

Moccasin appeared somewhat sore after the Wanganui Steeplechase, but has improved since.

The Taranaki Jockey Club lost £694 on the year's work, for which the autumn meeting was chiefly responsible.

The stallion Gluten arrived from Sydney safely by the Manuka on Sunday, and has gone to his new home at Papakura. He is a beautifully-bred horse, and a proved stayer, and ought to go well with the Soult and Cyrenan mares.

Cavalry is showing great improvement in his work, and should give a good account of himself at the coming meeting.

Ability, Convoy, Moccasin, Hydrant, Phaetonitis and Shrapnell Shell arrived from the South by the Penguin on Sunday. The next contingent which got here on Tuesday was Nadador, Mawhiti, Gold Crown, Eclair, Comfort, Waiwera, Pharos, Exmoor, Rose Madder and Romany King.

The draw for the Maiden Stakes, to be run at the North New Zealand Coursing Club's meeting, will take place at the City Club Hotel on June 13, when final payments must also be made.

The latest high-priced stallion is Jardy, the speedy son of Flying Fox and Ails and Graces. Although a good horse, the price seems excessive, but some of the Argentine breeders have long purses, and are not afraid of a few extra thousands when they want a horse.

After watching the gallops our Ellerslie correspondent thinks that the following should run prominently:—G.N. Hurdles: Cavalry, Hydrant, and Silicia. Maiden Steeplechase: Baritone, Medallius, Kruger. Cornwall Handicap: Ironmould, Apologue, Geordie. Maiden Welter Handicap: Lady Clements, Trepine, The Scotchman. Maiden Hurdles: Convoy, Ability, Liberator. Pony Handicap: Lady Nannie, Forth, Sonoma. G.N. Steeplechase (run on second day): Haydn, Sol, Swimmer.

Young Cairns, an apprentice with Frank Higgott, rode Hydrant in his two victories at Wanganui. So well did he acquit himself that a big future is prophesied for the latest aspirant to cross-country honours.

Owing to Monday being a holiday, entries for the New Zealand Cup do not close until Tuesday.

The Pakuranga Hunt Club opened the season on Saturday with a meet at Mount Roskill, when a very enjoyable run after a drag took place. The run ended near Mr. Gorrie's residence, "Dunkerron," Three Kings, where the master welcomed all present. The prospects are very hopeful for a successful season.

A tremendous amount of rain fell at Ellerslie yesterday, and there is a very strong probability of the going being heavy on Saturday next.

The Otaki Meeting looks like proving one of the best on record. By the way, the club's handicapper, Mr. J. H. Pollock, intends to witness the final day's racing of the A.R.C. Meeting.

ANTICIPATIONS.

THE A.R.C. GREAT NORTHERN MEETING.

(By "The Judge.")

Next Saturday the Auckland Racing Club will make a start with the winter, or as it is better known, Great Northern Meeting. The fixture, embracing as it does many long-distance races, both over country and on the flat, always has been one of the most popular on the club's programme. In the event of fine weather there is certain to be a good attendance. At the time of writing it must be confessed the weather outlook is not bright, but there is plenty of time before Saturday for it to clear up. There is, however, a strong probability that the course will be holding, so fast times cannot be looked for. There will be no lack of special trains, while the Tramway Company will run a large number of extra cars on the Remuera

line. Mr. Hartland and his large staff may be depended upon to have everything in apple-pie order, so that with a strong contingent of visiting horses everything augurs well for a very successful reunion.

The first event, which will start at noon, is the Maiden Steeplechase, 2½ miles, for which a dozen have accepted. It looks like giving rise to a good race, and the placed horses may be—

BARITONE,
CATHERINE GORDON,
LOCH FYNE.

The Maiden Welter, seven furlongs, is next on the list, and here 19 have accepted, so that it can be readily understood the winner is not easily picked. It is possible the safest to trust may prove to be—

BEN,
LADY CLEMENTS,
TREPINE.

The big event, the Great Northern Hurdles, will then come on for decision. I have reviewed the chances in another column at length, and these I have taken to fill the places—

HYDRANT,
DEFENDER,
ROMANY KING.

When the excitement has cooled down the Maiden Hurdle Race, 1½ miles, comes up for decision. Here 10 have accepted, but as several are engaged in the previous race it is difficult to say which will start. Given a run, the places may go to—

ABILITY,
CONVOY,
CORPORAL.

