

sider St. Brandon, got a break on the others, and was never headed. Tan garoa was running strong at the finish.

Toatui, Full Rate, and Lothair were the best backed for the Stewards Handicap. Full Rate, a C.J.C. Stewards Handicap candidate, looked fairly well. Golden Eagle was the extreme outsider of the field, but although she was last to move she quickly joined the leaders and won comfortably by three lengths from Toatui, who beat Full Rate by half a length for second place in 1.16 3-5s.

A dozen faced the starter for the Electric Hack Handicap, Sir Antrim being made the medium of a plunge by backers. The Merriwee filly Vi was, however, too good for Lord Soult's full brother, who did not get going too quickly, and could do no better than run into second place.

THE MELBOURNE CUP.

Another Melbourne Cup has been numbered with the past, and the downfall of all the most fancied horses has to be recorded. If anyone had been bold enough on Tuesday morning to prophecy that Lord Nolan would win the biggest race of the year in the colonies he would have been laughed at as a simpleton. Certainly on any form he has shown the colt did not appear to possess the faintest chance of victory, but he has proved once more there is no such thing as a certainty in racing. As a two-year-old Lord Nolan started in five races and never got even a place. Then in the A.J.C. Derby he was badly worsted by Parsee, and, although he won the New Stakes from weak opposition he could only get third in the Craven Plate. In the Randwick Plate Peru beat him with the utmost ease, and then again in the V.R.C. Derby last Saturday Alawa and Parsee ran clean away from him, for, although he got third, the colt was eight lengths behind the second horse. On this form it looked as certain as could be that both the Derby winners would be certain to defeat him again, while Peru's fine running in the Melbourne Stakes seemed to suggest that he also would be sure to defeat Lord Nolan. The defeat of the fancied candidate does not appear to be the result of any fluke, for in the cabled account of the race Parsee, Alawa and Peru were well placed at the start, and throughout the race were in a nice position to score. Under the circumstances their easy defeats seem difficult to explain. The finish of the race must have been very exciting. The N.Z. bred Delaware was first into the straight, with the top-weight Mooltan. Lord Nolan, Alawa and Tulkeroo in close attendance. Inside the distance Lord Nolan was just showing in front of Tulkeroo, and in a desperate finish Lord Nolan beat the heavy-weight by half a head. Delaware was two lengths off third, and then followed Mooltan and the favourite, Alawa. The time, viz., 2 min. 28 3/4 sec., although fast, has been beaten on several occasions, notably by Carbine (1896), Newhaven (1896), Acrasia (1904), Blue Spec (1905), and Apologue (1907). The latter holds the record for the race, viz., 3 min. 27 sec.

Lord Nolan, who is a three-year-old bay colt, and carried the light impost of 6st 9lb, was bred by Mr. J. Mayo and trained by E. A. Mayo. He was got by the St. Simon horse Positano from Lady Lybla, by Antacus from Lady Trenton from Black Swan, by Yattendon. Tulkeroo, who made such a bold effort to score when conceding 2st to his successful rival, is a six-year-old brown horse by Simmer from Myall Queen, and belongs to Mr. J. McLaurin. Delaware, who filled third berth, is a cast-off from the Yaldhurst stable, and claims as his parents Seaton Delaval and Stepfeldt. Mooltan ran well under his big impost of 9st 12lb, but Peru, who on Saturday beat him at weight-for-age, although meeting Mooltan on much better terms, ran disappointingly. The honour of steering the Melbourne Cup to victory fell to Flynn, who must be credited with riding a good race. He kept his horse in a nice position throughout, and brought him with a well-sustained run at the right end.

THE THAMES JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

In another column an announcement will be found giving particulars of the Summer Meeting of the Thames Jockey Club, which will take place on Saturday and Monday, December 26 and 28. As usual, eight events are to be run on each day, the list of races being made up as follows:—First day: The Maiden Handicap of 35 sovs., 7 furlongs; the First Hurdles of 65 sovs., 1 1/2 miles; the Goldfields Cup of 110 sovs., 1 1/4 miles; the Borough Handi-

cap of 40 sovs., 5 furlongs; the First Steeplechase of 90 sovs., 2 1/2 miles; the Stewards' Handicap of 45 sovs., 7 furlongs; the First Hack Race of 35 sovs., 6 furlongs; and the Welter Handicap of 40 sovs., one mile and thirty yards.

On the second day the items include the Second Maiden Handicap of 40 sovs., 6 furlongs; the Thames Hurdles of 65 sovs., 1 1/2 miles; the Thames Stakes of 90 sovs., one mile and 30 yards; the Bruce Handicap of 40 sovs., 4 furlongs; the Thames Steeplechase of 90 sovs., 3 miles; the County Handicap of 45 sovs., 6 furlongs; the Second Hack Race of 35 sovs., 5 furlongs; and the Midsummer Handicap of 40 sovs., 7 furlongs.

