1500 sovs, two miles, next comes on for consideration. Unfortunately there will only be eight starters, even if that number go to the post, and some of these have not shown any form to entitle them to be considered Cup horses. Mahutonga ruled for a long time as favourite, but has now been displaced, although no liberties are taken with his name. He is a good horse, but no champion, or he would never have been beaten by a moderate horse like Grand Rapids in the New Zealand Cup. Many consider he was ridden without judgment in that event or he would have won, but he has been handicapped quite as severely as though he had placed the Southern event to his credit. Melodeon has before now given proof that he can stay the journey out all right, and with a good horseman like F. Davis in the saddle should put up a brave fight. Romeo has quite enough weight to carry, but he is looking in rare buckle, and in Victor Cotton's hands is certain to give a good account of himself. Scotty has many admirers, and it must be noted about this horse that when his party are sweet about his

chance he generally wins. If he can stay it out Scotty has plenty of pace to finish with, but there is that "if" to be considered, and as yet he has not gone so long a journey. A lot of money has gone on Ghoorka during the last few days, there being a big commission in the market from the South. He seems rather a horse of moods, but if it is his day out he will take a lot of beating. Starshoot is certainly the best handicapped horse in the race, but can he stay? He ran badly at Woodville, despite which fact he was supported for a lot of money immediately afterwards. If considered better than Melodeon he should win. Kemp has come up to ride Starshoot, but somehow I prefer the stable mate. Gladstone is very well, but neither his previous form nor his recent track work give the chestnut much chance. It is a long time since Idas won a race, but she is a stayer and might possibly come to light, although I have no great fancy for her. The battle will be among the six at the top of the list, and so even are their merits considered that all will be well backed. The three which appeal to me most are—

ROMEO
MAHUTONGA
MELODEON

After the excitement has cooled down the Grafton Hurdle Race, of 200 sovs, two miles, comes on for consideration. There are nine left in for this, and as Spalpeen is hardly the horse he was the three to catch the judge's eye may be—

UP-TO-DATE
RELLMAN
CATHERINE GORDON

The Railway Handicap, of 400 sovs, six furlongs, is the next item on the bill-of-fare, and this should give rise to a great betting race. Sixteen horses have been accepted for, and nearly all of them have chances. Hohoro at his very best might win, for he is a great finisher. Kremlin has hosts of admirers despite his 7lb penalty. Black and Gold is very fit just now and may be dangerous. Savoury will be a red-hot favourite, but hardly appears to be the absolutely sure thing that many consider him. Boris has been whispered about of late as having more than an outside chance. Avalanche may have to be reckoned with, a good outsider is Lady Annie. To take three to fill the places I will go for—

SAVOURY
KREMLIN
BLACK AND GOLD

Next comes the Nursery Handicap, of 100 sovs, five furlongs. Boomerang has shown himself the superior of the Northern contingent and he should win, but if Carl Rosa is slipped for the event he might be dangerous. Failing him possibly Mr Lusk may place them—

BOOMERANG
LURESOME
APOLOGUE

The Pony Cup, of 150 sovs, seven furlongs, is certain to give rise to a most spirited battle for all the cracks are engaged. Sonoma has not been herself of late and may not start. Forth if really well would be very dangerous. Fashionable is in great heart and ought to just about win. To place them the positions may go to—

FASHIONABLE
ORANGE AND BLUE
LUCRECE

The concluding event on Monday is the Christmas Handicap, of 150 sovs, one mile. Several are entered for this whose names appear in other races, and it is difficult to say which will start. If they go to the post the three I like best are—

SIGNALMAN
DELANIA
THE MIDDY

The following are the acceptances:—

TRIAL HANDICAP OF 100 SOVS; SEVEN FURLONGS.			
	at lb		at lb
Jewellery	9 0	Tahora	7 0
Delania	8 0	Pearl Necklet	7 0
Waikato	7 0	Mechanic	7 0
Waipuna	7 12	Woodfield	6 11
Numa	7 11	Janeth	6 9
Swagsman	7 9	Mauku	6 9
Austerlitz	7 8	Cuiragoo	6 9
Crichton	7 5	Lovelink	6 7
The Middy	7 3	Muthema	6 7
Golden Sands	7 2		