A very interesting event, the Cornwall Handicap, one mile, follows. With 18 acceptors this bids fair to give rise to a big struggle, and the winner will be as hard to find as the proverbial needle in a bundle of hay. I should not be surprised to find Mr. Lusk place them—

IRONMOULD,
ROSE MADDER,
LE BEAU.

The Pony Handicap, seven furlongs, is always a popular event. Unfortunately the field will be small, and in taking

LADY NANNIE,
FORTH,
MERRY DELAVAL.

I may have named the placed horses. The concluding event on Saturday will be the Ladies' Bracelet 1½ miles. Several of the 12 acceptors figure in other events, but if they are pulled out fresh for the fray very likely the valuable trophies may go to the nominators of

SEABIRD AND BALTIMORE.

The acceptances are as follows:—

MAIDEN STEEPLCHASE OF 100 sovs. About two miles and a-half.—Weary Bill 11.0, Roseplot 10.10, Medallius 10.10, Baritone 10.5, Loch Fyne 10.5, Catherine Gordon 10.4, Sr James 9.12, Wellcast 9.11, Rolf 9.7, Kruger 9.7, Cutler 9.7, Jess 9.7.

MAIDEN WELTER HANDICAP OF 100sovs. Seven furlongs.—Ben 10.3, Silver Shell 10.1, Pangaroo 9.13, Lunetta 9.12, Pearl Necklet (including 5lb penalty) 9.9, Kaimere 9.8, Haeremai 9.6, Trepine 9.5, Pamperla 9.5, Te Taniwha 9.4, Moorhen 9.3, Hillflower 9.2, Chief Steward 9.2, The Duncie 9.0, Integrity 9.0, The Scotchman 9.0, Hermes 9.0, Lady Clements 9.0, Tui Cakobau 9.0.

THE GREAT NORTHERN HURDLE RACE OF 450sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs and third horse 20sovs out of the stake. Over nine flights of hurdles. Winner of any hurdle race after the declaration of weights to carry a 5lb penalty. Two miles and a-quarter.

	st. lb.	st. lb.	st. lb.
Miss King	11	8 Ability	9 8
Comfort	11	2 Lady Hune	9 8
Sol	10	13 Hydrant	9 7
Aka Aka	10	10 Defender	9 6
Waiwera	10	10 King Paul	9 6
Irish	10	8 Cuiragno	9 6
Florio	10	3 Durable	9 5
Cavalry	10	6 Cath. Gordon	9 5
Convoy	10	6 Silicia (in. 5lb)	9 5
Weary Bill	10	6 penalty	9 5
Medallius	10	0 Oryx	9 0
Exmoor	9	12 Baritone	9 0
Rom. King	9	12	

MAIDEN HURDLERACE OF 100sovs. One mile and three-quarters.—Convoy 11.6, Ability (including 5lb penalty) 10.11, Oryx 10.9, Le Beau 10.9, Fieramosca 10.3, Bonomiana 10.0, Corporal 9.11, Liberator 9.6, Midcyr 9.5, Omati 9.5.

CORNWALL HANDICAP OF 300sovs. One mile.—Gold Crown 11.9, Leonator 11.4, Rose Madder 10.9, Convoy 10.6, Nervine 10.6, Shrapnell Shell 10.4, Ironmould 10.3, Delania 10.0, Le Beau 9.10, Geordie 9.8, Claremont 9.6, Apologue 9.5, Sir Gilead 9.5, Rookby 9.3, Idassa 9.0, Cyranos 9.0, The Leader 9.0, Mechanic 9.0.

PONY HANDICAP.—Fashionable 10.0, Sonoma 9.6, Kilderkn 9.0, Forth 8.12, Merry Delaval 8.9, Lady Nannie 7.12.

LADIES' BRACELET, one mile and a-half.—Baltimore, Hippowal, Irish, Kaimere, Kruger, Moccasin, Moorhen, Ranana, Seabird, Te Taniwha, all 11.2, Haeremai 11.0, Peregrine 10.6.

AFTER THE RACES.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

The winter gathering of the Takapuna Jockey Club was brought to a conclusion on Thursday last, under fairly pleasant weather conditions, the attendance being one of the largest ever seen on the course. The going proved heavy and times slow, but there was an entire absence of accident of any sort. Mr. Ralph acted as judge and Mr. O'Connor as starter. The racing was not so interesting as on the opening day, most of the wins being very easy ones. The sum of £13,658 was put through for the meeting, an increase of £2492 on last year's figures. The double, Waipuna and Swimmer, only returned the small dividend of £6 9s, a big contrast to the preceding day. Once again the management was entirely efficient in every respect.

