

who does not want to win to get left, or a dozen other things which will cause him to lose the race. The owner complains and the jockey says:— "Oh, you are suspicious," and quickly says: "Get someone else to ride for you," and owner gets out of the frying pan into the fire.

The trouble is that heavy bettors tamper with the boys, and in other cases of big favourites the books get hold of the jockeys. The stewards of our different clubs do not inquire into the cases brought before them sufficiently. They should sift it to the bottom. W. Price says he is going to ask the Wanganui J.C. to inquire into the case between him and Mr. Patterson. I hope the Wanganui Club will try the case fully. Mr. Patterson is in a position to form an opinion different to most owners. There is a rule that jockeys shall not bet only by the consent of the owner of the horse he is riding. Some of our best jockeys are big bettors, and not always on the horse they are riding. Then, again, some of our best jockeys have punters who will put £20, £30, or £50 on for them. Let any worldly man think of the above, and would he be suspicious?—I am, **Observer.**

AFTER THE RACES

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

CONCLUDING DAY.

The summer meeting of the T.J.C. was brought to a conclusion on Saturday under far less pleasant weather conditions than had been the case on the previous day. A cold wind was blowing, bringing several heavy rain squalls in its train, but these were fortunately not numerous enough to seriously mar the day's enjoyment. The attendance once again was large, and the sport of an interesting character, some close finishes being seen. Betting was fairly brisk, the sum of £8785 going through the totalisator, this bringing the total for the meeting up to £25,050 10s. The double machine proved as popular as ever, the winning combination—Takaro and Gladstone—returning a dividend of £33 19s. The meeting all through was very capably handled by Mr. R. Wynyard, the secretary, and his staff, while the starting of Mr. O'Connor and the judging of Mr. R. Lusk left nothing to be desired.

Proceedings commenced with the Marine Handicap, a four-furlong scamper for maiden two-year-olds. There were five to compete, and the Cyrenian gelding Misere was made a warm favourite. He jumped off smartly, and just showed in front to the bend, where Lady Cressy passed him. Directly heads were turned for home Deeley shook up the favourite, and a good race home resulted in him beating Lady Cressy by half a length, with Warbler three lengths off third.

With Sol an absentee, only four contested the Waiwera Hurdles, one mile and three-quarters, and of these Cuiragno was made a rather better favourite than Khama. From a capital start the four were bunched passing the stand, but then Khama went on in front with the Frenchman as his nearest attendant. This was the order down the back, but before the stand was reached the second time Loch Fyne had gone into second place. Here Khama drew out a big lead, but down the back Cuiragno closed up. The top weight, however, had the race well in hand, and coming home in good style, he won by three lengths from Cuiragno, with Loch Fyne a poor third.

With Inspiration the sole absentee, a nice field of thirteen went out for the four-furlong scramble, the Borough Handicap. Punters were in somewhat of a quandary what to pick, but eventually a favourite was found in Miss Winnie. There was a long delay in the rain at the start, this being largely caused by the vagaries of Black and Gold, who showed his usual aversion to the barrier. When eventually it went up, the first to begin were Black and Gold, Alba Rose and Miss Winnie, and before they had gone a furlong the Messrs. Duder's horse was out in front. At the bend Miss Winnie appeared to be interfered with, and fell right back, while Discoverer and Takaro set out after the leader. A great race took place

all the way up the straight, Takaro getting up in time to win by a short half-length from Black and Gold, who was a length and a-half in front of Discoverer, with Engraver, Mataura, and Noteorini finishing in that order.

Next came the Summer Handicap, one mile, and of the ten runners Gladstone met with such solid support as to make him a warm favourite, with Delania next in request. Mr. O'Connor got them away to a capital start, Leonator immediately taking up the running, and past the stand he was showing in advance of Avalanche and Gladstone, with Geordie whipping in the field. Running down the back Nervine came with a long run on the outside, and at the bend he was out three lengths ahead of Akarana, while Cress was riding the favourite to hold his position. Once in a line for home Nervine faded out of the struggle, and Gladstone came through fast. Delania tried hard to hold him, but failed, Mr. Weal's chestnut winning by a length from Delania, with Akarana third and Nervine fourth.

Ten turned out for the Third Pony Handicap, five furlongs, most money going on Etu and Frederick. It was a good start, but before they had gone far Frederick was in front, and he cleared right away from the field. At the bend he was six lengths ahead, the only two to seriously chase him being Merry Delaval and Sonoma. They managed to make Erickson draw his whip on the leader, but could never seriously threaten danger, the Soult gelding winning by two lengths, with Sonoma half a length further away, and nothing else within hail.

