

There are only five nominations for the Rotorua Cup, and the entries all round are rather short. Possibly the fixture was not sufficiently advertised.

Solution, Cuneiform, Menschikoff, Ellis, Captain Shannon, and Grenadier remain in the Newmarket Handicap, so that New Zealand will be well represented.

Diana, the two-year-old filly by the ex-Auckland Uniform—Queen of the Chase, owned by Mr. A. W. Bailey, won the Breeders' Plate of £1200 at the Johannesburg Turf Club's Summer Meeting on December 26.

On the fourth day of the Calcutta races the leading event—the Macpherson Cup—was won by Mr J. C. Galstaun's English gelding Dirty Boy, ridden by Andrew Fergusson, who is a son of the Australian trainer T. Fergusson, now in Calcutta. There were eight starters. Lamrock going out favourite at 6 to 4 on, The Master being at 2 to 1 against, the English horse Steinhager at 5 to 1, and Dirty Boy at 12 to 1. Dirty Boy beat Lamrock on the post by a head. The Australian pony Martin Bell won a race. Our State, who raced as a gallopway in Sydney, was successful in the New Year Plate, for which the English gelding Bundook was a strong favourite; while Amyas annexed the Chowringee Plate, easily defeating a hot favourite in the English gelding Sermon.

**THE OTAHUHU TROTting CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.**

Next Saturday the Otahuhu Trotting Club will make a commencement with the summer meeting. The acceptances for the various events are very numerous, and include most of the best trotters in the district. Under the circumstances it may be expected that there will be a good attendance, as the prospect for a nice afternoon sport is of the best. In the Maiden Trot 16 are engaged, in the Pony Trot 11, Pony Cup 6, Otahuhu Trotting Cup 9, Sylvia Park Trot 13, Class Trot 8, Flying Stakes 10, and Electric Trot 15. The Electric Tramway Company will run a special service in addition to their ordinary cars, so no difficulty will be experienced in getting to Alexandra Park. Mr. F. Yonge, the able secretary, may be expected to have all arrangements for the comfort of visitors properly attended to, and everything in trim for a well conducted meeting. The first event is timed to commence at 1.15 p.m.

**THE AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.**

The Autumn Meeting of the Avondale Jockey Club is fixed for Saturday and Wednesday, April 20 and 24. The western course is one of the best appointed in the colony, and the meetings on it are always of an enjoyable nature. For the fixture a very good list of events has been drawn up, particulars of which will be found in our advertising columns. The items on the opening day are the Maiden Plate of 50sovs, 6 furlongs; Hurdle Race of 70sovs, 2 miles; Oakley Handicap of 50sovs, 5 furlongs; Juvenile Handicap of 60sovs, 5 furlongs; Avondale Handicap of 175sovs, 1½ miles; First Pony Handicap of 40sovs, 5 furlongs; Chevalier Handicap of 50sovs, 4 furlongs; and Railway Handicap of 80sovs, 6 furlongs. The programme for the second day is made up of the Maiden Hurdles of 60sovs, 1½ miles; Flying Handicap of 70sovs, 4 furlongs; Second Pony Handicap of 40sovs, 5 furlongs; Autumn Handicap of 130sovs, one mile; Nursery Handicap of 60sovs, 6 furlongs; Steeplechase of 70sovs, 3 miles; Mount Roskill Handicap of 50sovs, 6 furlongs; and Waitakerei Handicap of 80sovs, 6 furlongs. This is a satisfactory card, which should meet with the approval of owners. Mr. H. H. Hayr, the secretary, will take nominations for the Avondale Autumn, Steeplechase and Railway Handicaps on Friday, March 29, while general entry night is on Friday, April 5.

**AN UP-TO-DATE RACECOURSE.**

In a very interesting article on the Kalgoorlie racecourse, "Terlinga" writes in the "Australasian": Mr Cropper spends his annual holiday with a notebook in his hand. Flemington, Randwick, and Riccarton have all come under his notice since he took the secretaryship at Kalgoorlie, and no idea worth annexing has escaped him. The public have perhaps

