

Hon. J. D. Ormond's Mistime, 8.5 (F. D. Jones) ..... 3  
 Also started: Moana 8.11, Gold Bar 8.11, Hapuka 8.11, Espatiro 8.8, Sky High 8.5, Miss Advance 8.5.  
 Won by two lengths. Time, 1m, 16 2-5s.  
**WELTER HANDICAP** of 100sovs. Seven furlongs.  
 Hon. J. D. Ormond's Martyrium, by Birkenhead—Martyrdom, 9.13 (F. D. Jones) ..... 1  
 Mr. F. Armstrong's Prize Bloom, 8.10 (S. Reid) ..... 2  
 Mr. F. King's Pantaloon, 9.0 (J. Griffiths) ..... 3  
 Also started: Gazeley 10.13, Fairland 8.7, Lord Bobs 8.7.  
 Won very easily by two lengths. Time, 1m, 31 2-5s.  
**SAPLING STAKES HANDICAP** of 100 sovs. Five furlongs.  
 Mr. G. P. Donnelly's br f Gold Lace, by Gold Reef—Como, 7.4 (A. Rae) ..... 1  
 Hon. J. D. Ormond's Contender, 7.6 (L. Wilson) ..... 2  
 Mr. G. Hunter's Remission, 6.9 ..... 3  
 Also started: Lady Menschikoff 7.8, No Trumps 7.7, Berengaria 7.4, Steady 6.9.  
 Won easily by two lengths. Time, 1m, 2 1-5s.  
**REDCLIFFE HACK WELTER HANDICAP** of 80sovs. Six furlongs.  
 Mr. G. Fairbrother's b c Seaton Dale, 3yrs, by Seaton Delaval—Innisfail, 8.5 (T. O'Brien) ..... 1  
 Mr. D. E. Davis' Crackpot, 8.4 (A. Oliver) ..... 2  
 Hon. J. D. Ormond's North Pole, 8.6 ..... 3  
 Also started: White Lie 9.5, Bluebell 9.5, Lamsdorff 8.6, Waihuka 8.3, Robin Link 8.2, My Darling 8.0, Black Water 8.0.  
 Won by a length. Time, 1m, 17s.  
**FLYING STAKES HANDICAP** of 100 sovs. Six furlongs.  
 Mr. T. Melrose's ch m Maid of Astolat, 4yrs, by Sir Lancelot—Dazzle, 7.9 (R. Hatch) ..... 1  
 Hon. J. D. Ormond's Oxtan, 7.13 (L. Wilson) ..... 2  
 Mr. G. P. Donnelly's Gold Thread, 7.8 (A. Rae) ..... 3  
 Also started: King Billy 9.0, Contender 8.3, Tarina 7.9, Finery 7.8.  
 Won by two lengths. Time, 1m, 14 2-5s.

**DANNEVIRKE JOCKEY CLUB'S MEETING.**

**FIRST DAY.**

The first day's racing of the Dannevirke Jockey Club's annual meeting took place on Wednesday. The weather was showery, but the course was in first-class order and the attendance good. The sum of £8377 was passed through the totalisator, and 16 bookmakers plied their calling. The results were as follows:—

**HACK HURDLE RACE**, one mile and three-quarters.—Bushranger 1, Reservoir 2, Royal Blue 3. Scratched: Papatawa and Concussion. Won by four lengths. Time, 3m, 22 4-5s.  
**MAKIRIKIRI HACK HANDICAP**.—Truganini 1, King Post 2, Seaton Dale 3. Scratched: Wharekura, Billow, Chrysopraxe, Lethan. Won by half-a-length. Time, 2m, 15s.  
**DANNEVIRKE CUP**.—Waitapu 1, San Julie 2, Arc Light 3. Scratched: The Lark. Won by a neck. Time, 2m, 10 4-5s.  
**TRIALSTAKES**.—Lady Menschikoff 1, Kimmerian 2, Mulga Bill 3. Won easily. Time, 1m, 16 2-5s.  
**TAHORATI HACK WELTER HANDICAP**.—Osiris 1, Turquet 2, Lethan 3. Scratched: Truganini. Won by half a length. Time, 1m, 30 2-5s.  
**FLYING STAKES**.—Gauze 1, Waikola 2, Toa Tui 3. Scratched: Aboriginal. Won by a length and a-half. Time, 1m, 14 4-5s.  
**ELECTRIC HACK HANDICAP**.—Lothair 1, The Dunce 2, Hydraulic 3. Scratched: Wonderbohm, Carron, Tricky Maid. Won by a length. Time, 55s.  
**TAMAKI WELTER HANDICAP**.—Maid of Astolat 1, Millennial 2, Aboriginal 3. Scratched: Aeolus. Won by a length. Time, 1m, 30s.

