

of occasions he would have been hard to master. Robin Link is the first of his sire's (Robin Adair) gets to be saluted as a winner. His dam Link in days of yore used to be a good mare in her class, and this son of hers looks as if he would not disgrace the solid family to which he belongs. Oakburn, by the way, is a half-brother by Waiuku to Jack Pot. Hazel, who got second, is a younger full sister to Brenda.

Pomegranate, a five-year-old mare by Sou'-Wester out of Nectarine, had a slice of luck in the Grandstand Hack, for while Te Hauke and Merriwing were busy arguing out the question at the bend for home they ran out from the rails. Lowe on Pomegranate took the situation in briefly, and rushing the mare to the opening got through and thereby got a two lengths advantage, and won at the finish by a half length under extreme pressure.

The well bred Millennial, a four-year-old daughter of Apremont and the Carbine mare Millenium, triumphed in the Scurry Stakes. Twyford, the second place filler, looked a good thing to within a half furlong from home, when he nearly stopped to a walk, and Millennial coming with a fast run settled him by a length as the line was crossed. Park Rose flew in from White Squall and Linkless in the Hack Flying, for she was quick out of the slips, and making every post a winning one won by nearly a chain.

Foalings to hand for the week are as follows:—At Te Mahanga Ua (Mute-Whaitiri) a filly, a mare by Quilt—Waiau, a filly both to San Fran.

WANGANUI.

WANGANUI, Nov. 14.

Mr. G. W. Moore's thoroughbred mare Oriana, by Dorchester—Guiding, Star, carried off the championship honours at the Manawatu show.

As I mentioned some time ago would be the case, the Stepniak—Coronal horse, Moscow, the property of the Hon. W. W. Johnson, has been added to the list of geldings. Moscow was in rather a dangerous state for some days after the operation, but is now getting on all right. Flamen and Aorangi, belonging to the same owner, and who were also in Shearsby's stable, have been sent home for a spell.

Alf. Shearsby has the following horses under his charge at Levin:—Bourrasque, Mousquet, Monardo, Largesse, Kitchenmaid, Probability, Highden, Flotilla, and Vasa.

The Feilding Jockey Club will not run a double machine at their Spring Meeting.

Returned visitors to Riccarton assert that Armistice would certainly have won the New Zealand Cup had she not lost such a lot of ground at the start. It is maintained that she was left at least 70 yards. Her running in the Metropolitan Handicap which she won shows that she was in tip-top form, and it was most unfortunate for her popular owner that the daughter of Mahaki did not get going with the rest in the big event.

The Lark cost local backers a fair amount of money during the N.Z. Cup Meeting, as he was solidly backed each start and failed badly.

Mr. J. Hislop, a farmer of the Hawera district, was the lucky individual who struck the big double dividend, the Cup and Stewards. I understand he sold half a share in it to a young man, who also lives in the district. Mr. Hislop selected the double as soon as he saw the final acceptance, and in addition to investing a pound on the double—Star Rose and Captain Shannon—put a pound on Star Rose in the Cup.

The Waverley-Waitotara Racing Club experienced wretched weather for their annual meeting on the King's Birthday, the rain falling heavily all the day, whilst quite a gale of wind was blowing. Under the circumstances it was not at all surprising that the attendance was very small, and the tote returns suffered by comparison with last years. The officials of the club are to be congratulated on the fact that they all carried out their duties in a manner which left little to be desired, and there can be no doubt but that the gathering would have been a record success had the clerk of the weather been kinder. Mr. J. W. Emerson, the club's new secretary, got through his work very well indeed, and it seems quite safe to say that he will fill the position with credit to himself and the club. The sum of £3365 was put through the totalliator, as against £5266 last year. The fields were large in all events, save the Hurdles, in which only two faced the starter; but considering the state of the track it was not to be wondered at that owners declined to run their hurdlers. Mr. J. Coombe was fairly successful as starter, whilst Mr. George Morse had

good reason to be satisfied with the result of his handicapping.

Nine faced the starter in the Morton Memorial Stakes, in which Pau, a three-year-old gelding by St. Paul—Motto, was sent out favourite, and justified the confidence reposed in him by winning with great ease from Bellow. The winner is a muscular looking gelding, and one likely to distinguish himself, as he is evidently possessed of a deal of pace. Kuklos was third. He is a three-year-old gelding by St. Clements out of a Puriri mare, and had been beating Billow every morning on the tracks at Hawera, so that it would appear that he is not partial to heavy going.

The Flying Handicap was contested by eight, Irish Rifle being the most fancied. The winner turned up in Dear Dolly, the four-year-old daughter of Brigadier—Dolly. She hopped out with Irish Rifle, and getting her head in front quickly stayed there, winning by three lengths from Mereshot, the favourite being a fair third. Dear Dolly has recently been trained by her owner, and appears to have thrived on the work allotted her—a couple of gallops a week. She was nicely handled by Walter Raynor. The dividend—£5 2/—was the biggest of the day for winners.

Mooshen was the only one to oppose General Peel in the Hurdles, and the last-named was not called upon to exert himself to win; the 21 who supported him getting 29/ returned for their pound.

