

AFTER THE RACES.

TE AROHA J.C. MEETING.

The Te Aroha J.C. annual fixture took place on Friday and Saturday last, and in every way proved a complete success. Good fields and some very pretty finishes were witnessed, and the club also came out on the right side, the first time for many years. Mr. M. O'Meagher was quite at home with the flag, and made some beautiful starts. Mr. F. W. Edwards also came in for a lot of praise for his handicaps, especially for the second day's events. Some owners thought that their horses were harshly treated, but subsequently admitted that they were wrong in their estimate and the handicapper was right.

Racing started with the Maiden Plate, and punters made no mistake in selecting Kola Nip as the right pea, as the son of Soult—Helen McGregor, after lying in a good position, won easily at the finish, Stepney and Lady Clements filling the places from six others.

Five was the main in the Hurdle Race, and the public quickly pounced upon Sol as the good thing, and did not err in their judgment, as with 9st 5lb in the saddle he never left the issue in doubt. Mr. Wynne Brown's Pierre was second, and Roseplot third. The winner is closely related to Waiuku, and is full brother to Sandy. Te Papa was fourth, while Whakahihi fell in the early stages of the race.

The Jockey Club Handicap brought out the nice field of eight runners, and King Paul, after his recent Ellerslie form, was sorted out as the good thing, with Kola Nip and Le Beau pretty even in the betting. Kola Nip, nicely handled by Ben Deeley, had a good position right through the race, and won fairly easily from King Paul and Agrapus. The going did not seem to suit Le Beau, who only started in this race at the meeting.

The Domain Handicap came next, and the consistent Lucrece made no race, bolting in (pulling up) by a dozen lengths. Lady Clements and Agrapus filled the places. Four others started.

Haeremai accounted for the Hack Race, which had the biggest field of the day, no less than a dozen facing the flag. Bromide was made favourite, but had rather a bad passage, and ran unplaced. This horse will see a better day. Fortification and Frankton filling the places. A few years ago Hairylegs, trained by a flax hand, pulled this event off, and paid a hatful for half a sovereign, only one ticket being on the machine.

The Flying was a close shave, the winner, Desdemona, just lasting long enough to win on the post from Lucrece by a head. This little mare carried a 10lb penalty. Lucrece for some unaccountable reason went back from 2 to 1 with the bookmakers to 20 to 1 on offer. Probeida ran rather green, and Fieramosca coming very fast with a late run, finished up close to the leaders.

Although a lot of rain fell during the night the course was in fair order. The roller was kept going, which made the going good for Saturday's racing. The weather was lovely for the second day's racing, and the sports rolled up in goodly numbers from the surrounding districts. The excursion train from Paeroa, Waihi, and Thames also brought a good crowd in time for the first race. There were quite a number of surprises in the different events, and most of the first favourites got badly beaten. Soultfish, who has not won a race for a considerable time, got away with a good break in the Cup, and was never afterwards headed. Twenty to 1 was freely on offer about the winner, who was steered by the diminutive Willie Chaaffe, and the same jockey got Lady Clements home in the Publicans' Purse.

The ball opened with the Tourists' Plate, and a ding-dong finish resulted between Fieramosca, Probeida and Lady Clements in this order, the winner getting up in the last few strides. Sergius finished last. Sol, an even-money chance, shot out fifty yards from home, and defeated Roseplot by a length, making his fourth consecutive win, but on going to scale the winner could not draw the weight. The stewards held a meeting, and after a long delay of nearly an hour and a-half they decided not to disturb the judge's placing. After a good deal of growling by the backers of Roseplot, the racing was continued with the principal event of the meeting, the Cup, for which Kola Nip was made a strong favourite, King Paul being next in demand, and the pencilers were crying out 20 to 1 bar two. The winner, Soultfish, had a good many supporters at this lavish price, as he only suffered a head defeat last year in the same race (won by Maro). The race needs little description, as the winner was never headed, King Paul second, and the favourite beaten off by 50 yards. Three others started.

