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The Oaks Stakes attracted a much larger field than usual, six fillies facing the barrier. Nothing had a chance with Isolt, who, after Petticoat had piloted the field for six furlongs, went to the front, and won in an easy canter by six lengths from Vardo, who was three lengths in front of Tsikihar, with Carevna fourth, Marguerite fifth, and Petticoat a bad last.

The next two races—the Ashby Handicap and Electric Plate—were run in very heavy going. In the former event, six furlongs, Pas Seul was sent out favourite in a field of ten. After running in front for two furlongs Ingleneuk lost her rider. Berisina was leading at the distance post, prominent of the others being Zetland, Pas Seul, Ailsa, and To-morrow. A little further on Medallist put in a strong run, and gradually wearing down the leaders, beat Berisina by half a length, Zetland being a similar distance away third. To-morrow was fourth and Pas Seul fifth.

The Electric Plate was the medium for some spirited betting. Cuneiform had a slight call over Machine Gun when the numbers went up. Glenowlet hopped away smartly, and came on to the course proper well clear of Cuneiform and Machine Gun. At the distance Cuneiform drew alongside Glenowlet, and quickly settling her, drew away and won fairly easily by a length from Machine Gun, who was half a length in front of Glenowlet, with Master Alix fourth, Chivalry fifth, and Volodia last.

#### CONCLUDING DAY.

Racing on the fourth day was conducted on soft going, while climatic conditions interfered greatly with the enjoyment of the spectators who braved the elements and journeyed to Riccarton. It was indeed a bad winding up to what at the outset promised to be a highly successful gathering. The favourites prevailed in three (the Cressy Welter, Jubilee Cup, and Pioneer Handicap) out of eight events, but on the whole backers had a rough time, and bore a gloomy aspect at the conclusion of the racing.

Proceedings commenced with the Port Cooper Hurdles, a strong favourite being made of Tupara, while Scottish Minstrel in the soft going was considered to have a chance second only to the son of Hotchkiss. This pair never had a chance when it came to racing in the last half mile. At this stage Narcissus and Catherine Gordon were in front, but once in line for home the top weight, The Mohican, despite his steadier of 11.13, soon overhauled the leaders and won comfortably by three lengths from a rank outsider in Wi Waka, who defeated Narcissus by a similar distance for second place.

The Cressy Welter attracted a field of twelve starters, the public at once sorting out the Soult filly Pas Seul (Hewitt) as a really good thing. The start proved disastrous to Golden Vein and Carevna, both of whom got badly away. Lee Enfield began quickly, and he led round the turn from Mango and Vardo. At the turn for home Cross Battery was in the lead, and a little later Mango and Vardo retired beaten. Pas Seul came through from the distance, and quickly settling Cross Battery, won cleverly by a long neck. Baggipses was close up third, and Makaroff fourth.

The Members' Handicap brought out a fine field of fourteen horses, including several who raced in the Stewards' Handicap. Sir G. Clifford's pair, Quarryman and Chryseis, were installed favourites; the Yorkshire filly Eden, who ran badly on the second day, receiving more support than the others. At the start Vladimir, as usual, gave a lot of trouble, but when the barrier went up he was fairly under way and making the pace a merry one to the half-mile post. Quarryman was his nearest attendant, and then came Alexis and Master Alix. At the distance Quarryman, and Vladimir were together, but Solution coming through with a brilliant run, soon overhauled them and won a splendid race by two lengths from Master Alix. Vladimir was third a length away, followed by Quarryman and Orliff.

The Pioneer Cup was contested by 13 two-year-olds, of whom Kirriemuir was considered the pick. Zimmerman played up at the post, and eventually got badly away. The race was an easy one for Kirriemuir, who, after being with the front division for a couple of furlongs, drew away and won easily by three lengths from Stars and Stripes. Field Gun was third just in front of Gallantry.

The Jubilee Cup proved an easy thing for Isolt, who won easily by three lengths. A great race for second place took place between Mahutonga and Signalman, the judge being unable to separate the pair. Machine Gun was the only other starter.

The Randolph Handicap saw a North Island sportsman, the Hon. J. D. Ormond's, colt Sir Tristram gain a popular

win from Beresina, who tired badly over the last two furlongs. Chivalry, who found the heavy going too much for him, was third, just in front of Ballarat.

The Fendalton Handicap is generally recognised by backers as the recovery stakes, but it invariably proves disastrous to them. This year's race proved no exception to the rule, a rank outsider in a field of fourteen winning from the favourite. The winner, Makaroff, a three-year-old colt by Stepniak—Arlene, had run well on the first and third days, but in the Cressy Welter on the fourth day he could only get fourth in a field not by any means as strong as in the Fendalton Handicap. Makaroff is, however, a smart colt, and he won the Fendalton Handicap, coming at the right end and defeating Gay Spark by a length, Lyrst being third two lengths away just clear of Stepdancer and Blythemaids.

