

It seems a curious thing to see a meeting of the Canterbury Jockey Club go by without Mr. Stead scoring a win, yet such was the case at the recent meeting, the yellow and black livery not once coming home in the lead.

The Gold Reef horse Gold Crown won the Autumn Handicap at the Wairarapa meeting, running the mile in 1min 42 4-5sec.

As was generally expected, Lady Wallace had no difficulty in annexing the A.J.C. St. Leger. The brilliant daughter of Wallace and Lady Mostyn started at 5 to 2 on, and won by two lengths from Kafirpan and Charles Stuart.

The sum of £29,652 was put through the totalisator at the Feilding meeting. This beats the figures at the Canterbury J.C. meeting by no less than £560. Evidently there is money to burn down Feilding way.

Mr. Crick would appear to have got hold of a good colt in Collarit, the two-year-old son of Haut Brion and Collarette. He beat the champion two-year-old Antonius in the A.J.C. Champagne Stakes at even weights. The report of the races, however, looks as though bad judgment on the part of the rider of "the priests' horse" had not a little to do with his downfall. To allow an opponent to get a break of several lengths in the straight in a six-furlong flutter is poor policy, and the fact that Antonius got to within half a length of the winner speaks much for his finishing powers.

That good mare Polyanthus, the four-year-old daughter of The Possible and VCiolet, won the Easter Handicap at the Wairarapa meeting, Bounce and Aberration filling the places.

A cable received during the week states that the English horse Rock Sand has been purchased by Mr. August Belmont, the well-known American sportsman, for £25,000. Rock Sand is a son of Sainfoin and Roquebrune, and was bred by the late Sir James Miller, for whom he won £45,618 in stakes alone. Only four stallions have realised higher prices, those being Flying Fox, Diamond Jubilee, Cyllene and Ormonde.

The meeting of the Otamatea R.C. will take place on Saturday next, having been postponed to that date on account of rain.

Gladstone's bold showing in the Sydney Cup, in which she finished fourth after being interfered with, rather upsets the theory that the chestnut mare is a non-stayer. Mr. Sol. Green always maintained the opinion that Gladstone could stay out two miles, and it looks now as if he was right.

The time was a bit too good for Maniapoto in the Doncaster Handicap. To beat 1min 39½sec under 9st was a little beyond him, and he must have done well to get fourth.

At the annual meeting of the Wai-pukurau Jockey Club, there was a record totalisator return of £8823. The Apremont horse Mystification won the big handicap from Pantaloon and Whakawehi, while Contender pulled off the Flying Handicap.

Another big prize in Tattersall's has come to Auckland, Mr. W. Parish, of Northcote, having drawn the winner of the Newcastle Cup.

The trotters J.P., Takapa and Rapan were brought up from New Plymouth on Saturday. They will take part in the A.T.C. meeting.

During the six years which ended on July 31, 1905, the V.R.C. gave £55,000 more in added money than the A.J.C. The A.J.C. is now making up its ground fast.

The death of the thoroughbred horse Fulmen, by Galopin from Lightning, by Thunderbolt, is reported from Germany. Fulmen was purchased at the dispersal of Prince Batthyany's stud for 5000 guineas, but did not prove a success on the turf, and was afterwards sold for 1000 guineas to Mr. Joseph Davis, who later on resold him to a German buyer, Count Redern, for 2000 guineas. At the stud Fulmen sired several good winners, who between 1903 and 1905 captured prize-money of the value of £160,000.

The famous English-bred mare Sceptre has dropped a foal to Cyllene. This youngster is an expensive one, as the dam cost Mr. Bass about £25,000, and he paid 30,000 guineas for her sire, thus representing an investment of £55,500. Sceptre's foal has, therefore, established a record, for no other thoroughbred has been foaled at such a cost. In mentioning this fact, the "Special Commissioner" of the London "Sportsman" says:—"Daughter of the joint second highest-priced stallion ever sold—only Flying Fox exceeding and Diamond Jubilee equalling Cyllene's sale price—and first-born of by a long way the most costly mare, it makes one almost tremble to think of the responsibilities which must now rest on the shoulders of Mr. Bass' skilful stud groom, who will have the care of this most remarkable filly through all the ills and tribulations of her foalhood and yearling days, until in due course she quits her birthplace for Alec. Taylor's training establishment at Manoton."

A curious incident occurred recently during the running of a race at Plumpton, Sussex. The going was very heavy, and the horses finished dead tired. One named Hackler II. fell opposite the winning-post from sheer exhaustion after running second in the Palstram Steeplechase. One occasionally hears of a horse dropping dead after a race, but rarely from exhaustion only, although it seemed probable that such an incident might have happened after Voltigeur II. won the G.N. Steeplechase at Eilerslie, the gallant old grey having run himself to a complete stand-

Lou Dillon, 1.58½, queen of all harness horses, will be bred the coming season to John A. McKerron, 2.4½, H. K. Deveureux's great waggon trotter. The result of the union of the two great trotters, which will have a speed inheritance of 2.1½, will be watched with great interest.