There were seven runners in the Devonport Handicap, six furlongs, most money being forthcoming for Hohoro and Certainty. Once again Mr. O'Connor got them away in a line, and they were bunched at the turn. Lady Clements shot away and led down the back from Miss Winnie, while Certainty dropped right away last. The leader faded away when the turn for home was made, and a battle royal occurred right up the straight, Noteorini, Lucrece, and Miss Winnie fighting it out to the bitter end. All these flashed past the post in a line, and nobody knew but the judge what had won till the numbers went up. That official's verdict was: Noteorini by a nose from Lucrece, the pony being a nose in front of Miss Winnie.

Sol was made an even-money favourite for the Ponui Steeplechase, three miles, in which punters showed the soundness of their judgment. The field were together for over two miles, all four runners fencing most proficiently, while everyone had a turn at pacemaking. The last time round Sol and The Swimmer drew away from the other two, and at the bend it seemed a certainty for Sol. He ran out very wide at the home turn, and this let up The Swimmer. The latter, however, had not enough steam left to hold off Sol, who was soon straightened, and won very easily by four lengths, with Pierre six lengths further off third.

Polycaste was a pronounced fancy for the concluding event, the Welter Handicap, one mile, with Franklin next in demand. Le Beau jumped away in front, led the whole way, and won comfortably by three lengths from the favourite, with Bully in third place. This brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

The particulars were as follows:—

- MARINE HANDICAP** of 70sovs. Four furlongs.
- Mr. A. A. Phillips, ch g Misere, 2yrs, by Cyrenian—Pikau, 8.2 (Deeley) 1
 - Mr. W. Lyons' ch f Lady Cressy, 2yrs, 8.0 (Brown) 2
 - Mr. B. Armitage's b g Warbler, 2yrs, 8.5 (Gray) 3
 - Other starters: La Mascotte 8.2, Azoff 7.8.
 - Won by half a length. Time, 54sec. Dividend, £2 5s.
- WAIWERA HANDICAP HURDLES** of 80sovs. One mile and three-quarters.
- Mr. B. Armitage's b g Khama, aged, by Castor—Valentia, 11.5 (R. Hall) 1
 - Mr. F. Stenning's b g Cuiragno, 5yrs, 9.2 (Pope) 2
 - Mr. C. Thede's br g Loch Fyne, 3yrs, 9.5 (Towers) 3
 - Other starter: The Frenchman 10.3.
 - Won by two lengths. Time, 3min 28sec. Dividend, £3.
- BOROUGH HANDICAP** of 66 sovs. Four furlongs.
- Mr. W. Ryan's ch g Takaro, 5yrs, by Castor—St. Mary, 6.8 (Parramore) 1
 - Messrs. R. and R. Duder's br g Black and Gold, 6yrs, 7.13 (Sceats) 2
 - Mr. H. Burch's ch g Discoverer, 6yrs, 8.6 (Deeley) 3

Other starters: Hohoro 9.9, Miss Winnie 8.7, Noteorini 8.3, Ben Blair 7.12, Alba Rose 7.9, Engraver 7.3, Pukekohe 6.13, Mataura 6.12, Freebird 6.9, Henry Havelock 6.7.

Won by half a length. Time, 52sec. Dividends, £6 17s and £2 18s.

SUMMER HANDICAP of 130sovs. One mile.

- Mr. C. Weal's ch h Gladstone, 4yrs, by Seaton Delaval—Miss Gladys, 8.1 (Cress) 1
- Mr. W. L. Thompson's b m Delania, 5yrs, by Seaton Delaval—Campania, 7.3 (Deeley) 2
- Messrs. R. and R. Duder's b c Akarana, 4yrs, by Seaton Delaval—Anna, 7.2 (Gray) 3
- Other starters: Leonator 7.10, Geordie 7.9, Avalanche 7.2, Nervine 6.12, Annoyed 6.12, King Paul 6.7, Bully 6.7.
- Won by two lengths. Time, 1min 44sec. Dividends, £2 16s and £1.

THIRD PONY HANDICAP of 70sovs. Five furlongs.

- Mr. W. Tozer's blk g Frederick, 3yrs, by Soult—Hippocampus mare, 6.10 (Erickson) 1
- Mr. W. Verran's ch f Merry Delaval, 3yrs, 7.3 (Deeley) 2
- Mr. L. B. Harris' ch m Sonoma, 5yrs, 9.10 (Speakman) 3
- Other starters: Girton Girl 9.3, Forth 8.5, Storyteller 7.11, Orange and Blue 7.10, Solitary 7.8, Etu 6.10, Little Mabel 6.7.
- Won by two lengths. Time, 1min 55sec. Dividends, £4 1s and £1 17sec.

DEVONPORT HANDICAP of 80sovs. Six furlongs.

- Mr. J. K. Hodge's b g Noteorini, 5yrs, by Eton—Orini, 7.12 (Ryan) 1
- Mr. J. Donald's b m Lucrece, 4yrs, 6.10 (Deeley) 2
- Mr. R. Hannon's ch m Miss Winnie, 6yrs, 8.5 (Erickson) 3
- Other starters: Hohoro 9.10, Certainty 8.7, Kilderkin 6.12, Lady Clements 6.7.
- Won by a nose. Time, 1min 19sec. Dividends, £5 3s and £1 16s.