GRAFTON NORTHERN FOAL STAKES OF 500 SOVS; SIX FURLONGS.			
Mr E. W. Alison's br c Foremost, by Phoebus Apollo—Forme			
Mr S. Bradley's b c, by Soult—Lady Musket			
Messrs R. and R. Duder's br c Devonport, by Soult—Anna			
Mr J. A. Harding's b f, by Phoebus Apollo—Field Rose			
Mr A. Lennard's b c Carl Rosa, by Seaton Delaval—Vieux Rose			
Mr J. D. Manson's b c, by Stepiak—Ranee Nuna			
Mr D. O'Brien's br c Multifid, by Multifid—Heriot			
Mr J. P. Sinclair's br c, by Hotechias—Mantle			
Mr G. G. Stead's b c Sungod, by Multifid—Otterden			
Mr G. G. Stead's br c Noctiform, by Multifid—La Nette			
Mr G. G. Stead's br c Delaware, by Seaton Delaval—Stepfield			
Mr E. J. Watt's br c King Billy, by Merrivue—Indian Queen			

AUCKLAND CUP OF 1,500 SOVS; TWO MILES.			
	at lb		at lb
Mahutonga	9 12	Ghoorka	7 9
Melodeon	8 8	Starshoot	7 8
Romeo	8 7	Gladstone	7 6
Scotty	8 3	Idas	7 8

GRAFTON HURDLE RACE HANDICAP OF 200 SOVS; TWO MILES.			
	at lb		at lb
Up-to-Date	11 10	Pharos	9 8
Spalpeen	11 3	Loch Lomond	9 5
Bellman	11 0	Irish	9 0
Catherine Gordon	10 9	Welicast	9 0
Ranana	10 3		

RAILWAY HANDICAP OF 400 SOVS; SIX FURLONGS.			
	at lb		at lb
Hohoro	9 9	Avalanche including 3lb penalty	7 11
Kremlin, includ. 7lb penalty	8 12	Ausa	7 10
Marshal Fout	8 7	Lady Annie	7 9
Black and Gold, incl. 3lb penalty	8 6	Numa	7 8
Savoury	8 6	Strathavon	7 5
Boris	8 4	To-morrow	7 5
Golden Vein, includ. 7lb penalty	8 0	Seabird	6 12
		Beau Seaton	6 10
		Crichton	6 9

NURSERY HANDICAP OF 100 SOVS; FIVE FURLONGS.			
	at lb		at lb
Boomerang	9 8	Czarevna	7 8
Carl Rosa	8 11	Hiro	7 8
Hauraki	7 12	Anette	7 6
Apologue	7 12	Dardanus	7 5
Master Delaval	7 10	Merry Delaval	7 0
Horsa	7 9	Silby	6 10
Luresome	7 8		

PONY CUP HANDICAP OF 150 SOVS; SEVEN FURLONGS.			
	at lb		at lb
Sonoma	9 12	Whawaii	7 7
Forth	8 8	Sally Horner	7 5
Fashionable	8 8	Miss Cuirassier	7 4
Orange and Blue	8 7	Gladys Rose	7 3
Manoeuvre	8 0	Sentinel	7 2
Reduction	7 12	Lady Lottie	7 0
Lucrece	7 8	Lucy Godfrey	6 10

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP OF 150 SOVS; ONE MILE.			
	at lb		at lb
Signalman	8 12	Heroism	7 8
Waikato	7 12	Bowman	7 2
Waipuna	7 11	The Middy	6 12
The Needle	7 9	Seabird	6 11
Numa	7 8	Idasa	6 10
Swagsman	7 6	Kilpeth	6 7

TRAINING NOTES.

ELLERSLIE.

THURSDAY.

Noteorini on the sand slipped over six furlongs in 1min 18½sec.

Lady Annie did a similar task in one second less.

To-morrow and Golden Vein galloped six furlongs on the tan, finishing together in 1min 17½sec.

Girton Girl had a credit of 1min 18½sec for six furlongs on the sand.

Woodfield beat Lady Hunc in a six furlongs' flutter in 1min 17 1-5sec.

Signalman pipped Quarryman over a mile on the tan in 1min 44sec, this being one of the best gallops of the morning.

Austerlitz ran 1min 5sec for five furlongs on the sand track.

Numa got away from General Average at the finish of a seven furlong flutter in 1min 35 1-5sec on the sand.

Solitary galloped down the six furlongs on the sand in 1min 20 4-5sec.

Vivandel and Pearl Necklet did the same task in 1min 21sec.

Romeo held Mahutonga in a strong run once round in 2min 8sec on the sand track.

Avalanche ran six furlongs by herself, the last five in 1min 4½sec.

Waipuna and Escape left one and a quarter miles behind them in 2min 13 1-5sec.

The Middy fluttered over six furlongs on the tan in 1min 17sec.

The Needle and Strathavon finished in this order over the mile course on the tan in 1min 42½sec.

Hohoro and Mechanic were again mates for a striding five furlongs' gallop on the sand in 1min 4 4-5sec, finishing together.

Muthema gave Stibington a drubbing over seven furlongs in 1min 31 1-5sec on the grass.

Alba Rose alone got to the end of four furlongs in 52 2-5sec on the sand track.