Proceedings commenced with the Pupuke Handicap, all the eleven on the card going to the post. Pearl Necklet, who was leniently handicapped, was made a hot favourite, a very correct forecast. Having the inside berth she was first away, and never giving anything else a chance, scored her first win four lengths from Keep Step, who was three lengths ahead of Tui Cakobau.

A quintette turned out for the Hauturu Hurdles, one mile and three-quarters, Cuiragno being served up very hot. Directly they got going Rolf went to the front, and he led past the stand from Corporal and Cuiragno. Down the back the positions were unchanged, Lady Hune being last. Half a mile from home Rolf was done with, Cuiragno and Corporal being together in the lead, while Lady Hune, hard ridden, closed up somewhat. As they entered the straight it could be seen that it was Cuiragno's race, and although Corporal chased him home very gamely, the son of Cuirassier won by two lengths, with Lady Hune under severe punishment three lengths further back.

There were no absentees in the Second Pony Handicap, six furlongs, and of the seven runners Forth and Storyteller were best fancied. The start was a good one, Etu shooting away very smartly. The Lebel mare soon opened up a big lead, but Forth closed up down the back, and before the bend was negotiated was in front. With heads turned for home Sonoma commenced to put in a great run, but she could never reach Forth, who won by a length, with Storyteller a length further off third.

The scratching pen was freely used in the Britannia Handicap, one mile, only five being left to fight out the race. On the strength of his win on the opening day, Waipuna was made favourite. From a good start Rookby was the first to show, and when the stand was reached he and Waipuna were racing side by side. Down the back Waipuna was sailing along in front, while Geordie, who has been last, commenced to go up. At the bend for home it could be seen that Waipuna had the race in his safekeeping, and coming on he won a slow-run race very easily by two lengths from Rookby, who was a similar distance ahead of Geordie, while Nervine was pulled up.

The Takapuna Steeplechase, three miles and a-half, attracted a field of six, and of these Swimmer was a better favourite than Aka Aka. Directly Mr. O'Connor let them go, Major took up the role of pacemaker, and he led for six furlongs, when Catherine Gordon went to the front. The daughter of Perkin Warbeck II. was still in front in the second round, with Loch Fyne just heading a bunch. At the third time they climbed the hill Aka Aka, Swimmer, and Cathrine Gordon were together, but once on top the two former drew out and raced side by side on to the flat. Half a mile from home Swimmer commenced to slowly forge ahead, and although Phillips called on his mount for every ounce he could not hold Swimmer, who came on and won by four lengths, with Baritone three lengths behind Aka Aka.

Of the nine runners in the Victoria Handicap, six furlongs, Millie was the most fancied. After some delay at the start Tambourina, who had the inside running, was first away, and there he remained for the rest of the journey, winning without the whip by nearly two lengths from Kola Nip, who was three lengths ahead of Lucrece.

Ten runners faced the barrier in the concluding event, the Welter Handicap, one mile, and on the strength of his good form on the first day, Aka-

rana was made a very pronounced favourite. Pamperla and Bromide were first away, and they led past the stand from Bully. Down the back the latter went to the front, and easily holding the opposition at bay, romped home three lengths ahead of Baltimore, who just beat Akarana in the last little bit.

The results were as follows:—

PUPUKE HANDICAP. Five furlongs. Mr. J. Marshall's b m Pearl Necklet, 4yrs, by Haut Brion—Necklet, 7.13 (Lindsay) ... 1
Mr. J. N. Hunt's b g Keep Step, 6yrs, 8.0 (Bdehanan) ... 2
Messrs. R. and R. Duder's b g Tui Cakobau, 4yrs, 8.0 (Ackroyd) ... 3
Other starters: Peregrine, Fretwork, Seabohm, Intombi, Lucio, Hermes, War Cloud, Rose Lawn.
Time, 1min 9 1-5sec. Dividends, £3 1s and £2.