#### WAVERLEY-WAITOTARA MEETING

The Waverley-Waitotara Racing Club's annual hack fixture eventuated on Thursday under most unfavourable climatic conditions, but notwithstanding the attendance was up to the usual good standard, and no doubt had the weather been more inviting there would have been a record attendance. Speculation was very brisk, the sum of £5266 being handled by Messrs. Naylor and Spriggins in their customary efficient style, which is an increase of £340 on last year's amount. The fields were large, and Mr. Chavannes got them away punctually and effected some excellent starts. The racing was interesting and exciting throughout, and the splendid finishes only go to add further proof of the splendid work done by Mr. G. Morse in the capacity of handicapper. The officials all worked hard, both individually and collectively, and the success attained is in a great measure due to their efforts and those ably put forth by the popular and painstaking secretary, Mr. A. E. Mathieson, and his assistant, Mr. E. Symes. Jackson and O'Brien each rode two winners, and Barlow, McNamara, Matthews, and Murtagh one each.

Racing commenced with the Hurdle Handicap, Weary Bill being favourite, while Throstle and Land o' Cakes were also well backed. After a fine race, in which Westward looked like bringing off a surprise until he struck a hurdle severely, the favourite won easily from Cassiopea and Iseult, the latter making a good showing in her initial attempt at the illegitimate game.

Compass was installed favourite for the Flying Handicap, but never once did he flatter the hopes of his supporters, the winner turning up in the well-bred Lualla, who was also well backed, while The Clipper gained second berth.

Eleven went to the post for the Morton Memorial Maiden, Gienuilin being a hot favourite, Ebb Tide also having a large following; but after a semblance of a struggle the son of Lochiel—Constance won easily from Gleam, who put in a fine run from the home turn and finished like a racehorse.

Interest was next centred in the Cup, half-a-dozen arriving at the barrier, Starina being made a slightly better favourite than Aureole and Immolation, and the son of Daystar fully justified the confidence reposed in him by winning nicely at the finish. Had St. Cyress been ridden with anything like judgment he may have gone to gaining a situation.

The Prince of Wales' Handicap enticed eight competitors out, Recreation, Present, Lualla, and Claremont being all well supported. This proved a great race, and after a most exciting finish the son of St. Cyr, Claremont, won by a head from the outsider, Star Rose, with Showman a similar distance away third.

The large field of nineteen faced the starter for the four furlongs flutter, the Wilson Stakes, such speedy customers as Captain Shannon, Truce, Jean, Cyrene, Snap, Tambourina, Federation, and Sedgmoor being amongst the starters. Captain Shannon jumped away with the lead and was never troubled, winning by a couple of lengths from Tambourina, who paid £10 18s for second place.

Gienuilin was the popular selection for the Momohaki Stakes, Starina, Aureole, and Immolation also finding numerous admirers. The favourite, however, came away in the straight and won easily from Starina, who ran a good, honest race.

Eleven weighed out for the final event, the Jackson Memorial Stakes, Captain Shannon, Truce, and Jean being heavily backed, and the former put in a splendid run in the straight and cut down the speedy Tambourina, who got a big break at the barrier, while Sporting Queen, who ran well, was close up third. Amongst the unplaced division was Jean, Truce, Moreshot, Bagatelle, and Swop. With the finish of this event the curtain was once more rung down on the most successful gathering yet held under the auspices of our popular country friends.

## INTER PROVINCIAL.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

### OTAGO.

DUNEDIN, November 15.

The Dunedin horses which were raced at Riccarton did not bring much grit to the mill, and their followers were not on pleasant terms with themselves at the conclusion of the meeting. The form of Vladimir, although not good enough to return him a winner, was full of merit, and under better track conditions he would have been more dangerous in his races.

Mr. S. Nettlefold has purchased the Stepniak—Ambush filly Beresina from Mr. G. G. Stead. The filly goes into D. J. Prince's stable.

Golden Knight, the disappointing son of Wallace and Aura, is to be thrown out of training, and will probably be used on a few mares. When he scored in the Maiden Plate last season the son of Aura ran a particularly brilliant mile, but he appears to have developed too much sense to make a good racehorse.

Vladimir was stood behind his field when at the post for the Members' Handicap, but when the barrier rose he got away to a moving start, and after getting out in front it looked odds on him staying there. Quarryman, however, quickly got to him, and after the pair had disputed the lead until close to home the pace told, and Solution and Master Alix gave them the go by.

Zetland, the son of Obligado and Lady Zetland, who possessed a rare turn of speed as a three-year-old, was amongst the runners at Riccarton last week after a year's absence from the scene. He looked bright and healthy, and as he gave a glimpse of his old form he should be heard of again as a winner.

J. McComb's evil star has evidently been in the ascendant lately, as he did not score a win at Riccarton, but there's comfort in the reflection that a bad horse can be taken to the track, but a regiment of jockeys cannot make some of them win there.

The two-year-old sister to Vladimir did not run as well at the Cup meeting as what might have been expected from her track and public form at Wingatui. She was, however, running prominently in her race on the last day, when she was chopped out and had her chance spoiled.

Prig's form at Riccarton was very disappointing to those who had seen his form at Lyndon, Oamaru, and Gore. At the last-named place, extravagant as the statement may seem, he was apparently the equal of Vladimir over a mile, but whereas the latter improved the former must have gone right off to be only capable of the indifferent form he displayed at the Cup meeting.