PONU I HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 100sovs. About three miles.

- Mr. W. Morgan's b g Sol, 5yrs, by Soult—Lorelei, 11.8 (W. Wilson) 1
- Mr. W. Lyons' b g The Swimmer, aged, 10.13 (McGregor) 2
- Mr. J. Twonhill's b g Pierre, 5yrs, 10.0 (Deeley) 3
- Other starter: Loch Fyne 9.12.
- Won by four lengths. Time, 6min 37sec. Dividend, £2 1s.

WELTER HANDICAP of 70sovs. One mile.

- Mr. R. McMiken's b g Le Beau, aged, by Leolantia—Belle, 8.12 (Pinker) 1
- Mr. F. McGovern's b m Polycaste, 4yrs, 9.2 (Cress) 2
- Mr. L. Gordon's b g Bully, 4yrs, 8.6 (Deeley) 3
- Other starters: Franklin 9.9, King Paul 9.0, Pukekohe 8.8, Soultmaid 8.4, Lucrece 8.3, Baltimore 7.13.
- Won by three lengths. Time, 1min 45sec. Dividends, £12 1s and 13s.

INTER - PROVINCIAL.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY.

Christchurch, February 7.

The Canterbury Jockey Club's summer meeting takes place at Riccarton on Thursday and Saturday next.

Cuneliform has bruised his foot and will not be able to start in the Middle Park Plate. Isolt, who has only lately resumed work, will be the stable's representative in the classic event.

Capital entries have been received for the Great Easter and Great Autumn Handicaps. There are fifty in the short race and thirty-one in the mile and a-half. This is a fine entry, and easily eclipses last year's figures, which were thirty-three for the Great Easter and twenty-five for the Great Autumn.

Kirriemuir has put in an appearance on the tracks during the past few days, but has only done gentle exercise. The crack filly is looking well, and Cutts hopes to get her ready for autumn engagements.

Tirole and Chivalry have been suffering from severe colds since returning from the Wellington meeting. Neither will be able to compete at the summer meeting this week. This is a piece of bad luck for George Payne, who was confident of the horses winning a race.

Cannie Chiel, who is probably one of the best handicapped horses in the Midsummer Cup, has been galloping in in and out fashion recently. On several occasions he has been badly beaten by one of his stable mates, Chryseis. This filly is very well just now, and possesses an excellent chance of winning the Craven Plate.

Beau Seaton, who has been absent from the tracks for some time, put in an appearance one day last week. He is looking big and well.

It is stated that F. R. Jones has received an offer of a retainer of

£500 a year to ride in England, and that he will leave New Zealand this week. It is more than likely that Jones will be seen up on Noctuliform before many months go by.

Two untried Yaldhurst youngsters are likely to make their first appearance in public at Riccarton this week. These are Cream Jug, by Royal Artillery—Saucer, who is in the Filly Stakes, and Highland Reel, by Stepniak—Strathspey, who is in the Midsummer Handicap.

The Hororata Racing Club made a handsome profit over its summer meeting, and intends spending a portion of the money in effecting improvements to the course.

Mr. Stead has entered Cuneiform, Savoury, Munjeet, Delaware, Porcelain and Eden in the Great Easter Handicap, and Savoury, Delaware, and Nightfall in the Great Autumn Handicaps. Backers will therefore have a somewhat difficult puzzle before them in their attempts to hit upon the right representatives of the stable in this year's big autumn handicaps.

Other stables well represented in these two events are Mr. E. J. Watt's, Sir G. Clifford's, and Prosser's.

Machine Gun is in the Greater Easter Handicap, but having left for Australia I would not advise anyone to back him.

For the first day's events at the C.J.C. summer meeting, the following may run forward:—

Hornsby Welter: Pas Seul, Speculate.

Filly Stakes: Volodia, Cream Jug.

Midsummer Handicap: Cannie Chiel, Highland Reel

Lyttelton Plate: Aimee Soult, Lady Landon.

Halswell Welter: Catherine Gordon.

Craven Plate: Chryseis, Master Alix.

OTAGO.

Dunedin, February 7.

The Maniototo Jockey Club held a fairly successful meeting last week, when the Stepniak gelding Stepenfeldt and the Obligado gelding Cathron accounted for the principal items on the programme.

Punters have been what might be termed so suspiciously successful over pony races decided in the North that our local S.P. merchants intend declining to do business on these events in the future, and are also casting a reflection on the Takapuna and Avondale meetings by contemplating the advisability of cutting these gatherings out of their future operations.

The Cuirassow—Adulation gelding Curiosity was the medium of some S.P. speculation for this race on the second day of the M.J.C. meeting, and the good things would have come undone had Rosebloom got a clear run at the finish. Curiosity was bred

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