

## TRAINING NOTES.

## ELLERSLIE.

TUESDAY.

Now that the visiting teams have left, Ellerslie has regained its normal state again, and the local stables are getting their horses ready for Whangarei and Takapuna meetings. On Tuesday morning Kola Nip ran a strong seven furlongs on the sand in 1min 34 3-5sec. The Sout gelding seems on the improve again. Ben Blair, on the same track, took 1min 8 3-5sec to complete five furlongs. The old fellow is still a bit above himself. Lord Seaton, on the tan, left seven furlongs behind in 1min 33sec. Macmanamin's team, Scotty, Lycia, Whakatopoto, Delania, Monoform, Azoff and others were restricted to half-pace work on the tan. King Paul and Lady Clements, who claim engagements at Whangarei, did easy pacing work separately. Le Beau galloped down seven furlongs on the tan in 1min 34sec. Putty, who leaves for Wellington to-day (Thursday), was given a circle on the tan with Ben Deeley in the saddle. The Auckland Cup winner put up a very attractive performance by running round in 1min 55 1-5sec, and should take no end of beating in the Wellington Cup. Jewellery, who looks a bit light, was led in the centre of the course, and cantered about five times round. The treble winners, Landlock and Leonator, did good three-quarter-pace work on the tan, and look none the worse for the heavy calls made on them at the late summer meeting. A lot of others did useful work.

The following horses should run well at the Whangarei meeting next Friday and Saturday:—

Flying: Nervine, Omati, Alba Rose. Publicans' Purse: Bonomiana, Annoyed, Kola Nip.

Cup: Sir Gilead, Lovelink, King Paul.

Hurdles: Major, Te Papa.

Railway: Alba Rose, Bonomiana, Discoverer.

Welcome Stakes: Fieramosca or Muthema.

Kenington Stakes: Omati or Discoverer.

Settlers': Pamperia or Bras d'Or.

## THE WHANGAREI MEETING.

The Summer Meeting of the Whangarei Racing Club will be commenced to-morrow (Friday) and brought to a conclusion on Saturday. Secretary R. J. Dent and his committee have been working hard to put things in ship-shape order, and everything promises for a big success. Indeed reports from the Northern township prophesy that if the weather remains fine, all records will go by the board. A large number of sportsmen left for Whangarei last night, the Ngapuhi being crowded, and as the fixture is a highly popular one locally, there should be a very large attendance when the curtain is rung up. Owing to certain horses being engaged in several events, it is difficult to say what will start, but the following may run well in their respective engagements:—Flying Handicap, Nervine and Alba Rose; Publicans' Purse, Bonomiana or Kola Nip; Whangarei Cup, Nervine or Annoyed; First Hurdles, Corporal or Major; Railway Handicap, La Cigale or Bonomiana; Welcome Stakes, Discoverer or Alba Rose; Kensington Stakes, Ben Blair.

War Dance (by Galliard), winner of the Two Thousand Guineas of 1883) died recently in France. He was a success at the stud, his stock winning £95,000 in stakes.

Of the 159 horses left in next year's English Derby, 144 are trained in England and six in U.S.A. Thirty of the English trained lot won races during the recently ended season, securing among them 60 events, of which Lally alone accounted for seven, while Colonia won five, and Black Arrow, Flair, Picton, and Sarcelle three apiece.

## AFTER THE RACES

## THE RANGITIKEI MEETING.

(By Our Wanganui Correspondent).

The flags were flying and the tote bells ringing at Bulls on Monday and Tuesday last. Unfortunately, however, the Rangitikei Racing Club were not favoured with the best of weather on either day. On New Year's Day there was no rain, but it "blew a few," a regular gale being experienced. The gale continued on the second day, and brought with it several very heavy showers, one particularly drenching shower coming on just as people were wending their way to the course. Notwithstanding the adverse circumstances the officers of the club worked hard to make the gathering a successful and enjoyable one, and to Mr. "Harry" Goodall especially is great credit due for the manner in which he carried out his secretarial duties.

The total amount machined was £15,585 for the meeting, a falling off of £1222 on the amount put through last year.

Taken altogether the racing was very interesting, and in every respect, bar the weather, the meeting was a successful one. Racing commenced with the Flying Handicap, in which five faced the starter. Captain Shannon confirmed his running at Waverley, as the Captain Webb gelding shot off the mark like a flash, was steadied, and then came through in the straight and won like the good one he is. The Maiden Hack followed, and served to show that in Volume Mr. J. Goodwin has got hold of an exceptionally smart colt. The two-year-old son of Sylvia Park—Tottie is a nice-looking bay, and if appearances go for anything, should soon be winning in more aristocratic company. Thirteen others started, but Windy was the only one who troubled the winner, who paid the nice price of £16 18s.