**SECOND DAY.**

The second day's racing of the Dannevirke Jockey Club's Meeting took place on Thursday, the weather being fine and the course in good order. The attendance was large, the totalisator results being £9404, making a total of £17,775 for the meeting. The racing resulted as follows:—  
**Hack Hurdle Race**.—Reservoir, 1; Commander, 2; Royal Blue, 3. Time, 2m, 48 3-8s.  
**March Hack Handicap**.—Maid of Astolat, 1; Gauze, 2; Toa Tui, 3. Time, 1m, 15 4-5s.  
**Telephone Hack Handicap**.—Bluebell, 1; Vasa, 2; Penates, 3. Time, 1m, 23-5s.  
**Tapuata Welter Handicap**.—Mallett, 1; Vasa, 2; Penates, 3. Time, 1m, 2 3-5s, 1m, 44s.  
**Autumn Handicap**.—Waitapu, 1; Merry Rose, 2; Loiret, 3. Time, 1m, 57 1-5s.  
**Shorts Handicap**.—Turquet, 1; Mulga Bill, 2; Vinco, 3. Time, 1m, 4s.  
**Mangatera Hack Handicap**.—Lethan, 1; Seaton Dale, 2; Lochiel, 3. Time, 1m, 30s.  
**Kaitoke Welter Handicap**.—Cyrene, 1; Aboriginal, 2; Gaelic, 3. Time, 1m, 30s.

**OHINEMURI JOCKEY CLUB'S MEETING.**

**FIRST DAY.**

The Ohinemuri Jockey Club's annual race meeting opened on Monday in fine weather. Mr. F. Clarkin acted as judge and Mr. O'Connor as starter, while the secretary (Mr. H. Poland) was a host in himself, looking after the requirements of visitors. Speculation on the totalisator was brisk, while 18 bookmakers paid £7 10s, each for the right to bet. The results were:—  
**SHORTS HANDICAP**, Four furlongs.  
 Mr. W. C. Ring's Mighty Atom, 8.4 (Ryan) ..... 1  
 Mr. J. Hannon's Miss Crispin, 8.0 (Brady) ..... 2  
 Mr. A. E. Kelly's Lady French, 7.4 (Deeley) ..... 3  
 Also started: Melton Hall, 7.10; Alba Rose, 7.6; Tenby, 7.6; Conide, 7.2; Rosewood, 6.10.  
 Won easily. Time, 49 3-5s.

**HANDICAP HURDLE RACE**, Two miles.

Mr. H. Munn's Cinque, 10.10 (Julian) 1  
 Mr. S. Darragh's Tarakahi, 11.0 (Wilson) ..... 2  
 Mr. S. G. Lindsay's Yolette, 10.0 (Jones) ..... 3  
 Also started: Loch Fyne, 10.12; Ironmould, 10.10.  
 Won by four lengths. Time, 3m, 56s.  
**NETHERTON WELTER HANDICAP**, Seven furlongs.  
 Mr. A. McMiken's Le Beau, 10.6 (Julian) ..... 1  
 Mr. S. Williams' Manapouri, 10.6 (Buchanan) ..... 2  
 Mr. H. Howe's Cyrettus, 8.4 (Ryan) ..... 3  
 Also started: Melton Hall, 9.6; Leonette, 8.12; Royal Soult, 8.10.  
 Time, 1m, 29s.

**KARANGAHAKE HANDICAP**, Five furlongs.

Mr. H. Thompson's Rotoiti, 7.5 (Deeley) ..... 1  
 Mr. W. C. Ring's Wauchope, 7.6 (Whittaker) ..... 2  
 Messrs. Cook Brothers' Azoff, 7.3 (Brady) ..... 3  
 Also started: Freebird, 7.0; Memo, 6.12; Waiheka, 6.12; Keep Step, 6.10.  
 Won by half a head. Time, 1m, 3 2-5s.