The big race of the day, the Cup, fell to Maharanni, the big black gelding owned by Mr. J. Foreman. The five-year-old son of Sylvia Park had no difficulty in landing the stake, Loiret being some six lengths away second. The winner, who paid £2 19/, came out again later on in the Momohaki Stakes (one mile and a distance), and though carrying 9.3 won somewhat easily from Loiret, who ran two good races, but lacked the staying ability necessary to have any chance in such conditions against such a strong galloper as Maharanni.

The Wilson Stakes (four furlongs, straight), proved a gift to Lord Soult, the compact little son of Soult beating the dozen which opposed him with the greatest ease, and paying £2 11/. Lord Soult had another "cake walk" in the Jackson Memorial Stakes, five furlongs, winning in a canter, and paying £2 3/, exactly the same price as was paid by Eruption, the second horse.

The Prince of Wales' Handicap fell to Recreation, Tonderghie being a close second. The latter came fast at the finish, and it looked as if he was somewhat unlucky to lose. Showman was made favourite, but could only get third.

WELLINGTON.

WELLINGTON, November 14.

Wellington-owned horses have fared badly in the handicap events at the C.J.C. meeting, the hurdler Sardonyx being the only one to score a win, and was lucky to have the Suburban Hurdle Race run a second time. Lee-side is a somewhat delicate horse, and unlikely to run two sound races in one day. Ghoorka and Ballarat ran quite up to their best form during their engagements, but evidently failed for sheer lack of merit, and will require consideration at the hands of weight adjusters ere they score for their owners.

Achilles is without a doubt a champion of champions, and from four furlongs to twelve furlongs he has no equal in the Australasian colonies over these distances at weight-for-age, and even penalties do not stay his victorious career. Mr. Monk's horse could not, of course, take part in the A.J.C. and V.R.C. weight-for-age events owing to his New Zealand engagements; but in his recent C.J.C. form he would most assuredly have made a clean sweep of every weight-for-age event on the A.J.C., V.A.T.C., and V.R.C. programmes during the last two months. The victories of Achilles at Riccarton were most enthusiastically received, the crowd with one voice cheering the Porirua horse to the echo as his popular rider walked him unconcernedly back to the weighing enclosure. Mr. "J. Monk," owner of Achilles, and J. H. Prosser, his trainer, looked pleased at the generous manner in which the victory of their favourite was applauded by those outside and inside the lawn. C. Jenkins rode one of his most artistic races on Achilles in the Electric Plate. Both man and horse apparently thoroughly understand each other; and so they ought, as no rider other than Jenkins has ever been carried by Achilles in a race.

J. George and Parker, the respective trainers of Paritutu and Star

Rose, sailed for the North at the conclusion of the C.J.C. third day's racing. The Cup winner was apparently somewhat sore, and will be all the better for a short respite from solid work. Paritutu seemed benefited by the racing, and were the New Zealand Cup run next week, would probably make a better showing. Paritutu's owner had neglected to engage his horse in any of the events run on the fourth day of the C.J.C. meeting, and had no option but to return North before the conclusion of the meeting.

The Feilding J.C. spring meeting is the next of importance to attract local owners. The Porirua stable are represented by Exmoor, Ghoorka, Devonita, Marguerite, and Kuku, in the handicap events, whilst Achilles will be a runner in the first Feilding Stakes, in which event his most formidable opponents appear to be Munjeet and Glenculloch. The Hawke's Bay filly Eona is not engaged, her owner, Hon. J. D. Ormond's representative being the three-year-old gelding Idealist, by Birkenhead—Ideal.

A well-known figure much missed at the New Zealand Cup meeting was that of Mr. "Timi Kara." Influenza laid him low a few days prior to the opening of the C.J.C. meeting, but he is now making a good recovery, and will shortly leave windy Wellington to recuperate. The Hon. T. K. McDonald, another enthusiastic sport, suffered similarly, and in consequence had to cancel all his engagements during the Christchurch carnival week.

There has been much mystery with reference to the lucky individual who selected the double, Star Rose and Captain Shannon, on the C.J.C. double totalliator. No one present at Riccarton claimed the two thousand and sixty-one sovereigns. It is now said that a resident of Okiawa (Tapanaki) sent the secretary of the C.J.C. a pound for the winning double. As is the case with the winners of prizes in Tattersall's sweeps, it would tend to satisfy losers if the name of the lucky winner was made public. Of course that individual could reasonably object, but that is improbable.

AFTER THE RACES.

THE AUCLAND RACING CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

The weather was far from pleasant for the second day of the spring meeting, there being a cold wind with some very heavy showers. The attendance was far larger than on the opening day, while the racing was of a much more interesting nature. Betting was fairly brisk, the sum of £11,936 going through the machines. Everything passed off well, and without any mishap.

The first event was the Spring Handicap, seven furlongs, for which Carl Rosa and Delania were most in request. After some delay had been caused by Metallist's behaviour the barrier rose, Hautapu immediately shooting out. As the straight was neared Ben Jonson and Delania closed up, and with heads turned for home the latter quickly asserted her superiority, coming home an easy winner two lengths ahead of Ben Jonson, who was followed by Claremont, Hautapu and Lucrece.

