



the positions of the placed horses as far as second and third were concerned, notably in the case of Lucrece in the Electric Handicap and Hopscotch in the Pony Handicap, might well have been reversed. These cases were, however, so close that only the judge could say definitely as to which were the correct places filled by the horses competing. The starting of Mr. O'Connor was consistently good throughout, and there can be little doubt that in this department he has no superior in the colony. A word of praise is certainly due to Mr. Hartland, whose general arrangements for the meeting gave complete satisfaction. There was a complete absence of anything in the way of a bad accident, the only untoward incident being the dramatic close of Hohoro's career, the gallant old gelding dropping dead within ten yards of the finishing line. Hohoro was a great favourite with racegoers, for as a resolute finisher he had few equals, and many were the expressions of regret at the sudden death of the son of Tasman. With the absence of any competition on the part of the bookmakers, it was only to be expected that there would be a very substantial increase on the amount of the totalisator investments as compared with the corresponding fixture last year, the figures being £41,440 for 1906 as against £27,994 for 1905. In this respect it is of interest to notice that at Feilding more money was handled at the totalisator on Monday and Tuesday than was the case either at Ellerslie or Riccarton. Two classic races were decided at the A.R.C. meeting, the first of these, the Northern Champagne Stakes, falling to a good colt in Cambrian, a son of the defunct Cyrenian, while the Oaks proved a little more than an exercise canter for the Yaldhurst representative Isolt. The running was very consistent all through, noticeably so in the case of Hautapu, who, despite a substantial rise in weight, won all three hurdle races from end to end. There was an absence of any crooked running. Moreover, there were no protests, a very welcome state of affairs indeed. Altogether the Easter meeting of the Auckland Racing Club must be summed up as a very decided success.

Cambrian has proved beyond possibility of question that he is the best two-year-old we have in Auckland today. His victory in the Champagne Stakes was a very easy one, the race being run in fast time in rather heavy going, but it was left until the concluding event of the meeting to show Mr. Arnold's bay colt at his best. In the Victoria Handicap he was allotted 9st 8lb, conceding all sorts of weights up to 38lb to his twelve opponents, yet none of the two-year-olds could pace it with him, and he won the race from end to end. Many sportsmen have considered that when Cyrenian died the Cambria Park Company were well rid of a bad stallion. Mr. Price, however, always held the opinion that if the son of St. Simon had been given a good chance he would have made a name for himself. The young Cyrenians have lately been showing winning form, and the fact of him getting such a good one as Cambrian indicates that there was nothing much amiss with the Cambria Park stallion.

Leonator was in great form at the A.R.C. meeting. He was only beaten by a nose in the Easter Handicap, and if his rider had made an earlier effort this would probably have been the other way about. He made amends by winning the Stewards' Handicap, and then fairly running away with the Manukau Welter despite the steadier of 10st 6lb.

I cannot quite fathom the reason why Landlock was made favourite for the Buckland Handicap. He had run two very bad races, but despite this, had an increase of weight. Punters entirely disregarded form, and came very strongly for the son of Flintlock, the result being that they were left lamenting, for he was never in the hunt.

Exit Hohoro. He was a honest racehorse, and one of the finest sprinters we have had in Auckland for many a long day. Always with a welter weight on his back the son of Tasman won many races, and with the public he was a great favourite. The big gelding won the Tramway Handicap in fine style on Saturday, but it was destined to be his last victory. His sudden death when within ten yards of the finishing post in the Electric Handicap on Monday was a dramatic close to a distinguished career. I have not heard whether an examination was made to ascertain the cause of his sudden collapse, but expect that it was the result of over-exertion. Hohoro was a thick-winded horse, and this ailment always tends to throw an extra strain on the heart. His tremendous effort under 10st 4lb to catch the speedy Miss Winnie probably proved the last straw, and poor old Hohoro died when fighting one of his gamest battles on the turf.

Nervine won two races at Ellerslie, but on appearances no one would have considered him capable of the feat. The son of Phoebus Apollo is blind in the off eye (as, by the way, was his rider, Ryan). Moreover, he has stringhalt in both hind legs. However, there is an old saying that "handsome is as handsome does," and there is no gainsaying the fact that Nervine won both his races like a racehorse.

Messrs. Dwan Bros. brought down from Auckland by the s.s. Manuka their filly Consuelo, which they bred themselves at Papakura (writes a Wellington correspondent). The filly is a dark brown, with black points, and has quite pleased all the local people who have seen her. She is by Soult out of the handsome Hotchkiss mare Mauzerine, who was raced by Dwan Bros. until she met with an accident which necessitated an early retirement. Mauzerine was mated the last two seasons with Soult again. Last year she missed, but is in foal again this year. Consuelo has gone into Jack Lowe's stable.

THE TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

Now that the A.R.C. meeting is numbered with the past, turfites will be turning their attention to the winter fixture of the Takapuna Jockey Club. This will take place on Saturday and Thursday, May 19 and 24. A very good programme has been arranged, as will be seen by glancing at the schedule of events which is set forth in another column. Owners would do well to bear in mind that nominations for all events close with Mr. Wynyard to-morrow (Friday) evening at nine o'clock. There should be a hearty response from owners to the invitation.