**OHINEMURI CUP**, One mile and a-quarter.

Mr. J. Roulstone's Delegate, 7.6 (Deeley) ..... 1  
 Mr. H. Denton's Montigo, 8.0 (Ryan) ..... 2  
 Mr. W. C. Ring's Certainty, 8.5 (Brady) ..... 3  
 These were the only starters.  
 Won easily by half a length. Time, 2m, 11s.

**KOMATA HANDICAP**, Seven furlongs.

Mr. R. W. K. Morrison's Waiotahi, 7.5 (Deeley) ..... 1  
 Mr. A. McMillan's Cyreniac, 8.2 (McMillan) ..... 2  
 Mr. P. Moriarty's Hard Rock, 7.0 (Brady) ..... 3  
 Also started: Fremantle 8.10, Field-Marshal, 7.12; Moananui, 7.8; Rotoiti, 7.8; Miss Dawson, 7.5; Agincourt, 7.0.  
 Won by half a length. Time, 1m, 30 3-5s.

**PAEROA STEEPLECHASE**, About two miles and a-half.

Mr. C. Thebe's Loch Fyne, 10.10 (Nesbit) ..... 1  
 Mr. J. Twohill's Pierre, 11.2 (Deeble) ..... 2  
 Mr. J. Bunting's Straybird, 10.7 (Burns) ..... 3  
 Also started: Khama, 10.6.  
 Won by twenty lengths.

**ST. PATRICK'S HANDICAP**, Six furlongs.

Mr. J. Connolly's Foremost, 7.7 (Whittaker) ..... 1  
 Mr. H. Thompson's Rotoiti, 7.7 (Deeley) ..... 2  
 Mr. P. Jones' Aristocrat, 7.6 (Buchanan) ..... 3  
 Also started: Geordie, 8.3; Cyrettus, 7.3.  
 Won by a length.

**SECOND DAY.**

Fine weather also favoured the second day of the meeting. The amount passed through the totalisator for the two days was £4712, as against £5818 for the two days last year. Sixteen bookmakers took out licenses. The results were as follows:—

**WAITEKAURI PLATE**, Five furlongs.  
 Mr. W. C. Ring's Wauchope, 7.9 (Whittaker) ..... 1  
 Messrs. Cook Brothers' Azoff, 7.6 (Brown) ..... 2  
 Mr. J. Hannon's Miss Crispin, 8.3 (Brady) ..... 3  
 Also started: Hikuai.  
 Won by three lengths. Time, 1m, 2 1-5s.  
**WAIKINO WELTER HANDICAP**, Seven furlongs.  
 Mr. H. Thompson's Sweet Alice, 9.10 (Deeley) ..... 1  
 Mr. T. Morris' Leonette, 8.1 (Brown) ..... 2  
 Mr. P. Jones' Aristocrat, 8.1 (Buchanan) ..... 3  
 Also started: Melton Hall 8.7, Tenby 7.7, Viking 7.7.  
 Won by two lengths. Time, 1m, 23 3-5s.

**DISTRICT HURDLE RACE**, One mile and three-quarters.

Mr. S. G. Lindsay's Yolette, 10.0 (S. Jones) ..... 1  
 Mr. S. Darragh's Tarakahi, 11.6 (W. Wilson) ..... 2  
 Mr. E. Brocklesby's Anna Lombard, 9.7 (Walsh) ..... 3  
 Also started: Streamer 9.0.  
 Won by two lengths. Time, 3m, 33s.

**FLYING HANDICAP**, Four furlongs.

Mr. A. E. Kelly's Lady French, 7.5 (Deeley) ..... 1  
 Mr. E. Hope's Memo, 6.7 (Brown) ..... 2  
 Mr. M. V. Bagnall's Alba Rose, 7.0 (McMillan) ..... 3  
 Also started: Hikuai 9.4, Mighty Atom 9.0, Conide 6.12.  
 Won by nearly two lengths. Time, 49 2-5s.

**PAEROA HANDICAP**, One mile.

Mr. H. Thompson's Sweet Alice, 7.7 (Brown) ..... 1  
 Mr. R. McMiken's Le Beau, 7.7 (Deeley) ..... 2  
 Mr. H. Denton's Montigo, 8.7 (Ryan) ..... 3  
 Also started: Certainty 8.5.  
 Won by two lengths. Time, 1m, 42s.