Old Kohunui landed the big Hurdles after Wild Cat had led the field at a great bat for half the distance, and then ran off. Midia surprised even her connections by her forward running, getting second.

The Camaroon Hack Race proved a soft thing for the Addington—Muriwai gelding Apa, who is trained by Fred Tilley.

The Rangitikei Cup came next. This was contested by six horses, of whom Ropa was made a slightly better favourite than Submarine. The winner turned up in that old battler, Nonette, the son of Seaton Delaval—Charente carrying 8.0, and showing some of his old-time form. Mr. Stevenson's horse looked really well, and scored a most popular victory. Submarine finished second, but the rider went to weigh in without his bridle, and was something less than a pound under weight. The rules provide under weight.

Apiti was made favourite for the Hack Hurdles, and the Handsome Jack—Finesse gelding landed the event after a good finish from the last hurdle with Weary Bill. There was some bumping between these two as they raced up the straight, and as the result of a protest, Apiti was disqualified for jostling, and the race awarded to Weary Will, Inglewood being placed second. W. Young (Apiti's rider) was disqualified for six months. It is understood that he intends to appeal. Weary Will paid £4 18s and Inglewood £2 10s.

Flotilla scored a meritorious win in the Makowai Welter, and then the grey gelding Federation annexed the Hack Welter in good style from nine others. Nova ran a fair second. This colt was made a hot favourite, though why it is hard to say.

Though Apa was loaded with 9.0 in the Telegraph Hack the second day he won just as easily as he had done the previous day, Wangaehu again acting as runner-up.

Flotilla was made favourite for the Clifton Handicap, but the filly had to strike her colours to Ropa, the St. Leger gelding winning rather easily.

F. Lind showed what a dashing horseman he is by the way he rode Wild Cat in the Sandon Hurdles when the handsome little black daughter of Gold Reef—Tigredia led all the way and won comfortably. She tried to run off again, but Lind kept her face to the hurdles, and it was due to his skillful riding that she scored.

The Kelleymoon Hack Race was contested by six, Victoria Park being made favourite, and the daughter of Sylvia Park—Lorelei justified the confidence reposed in her by winning easily by two lengths, and giving W. Price his third winning mount for the meeting.

The Greatford Stakes came next, and once again the old champion as-

serted himself, Nonette winning by a length from Black Reynard, with Submarine in third berth. Rapids, the only other starter, broke a blood-vessel, when leading, about a quarter of a mile from home, and was pulled up. Three hearty cheers were given for the son of Seaton Delaval on weighing in, and his owner was congratulated on all sides on his success. Nonette is, unfortunately, not engaged in the Wellington Cup, otherwise he would have had to be reckoned with, providing he kept sound. His trainer (C. Shatford) is deserving of praise for the skilful manner in which he has trained Nonette, who had done two seasons at the stud, and broke a blood-vessel while competing at the last spring meeting of the Rangitikei Club. At that time it was thought that the last had been seen of this brilliant horse on the track, but his recent performances show what care and perseverance can do, especially when a horse is so constitutionally sound as Mr. Stevenson's crack.

The surprise of the meeting was the victory of Ontario in the Tramway Hack Hurdles, when the Captain Webb gelding won in a canter after a most interesting race, and paid the sensational price of £44 15s to the thirteen investors. The winner had finished last the first day, and therefore his win was a staggerer. However, one or two who had watched the gelding on the first day saw him put in a great run at the finish, and invested a pound on him on the strength of this in the event which he won. Dalky shaped splendidly for a beginner in this race, and ran a good second.

Lion Heart, a fine-looking chestnut gelding by Leolantis out of Good Day, a mare which used to race about Taranaki, was sorted out as a good thing for this race, in view of his Ashhurst form. The gelding showed pace and jumped beautifully for about a mile, and at one time looked like coming in on his own. However, want of condition—the gelding is not half fit—told its tale, and he faded away. That his connections consider him a good 'un is evidenced by the fact that on someone inquiring as to the price wanted for Lion Heart he was told £500, a price which put a stop to business. He is one of the most promising hurdlers seen out for some time, and the way he flies his jumps is a treat to see.

## HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

(By Our Hawkes Bay Correspondent).

The New Year gathering of the metropolitan body of the district was without doubt one of the most successful ventures for years past. Although on the afternoon of Tuesday a heavy rain storm put in an appearance, it quitted as hurriedly as it had come, and its cooling influence rather improved the surroundings and toned down the rays of old Sol, who was hung up with the starch out, and whose object seemed to be to impress upon the assembled crowd his proficiency in the warming business. A bumper attendance, good sport, and increased speculation were record notches which marked the opening of the 1906 period. The great army of punters, whose interest in the game does not seem to diminish, had come well prepared with the necessary munitions of war. A statement which must be regarded as authentic when it is said that the totalisator figures were £3894 in advance of the sum invested at the New Year meeting last year.