Swagsman was the pick for the Penrose Hurdles, two miles, for which but four started. Swagsman and Geologist made the early running, after which the latter gave place to Silica. At the top stretch Defender went up to Silica, Swagsman falling back. The pair were together at the last hurdle, and a fine race home resulted in a half length victory for Defender, Swagsman being a dozen lengths behind Silica.

A nice field of fifteen went to the post for the Normanby Handicap, Lady Nell being a warm favourite. Intombi and Aristocrat were in front all the way, the latter having the best of the bout in the final stages, winning by two lengths, with La Cigale a fair third and Uranium fourth.

The big event, the Birthday Handicap, one mile and a-half, next came on for decision, and of the nine starters Scotty carried most investments. After some delay Mr. O'Connor got them away to a splendid start. Landlock immediately took up the running, and led past the stand from Baltimore, Geordie, Apologue, Gladstone and Scotty, with Master Delaval and Liberator last. At the top turn Landlock and Baltimore were out by themselves, but at the cutting the field commenced to close up, while Master Delaval came from the rear on the outside. With heads turned for home a great race commenced. At

the distance Master Delaval appeared to have it, but Apologue then shot out and finishing strongly won by over a length from Master Delaval, who was a neck in front of Geordie, with Scotty a head away fourth.

Eight youngsters turned out to do battle for the Musket Stakes, four furlongs which was generally looked upon as a cake-walk for Finery, Cadence being the only other to meet with any support. The start was a good one, but before a furlong had been traversed the favourite was out by herself. Nothing could extend her, and she won in a canter by three lengths from Cadence, who finished strongly four lengths ahead of Frontino with Wauchope fourth.

Although only five carried silk in the Onehunga Steeplechase, three miles, it gave rise to one of the most exciting races ever seen on the course.

The field kept together for the great bulk of the journey, the jumping being faultless, the only mistake being a blunder of Loch Fyne at the double on the second round, by which he lost several lengths. Haydn and Kiaterere took on the bulk of the pace-making, and at the top of the hill the last time they were together. Stride for stride they came down the hill, Haydn having half a length advantage at the stone wall. Kiaterere drew up to him and the pair jumped the last hurdle in line. Locked together they ran home, but inch by inch Haydn drew out, and amidst intense excitement he scored a neck win, with Loch Fyne two lengths off third, Hakaria, the favourite, being fourth and Cannongate last.

Celtic was a "hot pot" for the Maiden Plate, one mile and a quarter, for which there were eight runners. The good thing came off, but the race must have meant an anxious time for his host of admirers. Aqua Regia led the field by several lengths to the six furlong post, when she retired in favour of Volume. At the home bend Peregrine and Celtic, who had been in a bad position came through and a great race between the pair ensued. The favourite stayed it out best and he won by half a length, with Soultfish three lengths off third.

Eight went to the post for the final event, the Epsom Handicap, six furlongs, Loftus being made favourite. The start was a good one, the first to show out being the Middy and Certainty. Pylades soon came through and attended by Pink 'Un led into the straight. All the way up the straight the struggle was keen, but in the last little bit Certainty got to the front, and he won all out by a neck from Pink 'Un, who was a neck in front of Soultmaid, with Loftus fourth and Pylades fifth.

THIRD DAY.

The Spring Meeting was brought to a conclusion on Saturday. The weather, although somewhat cold, was a vast improvement on that of the preceding day, and the attendance was an average one. The racing all through was of an interesting nature, some of the finishes being very close. Betting was fairly brisk, the sum of £10,665 going through the machine making a total of £31,455 10s for the meeting, an increase of £2288 on last year's total. The starting of Mr. O'Connor all through was excellent, while Mr. Lusk's decisions were given promptly and accurately. Although only five contested the Hunt Club Cup, three miles and a-half, the race was an interesting one up to the last hurdle. Kino was favourite. Brigham went off with the lead, with Pukerimu as his nearest attendant. When the hill was climbed the latter was in front, but the order kept changing. Ultimately Tip assumed command and for the third round he led from Ngaru, while Pukerimu commenced to hang out signals of distress Going up the hill for the last time Ngaru went up to Tip, and a great race ensued. Both cleared the stone wall together, and side by side they entered the straight for the run home. At the last hurdle Tip was half a length in front, but he swerved at the last hurdle and came down. Ngaru almost falling over him. Kino ran off at the last jump, Ngaru winning by two hundreds yards from Brigham, who was a long way in front of Pukerimu, all being scarcely out of a walk at the finish.

Ten turned out for the Manukau Hurdles, one mile and a half, Lady Hume and Bonomiana being well backed. The race needs little description, for Bonomiana was in front all the way, and won very comfortably by three lengths from Soultfish, whose strong run at the finish proved too much for St. Harp, who finished two lengths further back.

The Ascot Handicap, one mile and a quarter, gave rise to a very pretty race indeed. Of the six runners