A horse-shoer who has shod many of the American stars has made public the weights of the shoes worn by some of the more notable trotters and pacers. Among the trotters Sweet Marie 2.4½, Dr. Strong 2.5½, Wentworth 2.4½, Sadie Mac 2.6½, and Norman B. 2.6½ wore bar shoes in their races last season, while among the pacers Locanda 2.2 was about the only one that wore that kind of a shoe. In weight most of the trotters wore front shoes ranging from seven to nine ounces, with hind shoes ranging from three to five ounces. The pacers wore still lighter shoes, those in front usually weighing from 4½ to 5½ ounces, the hind shoes weighing from three to four ounces.

In commenting on the cost of racing horses in England a London exchange says that the political economy of racing is that a man should have an income of £1000 per annum for every horse he owns, and he should not, unless his domestic establishment is small, own any unless he has at least £1500 per annum. Owning horses with less income, he would be living beyond his means, and that is to be reprehended equally with the big man as with the little one. If this rule held good in Auckland I am afraid we should have no owners at all.

The New Zealand-bred colt Plata, who won the West Australian Derby and ran third in the Perth Cup, recently met with an accident while loose in a paddock. The mishap is stated to be nothing serious, but it is not reassuring that one of his knees filled as a result.

AFTER THE RACES

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

OPENING DAY.

Beautiful weather favoured the Auckland Racing Club for the opening day of the Autumn Meeting. Despite this fact the attendance was not so great as might have been expected, and was more suggestive of an "off day." The track was still a little on the heavy side as a result of the recent rains, the grass also being over long. All the arrangements were well attended to by Mr. Hartland and his staff, and everything passed off smoothly. During the day the sum of £13,102 was passed through the totalisator, which is

£3900 over the sum handled last year, when, however, there was opposition from the bookmakers.

Seven went out to do battle in the opening event, the Tradesmen's Handicap, one mile and a-quarter, and of these Rose Madder was made a better favourite than Nervine. From a very fair start Rose Madder led past the stand from Nervine and King Paul, but directly the top bend was negotiated Ryan sent Nervine along in front, and he led by two lengths down the back and into the straight. Here the field closed up, and a great race home ensued, Nervine under strong punishment just lasting long enough to win by a neck from Rose Madder, who was a length in front of Master Delaval, the latter being followed home by Akarana and King Paul.

The two-year-olds intending to compete in the Northern Champagne Stakes, six furlongs, were closely scanned in the paddock, and of the eight runners Cambrian, Loftus, and Zimmerman found most admirers, and they were backed in that order. The race was devoid of any incident, for Cambrian jumped away very smartly, and drawing out a nice lead, turned into the straight so full of running that Loftus was quite unable to get nearer than two lengths to him, although the son of Seaton Delaval put in a good finishing run. Celtic was four lengths off third, and the others all finished in a body some lengths back, the last being Sweet Alice.

Next came the Easter Handicap, one mile, for which the fine field of seventeen carried silk. To the surprise of many Marguerite was among the absentees, and Leonator and Landlock carried the most tickets. The start was a fair one, but Waipuna was left several lengths. Leonator immediately assumed the role of pace-maker, and he led the field, at the head of which was Certainty, down the back stretch and into the straight. Below the distance Mobility commenced to put in a vigorous challenge, and sustaining it all the way to the post, got up in time to win by a nose, with Gladstone three-parts of a length off third. Te Aroha was fourth, Ironmould fifth, and Delania sixth, while the field was whipped in by Annette.

Seven turned out to try their luck in the Brighton Hurdles, two miles, for which Cuiragno, despite a 7lb penalty, was generally considered the right thing. The race virtually resolved itself into a duel between the favourite and Hautapu. The pair ran together for a mile and a-half with nothing else within ten lengths of them. Nearing the home bend Hautapu had half a length advantage, and hopping over the last hurdle a trifle in front, came on and won by two lengths, while Khama, whose run was left until too late, was only a head behind Cuiragno. Vexation ran last all the way.

Seven runners went to the post for the Eden Handicap, seven furlongs, Carl Rosa being made a hot favourite at odds on. Bonomiana jumped off very smartly, and led to the bend from Intombi and Noteorini. Once headed for home Bonomiana drew away from all but the favourite, who set out in chase, and catching the mare fifty yards from home, won by over a length, with Noteorini a poor third and the rest beaten off.

Eight moderates turned out for the Onslow Stakes, five furlongs, and with no form to guide them, punters were in something of a quandary. Ultimately Arai-te-Uru was made favourite, and the race was a good one throughout. Friskie and Arai-te-Uru were at the head of affairs down the back and into the bend. The latter then ran right across the course, and Lochbuhie challenged the leader. A good race home saw Friskie win by half a length, with Cymri three lengths behind Lochbuhie, and the others tailed off.