Ailsa will not return to Wingatui after the New Zealand Cup meeting, but goes into Prosser's stable at Wellington. The Wallace filly could be ill spared from our list, as we have not too many horses in training at headquarters.

It is rumoured that Bulawayo may go into a Riccarton trainer's stable to be prepared for future engagements.

The number of fines which were imposed on bookmakers for trespass at Riccarton during the National could easily be construed into an invitation for them to stop away from the Cup meeting, but they were there just the same, albeit somewhat subdued in their demeanour. The writer questioned one or two as to whether they had been warned off, but the reply was in the negative, so it is probable that the club have decided not to continue their hard policy towards the metalicians.

Hewitt has been condemned for his handling of Noctuniform in the Cup, but it was probably through riding to orders that caused him to get into the bad position in which he got when rounding

Cutts' corner. His mount was going very strongly when running past the stand, and it would have been a much better policy to let the colt stride along in front of his field. It is noteworthy that Hewitt nearly lost this year's Cup where he stole a march and won last year's race on Grand Rapids. When on the Gipsy Grand gelding Hewitt put in a break just as he dashed round Cutts' corner, and the bit of ground won there was not to be despised at the finish. Hewitt was, it will be remembered, castigated for losing the Wanganui Cup on Orloff, who was beaten by a narrow margin by old Mars, and then again when Ilex beat Cruciform at Randwick.

### TARANAKI

NEW PLYMOUTH, November 14.

The annual meeting of the Waverley-Waitotara Club was held on November 9, and, as usual, attracted a large attendance from New Plymouth and Waitara on the north to well beyond Wanganui, on the south. A sum of £5266 was machined by Messrs. Neylon and Spriggins in an expeditious manner, being £340 more than last year.

Mr. J. Chadwick has notified the Taranaki Club that, owing to being appointed temporary handicapper at Auckland, he will be unable to attend the Taranaki Christmas meeting.

Had Paritutu won the N.Z. Cup his connections would have made a good win, as a good deal of money was taken about the Castor gelding's chance. It was hard luck for Jervey George to meet such a crack colt as the winner.

### WELLINGTON

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The Taratahi-Carterton annual race meeting is usually a favourite outing for local followers of racing. The elements, however, are exceedingly unkind to the Wairarapa officials, and for the third year in succession the races have been conducted in inclement weather. This year was, if anything, worse than its predecessors, and the course and enclosures was ankle deep in slush. There was a goodly attendance, and speculation was brisk under the circumstances.

Several Wellington-owned horses took part in the events on the programme, but only one stake fell to a local owner, Hatley, by Saracen—Makura, annexing the Grandstand Welter Handicap from a moderate field. Hydrant made a good bid for the principal event, but he is only a "little 'un," and his weight and the heavy going hampered him, the ex-hack Kuroki (a fine cut of a gelding) scoring an easy victory, while The Workman mare Fancywork ran a good third. Clanburn, a horse recently purchased by Mr. W. Smart, owner of Shrapnel Shell, ran in the Cup race, but was never prominent, and finished sixth. The Horowhenui gelding Rapids also ran badly.

Gavain, the property of a popular steward of the Masterton Racing Club, had no trouble in capturing a couple of sprint events. The same owner's mare Dulcinea, by Bonnie Scotland—Minnie Palmer, also won a double. There was, however, not much merit in their wins, as class was but poorly represented at the meeting, Jeanne d'Arc and Jolly Friar being withdrawn owing to the heavy state of the course. Tekarawa, by Merrie England, was another double winner. This horse was laid aside 18 months ago owing to some ailment, but he is rapidly getting into form, and gave a couple of good displays at the Taratahi meeting. His owner, "Mr. Seton," is a plucky bettor, and no doubt the S.P. men would get a bit of a knock over Tekarawa's victories.

The C.J.C. carnival has again come and gone, and one of the most remarkable features in connection with the meeting has been the success of horses from the stables of Mr. G. G. Stead and Sir Geo. Clifford. The former, in addition to winning the New Zealand Cup, Jubilee Cup, and Electric Plate, the last-named five events being classic and weight-for-age races. Sir Geo. Clifford's victories were the Epsom Welter Handicap, Metropolitan Handicap, Spring Nursery Handicap, Jockey Club Handicap, Pioneer Handicap, and Juvenile Plate, special weights. Each sportsman thus won half-a-dozen events, but where's only one handicap (the New Zealand Cup) fell to Mr. Stead, no less than five of the richest handicaps were won by Sir Geo. Clifford's representatives.

Representatives from the Porirua stable were singularly unfortunate, inasmuch as not a horse trained in the stable succeeded in running into a place during the meeting. Followers of the stable were fairly sanguine that a race or two would come their way, as when the team were shipped South they were said to be all in the very best of health. Prosser's luck, however, seemed to be clean out.

The Hon. J. D. Ormond gained a couple of well-deserved wins with Medallist and Sir Tristram, whom Stewart Waddell had in capital form. Zimmer-

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MR. J. C. MACKY, Chairman.

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