Solitary was jumped up 27lb, and won much easier than she did the first day. The punters selected Stepney as the good thing after his second to Kola Nip in the Maiden Plate, but the handsome son of Stepniak does not like being asked too many searching questions, and finished anyhow, while the two others were beaten off. The Publicans' Purse had six starters, and Probeida carried most of the money. The placed division came with a rattle on the post, and the favourite swerving under the judge's box was placed third, although most people thought he had just got there. The judge, Mr. T. Gavin, placed Lady Clements and Fieramosca both before the favourite, and there was a lot of dissatisfaction about the decision.

Frankton, owned by Mr. Wallace, the popular Thames boniface, scored in the Hack Race, with Freehold and Fabannie second and third. Four others also ran.

All the top weights were pulled out of the Walter Handicap. Lucrece was handicapped at 3st 12lb more than the first day. Franklin made a runaway race of the closing event, and carried the public confidence and cash. The race as never in doubt, while Soultfish, with V. Cotton up, ran second. Three others started.

INTER PROVINCIAL

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

CANTERBURY.

CHRISTCHURCH, November 22.

Nocturnal, the winner of two Derbies and two Cups, has been shipped to England. This brilliant colt's doings on the English turf will be watched with keen interest by sportsmen throughout New Zealand and Australia. Let's hope he will have more success than his sire in the Old World.

Ailsa, the highly-bred but disappointing mare by Wallace from Faraway, is one of the fancied candidates for the Auckland Railway Handicap. Ailsa will need to improve considerably on her running at the Cup meeting to have any chance against the Auckland sprinters.

With the conclusion of the Cup meeting, things at Riccarton have quietened down a lot, but there is plenty to interest owners and trainers, the South Canterbury and Christchurch meetings being close at hand.

I am given to understand that Sir G. Clifford's stable will be strongly represented at the Auckland Summer Meeting. Cutts is working Quarryman, Tomorrow, Gay Spark, Clanchattan, Kirremuir, Golden Cairn right-handed, which points to their being entered for the Auckland campaign.

Harry Cutts will take Golden Vein and Stronghold to Feilding, where they have not escaped the handicapper's eye. To my mind both horses have received their full share of weight, but both being in splendid fettle they may credit their owner with a win.

T. H. Lowry's hurdle racer Comfort was sent home last week. This horse met with an accident while out schooling just before the Cup meeting, and he was not able to fulfil any of his engagements. The accident has also prevented the horse from taking part in the steeplechase at the Auckland Cup meeting.

Mahutonga has been having a rest since the Cup meeting at Riccarton, but was sent home on Saturday. The son of Quilt received a kick at the post at the New Zealand Cup, but is now all right again, and he should be quite ready to take his part in the Auckland Cup next month.

Talking of the Auckland Cup reminds me of the weights for that race. On their form at Riccarton Mahutonga, Quarryman, and Paritutu have each got a winning chance, but of the tiro I prefer Quarryman, who will probably come on a great deal more than the other pair between now and Cup day. Quarryman is a horse who can carry weight, and there is every chance of him being seen at his best a month hence. Gladstone is considered to be one of the best handicapped horses in the race, and if he can produce the form he showed a year ago he ought to beat all the top weight division. Scotty is also nicely weighted, while of the light-weight division Lyrst is probably the best. On the weights I take Gladstone and Quarryman to supply the winner.

In the Railway Handicap Lady Annie appears to me to be the pick of the handicap.

The South Canterbury Jockey Club's Spring Meeting will take place this week. The following are my selections for the first day:—Summer Handicap, Czarevna; Timaru Handicap, Crichton; Hack Race, Czarevna; President's Welter, Alexis and Ouidaform; Washdyke Trot, Alice, Palm; Waitaki Handicap, Bombastes; Flying Handicap, Zetland and Canticle.

Golden Knight and Blythemaid have been thrown out of work.

Convoy, who ran in the Members' Handicap at the C.J.C. Meeting and finished last, is reported to have improved a lot, and will be given a run at the Timaru meeting this week.