Certainly there were two more races on the card this season than was the case in 1905, but even allowing for this increase the executive of the H.B. Jockey Club are to be complimented upon the satisfactory advance they have made. Excellent management in every detail was apparent throughout the piece, and patrons, by their attendance, interest, and the production of their bullion, showed unmistakably that they were not slow to recognise the efforts of the club to cater well for their requirements. Mr. H. Coyle, who was making his debut as a weight-adjuster in these parts, was on the whole particularly happy in his estimate of the equines' capabilities, and he has only to keep on in a similar style to further attract attention of his talents in the dispensation of avoidrupois. Amongst the spectators was Major F. N. George, and his appearance brought back memories of old times, when the bearers of the black and white banner were a hard task to settle on the turf arenas. The Hon. J. D. Ormond's team were very prominent in the prize list, the squire of Karamu heading the winning owners' roll with five scores, and a couple of seconds, Mobilitysec uring a double, Medallist, Lyrst and Tonderghie each

annexing a race, while Golden Gate and The Stake acted as runner-up in the Two-year-old and January Handicaps respectively. Both of the baby races were captured by productions of The Possible, Chicane, a neat, compacted daughter of Forlorn Hope settling the cerise bearer on the first day, Grand Slam, a handsome chestnut colt by The Possible out of Scotia, getting the prize awarded to him on Tuesday. Grand Slam, who is owned by Mr. T. E. Crosse, the owner of Barca, is the beau ideal of a racehorse, and I prophesy a good future for him.

Chicane, who was purchased by Mr. J. Armstrong, of Akittio, for 50 guineas last January, returned the sensational dividend of the fixture, her fortunate adherents receiving £46 13s for each ticket taken out on her number. Her owner held four chances, so the race proved a remunerative investment for him. Chicane's track work had been of such an ordinary nature that those associated with her in her preparation did not benefit through her returns from the machine. In summing up the situation a local journal gave it out that both were stable comrades, which is erroneous, Chicane being educated by R. Gooseman, while Grand Slam's trainer is Harry Moore, who also had another couple of smiles from the fickle goddess, when Polyanthus, literally speaking, walked home in both of her efforts. Polly, as she is called by her party, never looked better, and her success gave The Possible another lift along the road to fame as a successful producer of winners. By the way, right here it is just as well to note that both Grand Slam and Chicane were named by Mr. de Pelichet before they left the station for the sale ring, and votaries of bridge will well understand that their cognomens are both appropriate. Pluck, who got second honours behind Grand Slam, is a neat, rather undersized son of Merriwee and Victoria Cross, but like his mother and father, has the gift of going. The Squatter, who ran third upon each occasion in the Juvenile event, is a half-brother of The Possible, Geologist, Seraphine and Co., but seemed to lack the determination which was shown by the others of his sire's get who was seen out at the gathering.

Idaeus, a half-brother to Ideal by Birkenhead, attracted a great deal of attention by his commanding appearance. Eous and Wairiki were a couple of other youngsters who created favourable impressions. The latter was bred at Te Mahanga, and carried the colours of the Douglas Bros. He is a gelded son of San Fran and Waipurata, while Eous owes his existence to the association of Bon with Birkenhead.

Ikon, a comely, well-proportioned filly by San Fran out of Nymph, and therefore a half-sister to Gold Crown, also looked well, but through suffering from soreness was not able to produce any of the good displays that she has previously given on the preparing grounds.

Lyrst, Whakawehi and Operetta were the trio who lined out for the big race of the meeting, the President's Handicap, on Monday. Lyrst's son, who moved very short in his preliminary, got warmed up during the trip, and at the finish had something in hand when he scored from Operetta, who unfortunately of late has been under a cloud, and consequently was not at her best. Whakawehi, who was a poor third, had the misfortune to get kicked by one of his stable mates, Moral, just before the races, and no doubt the mishap accounted for his poor display on Tuesday.

Lyrst, Operetta, Ballyneety, and Heywood lined out for the argument in connection with the leading item on the day's card, the Summer Handicap. On settling in their stride Operetta dashed to the front, with Ballyneety in the rear. Just prior to reaching the home bend Kemp got to work on Ballyneety, and the little Irishman quickly realised that his best was being asked for, and with his usual courage replied strenuously to his riders calls, and after a desperate battle with Operetta, landed the stake by a length. The game little chap received quite an ovation when he returned to weigh in. As usual, he pulled up lame, but his trainer, Paddy Raynor, jocularly remarked that he was only putting on side, and that when he got away from the crowd he would be right and well. Raynor is to be complimented on Ballyneety's progression since he has been under his care, for it was only early in September last that he took over Sou'-wester's son, and during his tuition of him he has won three races out of six starts. Heywood was given a great chance with his light impost, but was not on hand in the final struggle for supremacy. Lyrst was