WEIGHTS DECLARED.
 April 19—Whangarei R.C. Autumn
 May 4—Takapuna J.C. Winter
 May 11—A.R.C. (special events)
 May 12—Wanganui J.C. Winter

ACCEPTANCES.
 April 21—Wellington R.C. Autumn
 April 23—Whangarei R.C. Autumn
 May 11—Takapuna J.C. Winter
 May 18—Wanganui J.C. Winter
 May 18—A.R.C. (special events)
 May 25—A.R.C. Winter

REMINDERS TO OWNERS.

Entries for the Wanganui Guineas, to be run at the spring meeting of the W.J.C., 1907, close with Mr. Moffatt on Friday, April 27, at 9 p.m.

Nominations for all events to be run at the winter meeting of the Takapuna Jockey Club close with Mr. R. Wynyard, the secretary, on Friday, April 20, at 9 p.m.

Nominations for the Great Northern Hurdles, Great Northern Steeplechase, and Winter Steeplechase, to be run at the winter meeting of the Auckland Racing Club, close with Mr. Hartland on Friday, April 27, at 9 p.m.

Nominations for all events to be run at the winter meeting of the Wanganui Jockey Club close with Mr. F. Moffatt, the secretary, on Friday, April 27, at 9 p.m.

Nominations for all events to be run at the Auckland Racing Club's G.N. Steeplechase Meeting must be made to Mr. Hartland by Friday, May 18, at 9 p.m.

Acceptances for the first day's events on the Wellington R.C. Autumn Meeting close with Mr. A. E. Whyte on Saturday, April 21, at 9 p.m., on which date final payments for the North Island Challenge Stakes and N.Z. St. Leger must also be made.

Handicaps for the Whangarei meeting are due to-day, while acceptances close with Mr. R. Dent, Whangarei, or with Mr. H. B. Massey, Auckland, on Monday, the 23rd inst., at 9 p.m.

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THE A.R.C. EASTER RACING CARNIVAL.

Another meeting of the Auckland Racing Club has been numbered with the past, and the autumn gathering of 1906 will go on record as one of the most successful ever held by the premier Northern club. The weather cleared just in time, and all through the holidays was beautifully fine, there being a succession of those bright and clear days that the oldest inhabitant tells us were at one time the rule rather than the exception, but which nowadays are unfortunately so few and far between in Auckland. Under the circumstances it was only to be expected that the attendance would be very large, but as a fact this was only the case on Monday; on the other days, notably Saturday, the number present being considerably below the average. The racing throughout was perhaps more interesting than any we have seen at Ellerslie, the number of close finishes which the judge was called upon to decide being really remarkable. This was indeed a feather in the cap of Mr. Morse, the handicapper, who came in for hearty congratulations on the success of his adjustments. Mr. Lusk had a difficult task set him, for many of the finishes were exceptionally close, but he came through the ordeal with much credit, although it is said that in one or two instances

.. NOTES ..

(By "THE JUDGE.")

Nominations for the Wanganui meeting are due to-morrow week.

The Westland Club's autumn meeting takes place to-day.

Maniapoto finished last in the Sydney Cup after being in front for half the distance.

The struggle between Achilles and Porcelain in the Challenge Stakes is said to have been one of the finest ever seen at Riccarton. The Porirua champion won by a short head.

The Pater Racing Club's meeting on Easter Monday was a pronounced success. The Easter Handicap was won by Slavery, with Claremont and Makikihi in the places.

Paritutu ran two very solid races at the A.R.C. meeting. In the St. George's Handicap he was only beaten by half a head by the lightly-weighted Ironmould, while on the concluding day he proved too good for the opposition in the Autumn Handicap. The son of Castor and Yattaghan must be a long way in credit on his oat bill this season.

It hardly looked good policy starting Annette in the G.N. Oaks. The speedy daughter of Soult was manifestly short of work, and is none too sound, while her performance in the Easter Handicap, in which she finished absolutely last, did not point to any prospect of victory. Annette tailed off before the field had gone a mile, and finished a hundred yards behind the others.

Hautapu likes to make his own pace, no matter what the weight may be, and this is a fact which Wilson has thoroughly realised. He always allows the gelding to run along in front, and the son of Mitiora does it to such a tune that the opposition are generally at sixes and sevens before the straight is reached. Hautapu won all three hurdle races at Ellerslie after leading the entire journey, and it almost looked as though his last victory under 12st 6lb was the easiest of the lot.

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RACING CALENDAR.

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FIXTURES—1905-06.

- 19 and 20—Westland R.C. Autumn
- 20 and 22—Wellington R.C. Autumn
- April 21, 25, and 28—Auckland Trotting Club's Autumn
- April 26—Whangarei R.C. Autumn
- April 27 and 28—Westport J.C. Annual
- May 2 and 3—Egmont R.C. Winter
- May 9 and 10—Marlborough R.C. Autumn.
- May 9 and 10—Hawke's Bay J.C. Autumn
- May 19 and 24—Takapuna J.C. Winter
- May 23 and 24—North Otago J.C. Winter
- May 24 and 25—Greymouth J.C. Autumn
- May 24, 25—Wanganui J.C. Winter
- May 24 and 25—North Otago J.C. Winter
- June 2 and 4—Dunedin J.C. Winter
- June 2, 6, and 9—Auckland R. C. Winter

NOMINATIONS.

- April 20—Takapuna J.C. Winter
- April 27—Wanganui J.C. Winter
- April 27—Auckland R.C. Winter (special events)
- May 18—Auckland R.C. (general entries)