Two Otago horses, Crichton and Brighton, both failed badly in their various engagements at Riccarton, but neither can possibly have lost the form they showed at Dunedin. Crichton appears to possess an excellent chance of winning the Timaru Handicap.

Markroff, the three-year-old colt by Stepniak—Arlene, who won the Avon Welter and the Fendalton Handicap, came at the business end of both races, giving one the impression that he is likely to develop into a stayer, and we will probably find him contesting longer distance races in future.

The Christchurch Racing Club has received capital entries for its meeting on December 9 and 16. Machine Gun, Bulwago, Calibre, Tirole, Makarofi, Ability, Lady Wayward, Stepdancer, Bagpipes, Hilarity, Petrovna, Chivalry, Pas Seul and The Mohican represent well-known performers in the principal handicaps. On each day the two-year-old races have filled remarkably well, there being fifteen in the Nursery Handicap and fourteen in the Kindergarten Handicap.

OTAGO.

DUNEDIN, November 22.

Another addition to our already long list of clubs came into existence on Friday last, when the Strath Taieri Hack Club held its initial meeting. There was a fairly good attendance present, and an interesting day's sport was provided by the various items on the card. The form displayed was in several cases of a highly suspicious nature, but still not strong enough to meet with official displeasure. The fielders present, however, had a fairly good day, but principally because there is still some truth in the old saying that the best-laid plans often get upset, or Scotch words to that effect.

The Tahuna Park Trotting Club have decided not to license bookmakers to bet at their spring meeting. The club have licensed fielders for the past two or three seasons, and have held successful meetings. Some owners will, however, be pleased that the metallicians are to be barred, as the latter, when failing to get against a horse which should carry money but doesn't, never hesitate to proclaim prices and caustic remarks about non-triers, etc.

The Lake County Jockey Club, which has been hovering on the brink of dissolution for several years, has issued a programme for this season's meeting, at which 390sovs will be given away in stakes. The club has amalgamated with the Aroow Jockey Club, and will race on the latter's track.

The Tahuna Park Trotting Club will commence their spring meeting on Saturday. Since last season considerable improvements have been made to the club's track, and the racing should be more interesting than what was formerly the case.

St. Ouida, the daughter of St. Clair and Ouida, has foaled a colt to Multi-form, and visits him again.

Amongst the starters at the initial Strath Taieri Hack Meeting was a three-year-old named Curiosity, who is identical with the Cuirassow—Adulation colt bred by R. Derrett in 1902, and sold as a yearling at something in the neighbourhood of £100. Curiosity has developed into a good-looking sort of horse, but was unable to display his real prowess as a racer owing to being rather backward in condition. He has also a suspicious-looking hock, which hampers efforts to get him up to concert pitch.

Way back in the first of the nineties, Southern racegoers will remember a good-looking sort of a black colt named Wayland, who raced in the colours of Mr. J. Brett. Wayland was got by Le Loup out of Remnant, a half-sister to Calumny, Slander, Gossip, and Tres Dence, the dam of Manton, but the son of Remnant would only show good work in patches, and never acted up to his private reputation. He won several races, but his best form was probably established in the Wanganui Derby, won by Queen of Trumps. The classic event was also contested by Kapo, who ran second, and Thackeray, the speedy but erratic son of Becky Sharp, who finished behind Wayland, whose position at the end is recorded as a bad third. Wayland's name cropped up last week when the writer was looking over the field which was being got ready to run in a Maiden Plate at the Central Taieri meeting. Amongst the horses was a ponified black whom inquiry elicited was a Wayland, and running under the name of Centurion. This is the only instance in which the writer has come across any of Wayland's stock appearing successfully where their sire so often failed.

Owners not infrequently complain about the smallness of the stakes attached to the Dunedin Jockey Club's programmes, and withhold their patronage on that account, but it should be remembered that if they wish to keep the commercial side of the game on top, that can be best achieved by giving liberal nominations, as the smallness of the stakes can then be counterbalanced by the improved market supplied by large fields. The stakes attached to the D.J.C. Summer Meeting, however, are rich enough to be well worth winning, and it is to be hoped that owners will make a liberal response to the club's invitation for nominations on Friday, December 1.