been Mr Cropper's chief consideration, but owners, bookmakers, jockeys, etc., have all been thought of. It seems so strange to hark back to what racecourses were, and see the mass of flowers of all sorts in the plant-house, which are produced and distributed about the various parts of the enclosure on race days. The well-known Currajong is prominent among the ornamental trees. It grows in the bush, and is brought in minus roots, and with the limbs lopped off almost to the trunk. They stick this tree into the ground, and it sprouts right away. Pepper trees, of course, do well in Kalgoorlie, and so do the Moreton Bay figs, which Mr Cropper has a good many of. The grandstand is a handsome two-decker, not as large as that of Perth, but very nice. There is a trough along the front of the top part, and on race days this is filled with flowers. This is a Paris idea. There is a Leger stand at Kalgoorlie, and a totalisator for each part. The totalisator building in the grandstand is roomy, and thoroughly up-to-date. They have an electric clock at Kalgoorlie. The starting barrier sets the clock going, and it also rings the closing bell in the totalisator offices. There are all sorts of conveniences, and everything seems handy. The jockeys, in addition to their own room, have a room near the scales, where they wait for their horses after being weighed. This idea savours of suspicion, perhaps, but, on the other hand, it must be a great convenience to the riders. Instead of being pestered by people asking questions as they walk through the paddock to mount their horse, the horse is brought to them in the weighing enclosure, and no one save the owner or trainer can communicate with the jockey. They have six sets of numbered saddle-cloths—a clean cloth for each race. This plan should be adopted everywhere. The bookmakers have a room with lockers, in which they can deposit bags, tickets, etc. Mr Cropper smiled when mentioning his "field" telephone. That notion certainly does seem a little in advance of reasonable requirements, but, used with discretion, I suppose it does no harm. The main object is to enable the stewards to communicate with the starter. The training track is not much used, except at race times. Very few horses are trained on the fields. The track is sand, the artificial aid being crushed ore after it has been syandied. It is said to make a good track. The course is well turfed (couch) all the way round. I was shown all over the various rooms under the stands. They are certainly equal to anything I have seen anywhere.

The public have access to the Kalgoorlie course on 358 days of the year. It is theirs except on the seven days devoted to racing, and on race days the flat is free, just as at Flemington and Victoria Park. The racecourse is used for picnics, garden parties, etc., and it must be a great blessing to the residents of such a dry, greenless spot. I should have thought the picnickers would occasionally do damage to the shrubs, flowers, etc., but Mr. Cropper says "No; they seem to regard the place as their own, and they are too proud of it to indulge in any acts of vandalism." Considering the use the townspeople make of the course, the committee have a right to complain of the liberality of the Government towards them in the matter of water. They have to pay 4s a thousand gallons. The club was the first to tap the main when it came to the course, and before the water reached the town reservoir. This was in March, 1903. Since then the K.R.C. has paid the Water Supply department nearly £3000, and last year they paid £1174 for 5,847,000 gallons.

**WOODVILLE JOCKEY CLUB'S MEETING.**

The acceptances for the first day of the autumn meeting of the Woodville Jockey Club are as follows:—

- MAIDEN HANDICAP.—Lady Nell, Toa Tuhi, Erl King, Grand Circle, Command, Secretary, Pixie, St. Killian, Monkey, Lady Adair, The Limit, Pluck, Waratah, Stepmar, Routine, Grand Salute, Deucalion, Chattel.
- HACK HURDLE RACE.—Gold Dust 11.5, Fretwork 9.11, Aorang 9.9, Westward 9.4, Matarika 9.3, Lord Ullin 9.0.
- WHARITI HACK HANDICAP.—Mileennial 8.9, Dulcinea 8.8, Truthful 8.4, The Voucher 7.13, Moloch 7.11, Lomaria 7.9, Aqua Regia 7.9, Honynhnm 7.8, Waitapu 7.7, Maura 7.7, Rendrock 7.4, Monsieur Beaucaire 7.3, Pluck 7.2, Robin Link 6.7.
- WOODVILLE CUP.—Polyanthus 8.8, Montigo 8.2, Probable 8.2, Assayer 8.0, Royal Blue 7.12, Arc Light 7.2, Ito 7.0, Barca 6.12.
- COUNTY HACK HANDICAP.—Sweet Helen 9.0, Scotch Reel 8.9, Armamento

- 8.9, Merriwing 8.3, Chicane 8.3, Marsellaise 8.0, The Squatter 8.0, Strathfillan, 7.10, Ancycle 7.9, Maid of Astolat 7.8, Chartrouse 7.4, Waicola 6.13, Moata 6.13, Robin Link 6.8.
- VICTORIA HACK HANDICAP.—Dan Leno 9.7, Pantaloon 9.6, Moloch 9.5, Mahoe 9.4, Aqua Regia 9.3, Sandix 9.1, Rendrock 8.13, South Star 8.11, Hatley 8.11, Satis 8.11, Pomegranate 8.9, Maidi 8.9, Tiwha 8.9, Arcadia 8.7, Top Rose 8.7, Parapet 8.7, Lady Stockwell 8.7, Speciosa 8.7.
- PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP.—Assayer 9.13, Aboriginal 9.4, Landwern 9.1, Moral 8.13, Victoria Park 8.10, Rosegrove 8.8, Roseal 8.7, Chatterer 8.6, Dulcinea 8.0, Te Kainui 8.0.
- TELEPHONE HANDICAP.—Lord Sout 9.9, Gawin 8.9, Aboriginal 8.9, Scotch Reel 7.9, Miretta 7.5, The Voucher 7.4, Sunbonnet 7.3, Engraver 6.9, Chartreuse.

**SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S MEETING.**

The following nominations have been received for the South Auckland Racing Club's meeting, which takes place on March 2:—

- TRIAL HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Waihou, Azoff, Golden Gem, Harkaway, Nokinoki, Flying Scud, Pip, Lady Freda, Leonette, Brooklyn, Octoroon, Chase, The Serf, Manapouri, Lady Mack, Master Clements, Geysler.
- HANDICAP HURDLE RACE, one mile and a-half.—Bromide, Stepney, Tui, Geysler, The Frenchman, Bonomiana, Loch Fyne.
- SOUTH AUCKLAND CUP, one mile and a-quarter.—Lunetta, Repeater, Haeremai, Geordie, Lord Seaton, Uhlander, Bonomiana, Nervine, Sweet Alice.
- CLAUDELANDS HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Fleramosca, Hikua, Te Taniwha, Nokinoki, Freemount, Nape-nape, Aristocrat, Sweet Alice, Lochbuie, Kola Nip, Lady Mack.
- STEEPLECHASE, about three miles.—Sophia, Stepney, Kanaka, Pierre, Bendigo, Baritone, The Frenchman, Loch Fyne.
- TRADESMEN'S PLATE, one mile.—Bromide, Lunetta, Taniwha, Freemount, Millie, Lochbuie, Geordie, Kola Nip, Lord Seaton, Uhlander, Bonomiana, Nervine.
- DISTRICT HACK RACE, six furlongs.—Waihou, Tira, Golden Gem, Harkaway, Nokinoki, Flying Scud, Araneum, Anna Lombard, Leonette, Crispnot, Bump, Geysler.
- FLYING HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Azoff, Fleramosca, Hikua, Certainty, Miss Crispin, Keep Step, Aristocrat, Brooklyn, Rough Diamond, Octoroon, Duart, Sweet Alice, Discoverer, Master Clements.

**AFTER THE RACES.**

**PAPAKURA R.C. MEETING.**

The annual gathering of the Papakura R.C. took place on Saturday last, being favoured by beautiful weather, and about 1500 people attended, while everything went off without a hitch. This old-time fixture is a favourite outing for the town folk, besides all the district people roll up in goodly numbers. The train arrangements were not quite up to former years, and vexatious delays took place, both on the up and down journeys. There were no protests or accidents, and finishes were fairly good. Several hot favourites got beaten, and the bookmakers all left the course with smiling faces. About 25 were doing business at the meeting, and these paid £3 for the privilege to ply their calling.

Business was opened with the Maiden Plate, only five facing Mr. Hanken, and Dogger Bank was made the principal medium of speculation. Even money was the best obtainable, 3 and 4 to 1 the rest. It was a pretty even start, and they were all together rounding the home turn when the outsider, Kaitangata, dashed up and finishing strongly never gave his opponents a chance, winning by two lengths from Dogger Bank, with The Serf third.

The Flying Stakes came next, and the way punters shovelled in the dollars at evens would have led one to believe the race was all over bar shouting for the Soult gelding Duart. Other betting was 2 to 1 Sweet Alice, 5 to 1 Discoverer and Klondyke, and 10 to 1 Manoeuvre. This race is easily described. Discoverer went to the front and was never afterwards troubled. He seemed to like the soft going. Sweet Alice finished second under punishment, Klondyke third, and the favourite a bad fourth.

In the Manurewa Handicap Trot the good field of nine faced the starter, and the intelligent punter immediately hit on Lady Brook as the good thing, and got the fair price of 2 to 1. The rest were from 3 to 20 to 1. Adelaide went off with the lead, and was in front until half a mile from home, when she was joined by the favourite, who came past the post all out. Colenso and Adelaide filled the places. For the Papakura Cup five saddled up, and Mr. A. Tooman's Bonomiana (last year's winner) had the call in the market at even money, 3 to 1 Kola Nip, 4 to 1 Geordie, 5 to 1 Uhlander, 8 to 1 Lochbuie. Geordie found his

feet first, and dashed away, followed by Kola Nip, Uhlander, Bonomiana, and Lochbuie. Kola Nip made a forward move at the back of the course, but was run wide by Geordie. Bonomiana got near the leaders on the inside, and rounding the turn in a bunch the mare lasted the longest and won by a neck from Uhlander, who was coming fast, Geordie third, with the other two well up.