**HIKUTAIA HANDICAP**, Six furlongs.

Mr. W. K. Morrison's Waiotahi, 8.5 (Deeley) ..... 1  
 Mr. P. Moriarty's Hard Rock, 7.9 (Brady) ..... 2  
 Mr. P. Jones' Field-Marshal, 7.6 (Buchanan) ..... 3  
 Also started: Tenby 7.4, Rotoiti 7.4, Moananui 7.4, Miss Dawson 7.0, Sporting Life 7.0.  
 Won by a head. Time, 1m, 18s.

**TALLY-HO STEEPLECHASE**, About three miles.

Mr. C. Thebe's Loch Fyne, 11.2 (Nesbit) ..... 1  
**FINAL HANDICAP**, Six furlongs.  
 Mr. S. G. Lindsay's Royal Soult, 7.2 (Brown) ..... 1  
 Mr. W. C. Ring's Wauchope, 8.1 (Ryan) ..... 2  
 Mr. H. Thompson's Rotoiti, 8.4 (Deeley) ..... 3  
 Also started: Foremost 8.5, Cyrettus 6.12.  
 Won by a length.

**ATHLETICS.**

**THE OLYMPIC GAMES.**

Here is the full programme for the great Olympic Games in England:—April 20, entries close racquets; 27th, racquet competition commences; 28th, entries close covered court lawn tennis; 30th, entries close gymnastics; May 6, covered lawn tennis competition commences; 11th, entries close tennis; 18th, tennis competition commences; 23rd, entries close golf; June 1, entries close rifle shooting, clay-bird shooting, polo, rowing (except Belgium, Canada, Germany, Holland, and United Kingdom), golf competition commences; 2nd and 3rd, golf competition continued; 6th, entries close grass court lawn tennis; 12th, entries close athletics, archery, cycling, swimming, wrestling; 15th, entries close fencing, polo competition commences; 20th, final polo match; 27th, entries close for motor boat races; 28th, entries close yachting; 30th, entries close rowing (Belgium, Canada, Germany, Holland, and United Kingdom); July 6, grass court lawn tennis competition commences; 8th, rifle shooting at Bisley, clay-bird shooting at Uxendon commences, and continued on 9th and 10th; 11th, motor boat races; 13th, Olympic Games in Stadium commence; 27th, yacht races commence, and continued 28th and 29th; 28th, Olympic Regatta at Henley commences, and continued continued 29th and 30th.

**THE RECENT CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

Writing of the recent Australasian championships, "Prodigal," of the "Referee," says that the victory of the New Zealanders was pronounced and fully deserved. The New Zealand team, without question, won on their merits. Theirs was a well-trained, well-organised, and well-equipped team, and the combination was undoubtedly well handled by Mr. J. E. Green. I have heard excuses made for New South Wales, perhaps the most amusing, and at the same time absurd, being that the late selection of our distance runners had something to do with our defeat. It would have made no difference whatever had they been chosen six months ago. Since 1896 we have not succeeded in winning the 880 yards, and have never yet won either the mile or the three miles. Since the days of Da'rymple and Corner we have not succeeded in unearthing a distance runner in the same class as the crack Victorians and New Zealanders. Force of circumstances and lack of funds necessitated a late arrival in Hobart—and unquestionably this late arrival affected the chances of Colin Stewart and H. A. Scott, whilst enforced want of practice probably caused the downfall of O'Reilly with the hammer. Otherwise, it can safely be said that none of our defeated men in the distance races and walks could have won in any circumstances or under any conditions. They did their level best, but were not quite good enough.

**ABUSE IS NOT ARGUMENT.**

The fact that Wellington men won four out of the seven championships carried off by New Zealanders at the recent Australasian championship games at Hobart does not please "Sprinter" of the "Canterbury Times." Dr. Newman, who drew attention to the fact, is described as bombastic and showing a spirit of parochialism "as narrow-minded as it is deplorable." "Amateur," of the "Witness," who referred to the good work of the Wellingtonians, is summed up as either ignorant or careless, or both, and a writer of "piffing nonsense." Did "Sprinter" help to select the team, or is he blowing off steam on behalf of someone else?

**THE INTER-VARSITIES' TOURNAMENT.**

The New Zealand University athletic tournament, to be held at Dunedin at Easter, is the seventh annual tournament. Canterbury College have been three times premiers, and Otago the same number, beating Victoria College, Wellington, last year by a narrow margin. The list of championship events is a large one, comprising:—100 Yards, 220 Yards, Quarter-mile, Half-mile, One Mile, Three Mile, Mile Walk, 120 Yards Hurdles, 440 Yards Hurdles, Long Jump, High Jump, Weight and Hammer Throwing. Each centre is allowed two representatives in each, first man counting 2 points and second 1 point. The winning college holds the Challenge Shield for the ensuing year.