HAWKE'S BAY

NAPIER, November 21.

Mr. W. G. Nightingale has been appointed handicapper to the Wairoa Racing Club.

Mahutonga arrived here to-day by the Talune, en route for Auckland. The chestnut gelding was brought ashore for a few hours' rest, and placed on board again during the afternoon.

Douche's absence from the Feilding acceptances' list is owing to her having met with severe injuries while being landed from the steamer here last week.

A patron of J. Cameron's stables has leased Blue River (Merriwee—Blue Water) from Mr. E. J. Watt. She fills the eye as the makings of a more than useful sort, showing, like all of her sire's productions, solidity and substance.

Ikon, Nymph's two-year-old daughter by Sanfran, who is also one of Cameron's pupils, has blossomed out into a remarkably sweet-looking filly, who should on looks prove a good advertisement for her sire.

H. Hickey has purchased the house, stables, and land from Mr. E. J. Watt that were lately tenanted by John Quinn. The trainer had his team strengthened the other day by the arrival of Lady Warwick and Napier Hapuku.

Additional foalings at Te Mahanga are:—Basilisk (Torpedo—Bonny Blank) a filly, Spring (Quilt—The Brook) a filly, Carnelian (Cyrenian—Agyptilla) a colt, Secret (Mule—Mystery) a colt, Ruby (Mr. A. Ellingham's) (Turquoise—Denby) a colt, Rain (Mr. McNamara) (Quilt—Ua) a colt, Aio (Mute—Whaitiri) a filly, Igaio (Torpedo—Honeysuckle) a filly, Waiiau (Torpedo—Cascade) a colt, all to San Fran. Espaniolo (Sheen—Madrida) a colt to Torpedo, Queensborough (Kingsborough—Fou d'Artifice) filly to Drury Lane or Robin Adair. The above batch completes the list of foalings for this season at Te Mahanga.

Arthur Lord has shifted his team from Dannevirke to Woodville. Lord received an addition to his pack the other day, the newcomer being an elder half-brother to Hippooffla by Sou'-wester.

Oasis, a relative of Aberration, is being pottered about by his owner and trainer, J. Rollo. The lengthened spell that Oasis has been treated, the holiday having had nearly two years' duration, has improved him almost out of recognition. Rollo is teaching a new student of his the rudiments of her education. The stranger is a three-year-old filly by Captain Webb out of La France, the latter mare being a daughter of Marie Antoinette, who is best known to turf followers through the good deeds of her son, Silence.

Needlework has been taken out of commission, and his address is the paddock at the present time.

Messrs. Cohen, Marrett and Fox have secured the rights to work their totalisator at the Woodville, Dannevirke, and Lower Valley gatherings.

Taprose, Roseshoot's young brother, has been leased by Mr. C. O'Donoghue to Mr. Tracy for a period of three months.

Florio has quite recovered from the accident he met with in the Hurdle Race on the first day of the Wellington Racing Club's Spring Meeting. Lady Florin's son has been doing good work of late on the Napier Park Racing Club's preparing ground. Spark, one of his stable pals, is also acquitting himself satisfactorily.

The Brook's massive two-year-old son by San Fran that was purchased by Mr. F. Davis when the last batch of the Te Mahanga yearlings went under the hammer, is now being hacked about on his birthplace.

Operetta's excellent performances has evidently made such an impression upon her owner that he has purchased her dam, Variety, the foal half-sister and two-year-old brother Comedian from Mr. E. J. Watt.

A. Masters has secured a lease of the premises at Greenmeadows, recently va-

TAHUHU TROTTING CLUB.

ACCEPTANCES For First Day Close FRIDAY, November 24, with the Secretary, at his Office, Durham-street, at 9 p.m.

F. D. YONGE,
Secretary.