In the Hack Race the best field of the day gave Mr. Hanken a good deal of trouble. Several false starts were made, Sabine bolting a couple of furlongs, and this delayed the start, but eventually an even start was made; if anything, Catastrophe getting a little the best of it. She carried her field along at a good pace, and rounding the home turn it seemed anyone's race. Lady Cressy and Catastrophe fought out a stubborn finish, bumping slightly near the winning post. The daughter of Soult won by a head, Lady Cressy second, and The Serf third. The Serf was made a warm favourite at even money, 3 to 1 Lady Cressy and Dogger Bank, 8 to 1 the winner, and from 5 to 20 to 1 the rest.

Five was the main in the concluding event of the day, the Railway Handicap, and punters were puzzled which to select, but took 2 to 1 each Sweet Alice and Bonomiana, 3 to 1 Kola Nip and Discoverer, and 6 to 1 Lady Clements. The field moved away in line, and ran together for four furlongs. Then Discoverer, who was always handy, came away and won with something in hand from Bonomiana, with Sweet Alice a length off third. The meeting was well conducted by Mr. Yonge and his staff. Mr. Rutherford was in the judge's box, while Mr. Hanken despatched the fields. Taken altogether, it was one of the best meetings held on the old course.

The results were as under:—

- MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP. Six furlongs.
- Mr. H. O'Gara's br g Kaitangata, by Soult—Gladiator mare, 7.9 (G. Ross) ..... 1
- Dogger Bank, 9.0 (M. Ryan) ..... 2
- The Serf, 8.6 (Julian) ..... 3
- Also started: Reminder 7.8, Catastrophe 7.0.
- Time, 1min 20sec.

- FLYING STAKES. Five furlongs.
- Mr. H. Burch's ch g Discoverer, by Tasman—Hippocampus, 8.10 (Julian) ..... 1
- Sweet Alice, 8.2 (Seats) ..... 2
- Klondyke, 8.0 (G. Ross) ..... 3
- Also started: Duart 7.12, Manoeuvre 6.12.
- Time, 1min 9sec.

- MANUREWA TROT HANDICAP. One mile and a-half.
- Mr. W. A. Scott's blk m Lady Brook, 20sec (owner) ..... 1
- Colenso, 7sec (Herbert) ..... 2
- Adelaide, 25sec (Speakman) ..... 3
- Also started: Miss Dunmore 9sec, Cleveland's Pride 13sec, Iago 19sec, Lane Tommy 22sec; Manxman 24sec, Arenal 25sec.
- Time, 4min 22sec.

- PAPAKURA CUP HANDICAP. One mile.
- Mr. A. Tooman's br m Bonomiana, by Soult—Eileen Bawn, 7.11 (Seats) 1
- Uhlander, 8.11 (Conquest) ..... 2
- Geordie, 9.0 (Julian) ..... 3
- Also started: Kola Nip 7.7, Lochbuie 7.3. Betting: 6 to 4 against Bonomiana, 5 to 2 Kola Nip, 5 to 1 the others.
- Time, 1min 52sec.

- HACK RACE HANDICAP. Five furlongs.
- Mr. A. McMillan's br g Catastrophe, by Explosion—Miscalculation, 7.0 (McMillan) ..... 1
- Lady Cressy, 7.10 (Seats) ..... 2
- The Serf, 8.6 (Julian) ..... 3
- Also started: Dogger Bank 9.0, Master Clements 7.10, Morahi 7.9, Kaitangata 8.1 (including 7lb penalty), Reminder 7.8, Charlie 7.5, Sabine 7.0.
- Time, 1min 7½sec.

- RAILWAY HANDICAP. Six furlongs.
- Mr. H. Burch's ch g Discoverer, by Tasman—Hippocampus mare, 8.9, including 7lb penalty (Julian) ..... 1
- Bonomiana, 8.3, including 7lb penalty (M. Ryan) ..... 2
- Sweet Alice, 8.0 (Seats) ..... 3
- Also started: Kola Nip 7.6, Lady Clements, 7.3.
- Time, 1min 19¼sec.

**THE CANTERBURY J.C. SUMMER MEETING.**

CHRISTCHURCH, Feb. 13.  
The Summer Meeting of the C.J.C. passed off very successfully last week. The fields during the two days were larger than is generally the rule at the "off" meeting, but the racing was very tame. Indeed, in 13 out of 14 events run during the two days the winners got home with something to spare, the only close finish being in the Craven Plate, in which Aeolus beat Golden Cairn by a head. The only classic race on the programme, the Middle Park Plate, was spoiled owing to the Wairarapa colt Elevation whipping round at the start and losing over a dozen lengths. Glenculloch put up a great performance by beating his opponents pointless, running six furlongs in 1.15,