The other special trophies are as follows:—Ladies' Cup, for competitor scoring most points; Trevor Hull Memorial Shield, for the High Jump; cup presented by Mr. de la Mare for the Mile Flat; Sandstein Cup, for the Inter-college Relay Race. This cup has been held three times by Canterbury, twice by Otago, and once by Wellington.

The chief visiting athletes will be Oliphant and Dunlop (of Auckland), Goodbehere (of Wellington), and Harley, Collins, and Opie (of Christchurch). Taylor, Canterbury College speedy five-eighth, who will be found in the 'Varsity rear division this season, represents Canterbury in the sprints. The chief members of the Otago team (says the Otago "Witness") are McBride, Tansey, Croker, McCaw, Nuku, and Dr. Rogers. The absence of Foote, Gilray, and Harrison will be acutely felt this year. Still, if keenness goes for anything, Otago should win.

**A MODERN ATALANTA.**

Madame Isa Bell, who recently issued a challenge to race any woman in Australia any stipulated distance for the gate money and a side stake, up to a reasonable sum, has received replies from female athletes, who are prepared to dispute the woman championship of Australia. Three of these reside in various parts of the State, and the other two are city bred. A match is being arranged between Madame Bell and Miss Violet Leigh, the woman champion of South Australia, to take place in Melbourne some time next month. Madame Bell is 36 years of age, and has a daughter aged 14. Her running costume consists of loose trunks reaching below the knee, loose jacket, running shoes, and stockings.

When one finds thirty-two men running ten miles under an hour in one club race, there can be no fear of England's decadence at long-distance running. That was the performance accomplished on the Belle Vue track, Manchester, on Saturday, January 18th, in the Salford Harriers' ten miles championship. The first four men were covered by 49 seconds. W. H. Whittingslow repeated his victory of 1907. His time was 56 min 10sec.

Mr. R. Coombes has been re-elected president of the Amateur Athletic Union of Australasia, and Mr. S. E. Marks hon. secretary, while Mr. Stan. Rowley was chosen as treasurer. Sydney has again been made the headquarters of the union.

**THAMES JOCKEY CLUB.**

Registered under Auckland Racing Club and New Zealand Racing Conference.

**AUTUMN MEETING, 1908.**

SATURDAY, MARCH 21st.

**PROGRAMME.**

Officers.—President: Hon. Jas. McGowan. Vice-president: Mr. A. Burns. Treasurer: Mr. C. J. Winder. Judge: Dr. Barclay. Handicapper: Mr. R. Wynyard. Starter: Mr. E. Hankins. Clerk of Scales: Mr. W. Taylor. Clerk of Course: Mr. A. Bateman. Time-keeper: Mr. D. Twohill. Committee.—Chairman of Committee: Mr. A. Bruce. Mr. C. J. Winder, Mr. E. J. Milnes, Mr. A. Burns, Mr. W. Taylor, Mr. J. Loughlin, Mr. J. S. Hope, Mr. J. Inglis, Mr. G. E. Buckland, Mr. D. Stewart, Mr. J. Connolly, Mr. D. Twohill. Stewards: Messrs. A. Bruce, C. J. Winder, D. Stewart, G. E. Buckland, J. Inglis, J. Loughlin, D. Twohill.

1. MAIDEN PLATE of 25sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stakes. Distance, six furlongs. For three-year-olds and upwards who have never won a race of the value of 25 sovs at the time of starting. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s.
2. HURDLE RACE of 40sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stakes. Distance, one mile and three-quarters, over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 20s.
3. AUTUMN STAKES of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of stakes. Distance, one mile and about 30 yards. Winner of Maiden Handicap to carry 5lb penalty. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 25s.
4. SHORTS HANDICAP of 30sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stakes. Distance, four furlongs. Winner of Maiden Handicap to carry 5lb penalty. Autumn Stakes 7lb. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s.
5. STEEPLECHASE of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of stakes. Distance, about two miles and a-half. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 25s.
6. RAILWAY HANDICAP of 35sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stakes. Winner of Maiden Handicap and Shorts Handicap to carry 5lb penalty. Autumn Stakes 7lb. Distance, six furlongs. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 20s.
7. HACK RACE of 25sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stakes. Confined to horses from the districts or