The Pony Handicap, seven furlongs, followed, and this usually popular event only attracted a quintette of runners, Fashionable being made a hot favourite. Lady Nannie was quickest to begin, and she led to the home bend, when Fashionable moved up, and coming away won by two lengths from Merry Delaval, with Kilderkin two lengths further off in third place.

The concluding event was the Tramway Handicap, five furlongs, and in this a field of eight went into Mr. O'Connor's hands. The good old battler Hohoro carried rather more investments than Waitati, a very correct forecast, as they ran first and second. Waitati was out making play from San Paulo and Ben in the early stages, but at the distance Hohoro put in a long run, and smothering the opposition, won by a length

from Waitati, with Ben a similar distance off in third place.

SECOND DAY.

Another beautiful day favoured the club for the second day of the meeting, and, unlike the opening day, there was a capital attendance, the fair sex being very largely in evidence. The racing was excellent, some very exciting finishes taking place. During the afternoon the sum of £15,611 was put through the totalisator, an advance of £4960 on last year's figures.

Racing was resumed with the Stewards' Handicap, and of the seven starters punters were never for a moment in doubt which to make favourite, Leonator being rushed in the betting, and he went out an odds-on chance. Bully made most of the running from Trephine, but going wide at the home bend Leonator ran up on the inside, and easily holding his own up the straight won by a length, with Bonomiana half a length behind Bully.

Celtic and Zimmerman were the best backed of the nine two-year-olds in the Eilerslie Handicap six furlongs. After Pylades had shown the way for a bit, Celtic went to the front and he turned into the straight just clear of Pylades and Loongana. A great race home ensued, Celtic winning by half a length from the fast-finishing Uenuku, who was brought too late, while Pylades was a good third.

The Oaks, 1½ miles, was generally expected to be merely an exercise canter for Isolt, and so strongly did punters come for her that she started at 5 to 1 on. Marguerite made play for a mile, when Isolt moved up, and the pair entered the straight together. The favourite, however, had the measure of the Porua filly, winning comfortably by two lengths from Luresome, who beat Marguerite in the last few strides by a neck.

The St. George's Handicap, 1¼ miles, gave rise to a very fine race. With no scratchings, 14 faced the starter, Landlock being made favourite. The start was a capital one, Gladstone just showing past the stand from Paritutu, Jewellery and Ironmould. At the top bend Paritutu was a length in front of Ironmould, but at the six-furlong post Mobility had raced up alongside the leader. Mobility showed the way into the straight, but at the distance Paritutu, Ironmould and Gladstone all put in their claims. A great finish ensued, Ironmould winning by half a head from Paritutu, who was over a length in front of Mobility, with Gladstone close up fourth, and the rest bunched.

Of the six starters in the Huia Handicap, six furlongs, the favourite selections were Te Aroha and Millie. The latter jumped off very smartly, and making the pace very willing down the back was two lengths in advance of Te Aroha at the four-furlong post. At the home bend the field closed up somewhat, and a great finish resulted. In the last 100 yards Lucrece got an opening on the rails, and coming with a great rush won by three-quarters of a length from Te Aroha, who was a head in front of Millie.

Only five turned out for the Pony Handicap, six furlongs, the public fancy being for Fashionable, Sonoma and Etu. The start was a good one, Etu promptly rushing to the front, and she was soon four lengths in front of Lady Nannie and Sonoma. The daughter of Lebel was two lengths in advance as they headed for home, when Sonoma and Kilderkin put in a run, and the latter, who was the outsider of the party, galloping over the others, won by two lengths from Sonoma, who beat Etu by a neck in the last little bit.

The Autumn Hurdle Race, 1¼ miles, needs little description. Hautapu was favourite of the four runners, and jumping away in front he made all the running, and won without pressure by four lengths from Cuiragno, who was three lengths ahead of Catherine Gordon. Seabird fell at the hurdle opposite the Derby stand in the first round.

The final event was the Electric Handicap, five furlongs, for which there were nine runners, and of these the popular pick was Medallist. Miss Winnie got under way very smartly, and was soon three lengths in front of Medallist. Holding her own with ease the speedy daughter of Leolantis won by a length and a-half. Lucrece appeared to be second, but was not placed, the judge giving the positions to Tambourina and Ben.

CONCLUDING DAY.

The weather was still on its very best behaviour for the final day of the meeting, and the attendance was very fair. The going was in perfect order, and the racing of the most interesting description. The sum of £12,727 was handled at the totalisator, an increase of £4586 on last year's figures. This made a total of £41,440 for the three days, which represents an advance of £13,446 on the Easter Meeting of 1905.

The Maiden Hurdle Race, 1¼ miles, was the first event, and for it Liberator