HAUTURU HANDICAP HURDLE RACE. One mile and three-quarters. Mr. W. Foss' br g Cuiragno, 5yrs, by Cuirassier—Miss Agnes, 9.10 (Julian) ... 1
Mr. J. J. N. McKenzie's b g Corporal, aged, 9.6 (Nearey) ... 2
Mr. C. Weal's b m Lady Hune, 5yrs, 10.0 (Howard) ... 3
Other starters: King Paul, Rolf.
Time, 3min 31sec. Dividend, £2 5s.

SECOND PONY HANDICAP. Six furlongs. Mr. A. Ludlow's ch g Forth, aged, by Lebel—Sleevelink, 8.12 (Ryan) 1
Mr. L. B. Harris' ch m Sonoma, 5yrs, 9.9 (Speakman) ... 2
Mr. P. James' b m Storyteller, 5yrs, 8.5 (Buchanan) ... 3
Other starters: Merry Delaval, Etu, Hopscotch, La Annie.
Time, 1min 23 4-5sec. Dividends, £3 1s and £1 7s.

BRITANNIA HANDICAP. One mile. Mr. J. Muir's br g Waipuna, 5yrs, by Soult—Folly, 8.4 (Parramore) 1
Mr. E. Morrison's br g Rookby, 6yrs, 6.12 (Brown) ... 2
Mr. G. Marshall's br br h Geordie, 6yrs, 7.9 (Gray) ... 3
Other starters: Nervine, Baltimore.
Time, 1min 49 1-5sec. Dividend, £2 9s.

TAKAPUNA HANDICAP STEEPLCHASE. About three miles and a-half. Mr. J. Beckett's Swimmer, aged, by Cannon, 10.5 (W. Wilson) ... 1
Messrs. A. and A. J. Kidd's b g Aka Aka, aged, 11.2 (H. Phillipus) ... 2
Mr. M. Wells' ch g Baritone, 6yrs, 9.10 (Howie) ... 3
Other starters: Major, Catherine Gordon, Loch Fyne.
Time, 7min 41 1-5sec. Dividends, £2 2s and 19s.

VICTORIA HANDICAP. Six furlongs. Mr. J. Johnston's ch m Tambourina, aged, by Tambour—Linnet, 7.8 (Chaafe) ... 1
Mr. W. Gall's b g Kola Nip, 5yrs, 7.4 (Parramore) ... 2
Mr. J. Donald's b m Lucrece, 4yrs, 8.0 (Gray) ... 3
Other starters: Millie, Ben Blair, Discoverer, Certainty, Black and Gold, Parl Necklet.
Time, 1min 21 3-5sec. Dividends, £12 2s and £2 12s.

WELTER HANDICAP. One mile. Mr. L. Gordon's b g Bully, 4yrs, by Freedom—Nator mare, 8.8 (Buchanan) ... 1
Mr. K. Heaton's ch g Baltimore, 5yrs, 7.9 (Lindsay) ... 2
Messrs. R. and R. Duder's b h Akarana, 4yrs, 8.12 (Ackroyd) ... 3
Other starters: Bromide, Jewellery, Te Taniwha, Sir Hector, Pamperla, Mechanic, Merry Soult.
Time, 1min 51 1-5sec. Dividends, £4 11s and £4 17s.

TRAINING NOTES.

ELLERSLIE.

TUESDAY.

On Tuesday morning the ground was soddened from the recent rains, and nearly all the work was got through on the grass track and the course proper was open after breakfast (with the hurdles up). This was taken advantage of by the following horses:—Ability, Convoy and Oryx. The trio ran a mile and a-half. The two former finishing together and the latter lengths away, badly beaten. The journey was finished in 3min 14 4-5sec. Silica, Cuiragno, and Midcyr followed over the same course with a better record—3min 13sec. The former had Cuiragno's measure from the start, whilst the latter misadvised himself by falling at the first obstacle. Quite a number of horses were sent around the steeplechase country, no less than 10 competing at one time in different lots. Kruger, Medallius, Catherine Gordon and Irish were the first to start. Kruger and Catherine Gordon came to grief, and, getting rid of their riders, made off on their own account, and did not finish. Medallius and Irish both jumped well. Aka Aka, Phaetonitis, Haydn, Sol, and Hakaria were then associated together, and the quartette acquitted themselves well with the exception of Phaetonitis, who jumped the stone wall in a faulty manner. Aka Aka finished in front, and showed a decided improvement on his Takapuna jumping. Sol and Haydn finished under a strong pull, while Hakaria