Fashionable ran a mile on the sand in 1min 49sec from a standing start, completely outpacing Bonomiana.

Anchorite, who is on the improve, beat Wheturere for six furlongs on the grass in 1min 16sec.

Lovelink settled the pretensions of two others over seven furlongs in 1min 33sec.

There was also a lot of useful work done after breakfast by Idas, King Paul, Mauku, Sonoma, Foremost, Golden Sands, Ben Blair, Sergius, Luresome, and others.

SATURDAY.

On Saturday morning the course proper being open nearly all the work was done there. The course was in splendid order after the recent showers.

Woodfield was again the first to show out, and did a nice striding gallop on the tan, going five furlongs in 1min 7sec.

King Paul and Mauku ran a mile, the last seven furlongs in 1min 38 2-5sec.

Lady Annie had a credit of 1min 6½sec for five furlongs.

Signalman and Quarryman, in company left one and a-quarter miles behind in 2min 23sec; the former had the best of the bout.

Girton Girl alone skipped over seven furlongs, moving nicely.

Idas, with Nuna to assist in the last part of the journey, left a mile and a-half behind in 2min 52 3-5sec.

Delania ran a circuit with Dunmore in 2min 7½sec.

Apologue and Kilderkin sprinted four furlongs in 54sec, the former in front.

Solitary, with weight up, took 1min 12sec to finish five furlongs.

Golden Sands got seven furlongs in 1min 37sec.

The Middy proved too fast for Noteorini for six furlongs in 1min 23sec.

Pearl Necklet took 1min 38 4-5sec for seven furlongs.

To-morrow did the best six furlongs of the morning, running it in 1min 20sec.

Ben Blair had a four furlongs' dash in 54 3-5sec.

Needlework and Waipuna ran a mile, the last seven furlongs in 1min 39 3-5sec.

Vivandel and Glenrose ran seven furlongs at top, finishing together.

Desdemona and Lady Hunc kept company for six furlongs in 1min 23sec.

The touts, who were perceptibly tiring, had fresh life infused into them by the appearance of four Cup candidates, these being Romeo (V. Cotton), Scotty (M. Ryan), Mahutonga (J. Buchanan), and Gladstone (Pinker). They finished in this order for one and a-half miles. The former covered the most ground, and the latter was beaten off in 2min 50 3-5sec.

Avalanche, on the tan, sprinted six furlongs in 1min 16½sec.

Crichton easily beat Ailsa over the same track in 1min 17½sec.

Putty, who shows signs of improving, easily disposed of Geologist for eight furlongs in 1min 51 1-5sec.

Soultfish galloped a mile in 1min 52½sec. San Souci assisted the last four furlongs.

Lovelink sprinted four furlongs in 59½sec. Peter Simple, who was to have taken part in the gallop, got rid of his rider and galloped alone.

Alba Rose alone galloped four furlongs (M. Ryan in the saddle) in 54 4-5sec.

Bonomiana left a mile behind in 1min 55sec.

Muthema was much too fleet for Stibington in a five furlongs' flutter.

Irish had a small margin in his favour in a circle with Spalpeen in 2min 12sec; the latter makes a noise.

After breakfast Manoeuvre beat Inspiration in a rough up over six furlongs in 1min 22 3-5sec.

Jewellery sprinted alone for seven furlongs.

Carl Rosa and San Paulo skipped over four furlongs with little between them in 54 4-5sec.

Sally Horner and two others galloped down seven furlongs in 1min 37 3-5sec; Sally Horner held the pair.

Hohoro and Mechanic ran six furlongs in 1min 23sec; the latter, who got a break, led throughout.

Orange and Blue put up a most taking six furlongs in 1min 21½sec. Air Gun, who assisted, was no use to Wairiki's sister.

Anchorite and Wheturere worked in company.

Sir Gilead and Revealer did likewise.

Ambition, Albuera, and Native Rose jumped the schooling battens.

TUESDAY.

On Tuesday morning the course proper was again thrown open and trainers took advantage to utilise that track; although there was a good shower it did not interfere with training operations.

Crichton had Woodfield tied in a knot over six furlongs in 1min 16sec on the grass.

Lady Annie strode over six furlongs on the course proper in 1min 24 4-5sec.

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Mr W. M. Pritchard, of 47, Victoria Street, Auckland, has patented an invention which should prove invaluable to engineers, or indeed to any men whose duties bring them in contact with fire or excessive heat. It takes the form of an indestructible, watertight, heat-resisting boot, having a layer of specially prepared waterproof cloth asbestos between the inner and outer soles. This prevents the heat penetrating through to the feet, a boon which will perhaps be best realised by those who have to work on iron decks in hot weather. As the cost is very little in excess of that of an ordinary boot, Mr Pritchard should have a big sale of these boots.