This seems a capital programme, being arranged to suit all classes, and there is little doubt it will attract a good entry. Indeed, but for the clashing of dates with the A.R.C., a very large number of horses from the metropolitan area would be sure to compete. Mr. W. H. Potts, the secretary, will take nominations up to 8 p.m. on Friday, November 27. Auckland entries may be handed in to Mr. H. B. Massey, 10 High street, Auckland.

THE POVERTY BAY TURF CLUB'S MEETING.

The Spring Meeting of the Poverty Bay Turf Club's Meeting was held last Thursday and Friday in pleasant weather. The course was in good order. The secretary (Mr D. R. DeCosta) had all the arrangements in first-class order, and everything was carried out in an admirable manner. Mr. Harry Piper had his usual success in the matter of getting the fields away in even style, and the Hon. Captain Tucker gave every satisfaction as judge. From files to hand the following particulars are gleaned. In the opening event, the Trial Handicap, 6 furlongs, a good field of nine horses faced the starter. Pluck led all the way, and a hot challenge in the straight by Eiya and Munga Motio was staved off, and a win by half a length recorded. A great fight took place between the second and third horses, Eiya winning by a head.

In the First Hurdles, 1 1/2 miles. Reservoir and The Stripper rose at the last hurdle together, but the latter falling Reservoir won as he liked.

In the First County Stakes, 6 furlongs, there were six runners. Gladsmuir got the best of the start, Stylish being last to get away. The latter mare led into the straight, and a ding-dong race ensued, Deeley on Stylish warding off a hot challenge, and won by half a length. Lloyds being a neck in front of Gatenby; Gladsmuir was fourth and Awanui last.

In the Maiden Scurry Ardfert beat Goldwin, Inez, and four others fairly easy.

Five went to the post for the Flying Handicap, 6 furlongs. Andrew Mack and Stylish were the first to show to the front. Entering the straight Tarina came through and hotly challenged the Meriwee gelding, but Deeley got his mount home by a nose; Stylish was third, Mistime next, and Lady Rohina last.

In the First Hack Flat four went to the post. Te Uku bolted. At the back of the course McLeod, the jockey, tried to stop his runaway mount by pulling it into a gate, and the gelding came down heavily, McLeod being rendered unconscious. From a fairly good start the trio soon lined out in the order—Dardanus, Spate, and Te Arai, and raced in those positions to the end, Dardanus winning by two lengths.

SECOND DAY.

It was showery on the second day of the meeting, one squall being very heavy. The amount of £5286 was put through the totalisator, making a total of £10,389 for the meeting, as against £15,790 for last year.

There were six runners in the Second Welter, one mile. Nadine showed the way from Whakawera and Shanks with Earmark next. Nadine led into the straight, and won comfortably by a length and a-half from Te Arai, who beat Shanks for second place by half a length.

Three went out for the Second Hurdles, 1 1/2 miles. Ruabon and Morpeth were out in front most of the way. Once over the last jump, Reservoir put in a great run, and passed Ruabon thirty yards from the judge's box, winning comfortably by a length. Morpeth was a similar distance away, third.

In the Second County Stakes, one mile, there were five runners. Nadine led into the straight, with Paisano coming fast on the outside. Just outside the distance Spate assumed command, and won easily by three lengths from Paisano, Nadine two lengths further off in third place.

Five carried silk in the Makaraka

Handicap, one mile. Auldearn led from Stylish and Hinetitama, with Dardanus four lengths behind. Rounding the turn into the straight Dardanus caught and passed the field. The gelding won by a good half length from Hinetitama, with Auldearn third.

A nice field of nine contested the Second Hack Flat, 6 furlongs. Miss Advance led into the straight, followed by Pearl Reef, Gatenby, and Mistime. This order was maintained to the finish, the filly winning easily by three lengths, and Mistime filled the third position a length away.

Munga Motio ran away with the Maiden Scurry, beating Waikanae by ten lengths.

Only two started in the Waikanae Handicap, 5 furlongs. Andrew Mack got well away, but Tarina quickly overhauled him, and for a couple of furlongs the pair raced neck and neck. The mare had a slight advantage into the straight, and, keeping her position, was first past the judges box by three-parts of a length. Andrew Mack did not appear to be ridden out. The stewards were called together to inquire into the suspicious running of Andrew Mack, and after a lengthy inquiry it was resolved that B. Deeley, who rode the horse, be suspended for six months, and a further inquiry regarding the owner and the horse be held.

The Farewell Handicap, 7 furlongs, attracted five runners. Hinetitama got well away from the barrier, with Pluck, Lloyds, and Ballyheigh in close attendance. Ballyheigh wrested the lead from the chestnut mare, and, coming on resolutely, won by a length and a-half. A similar distance separated second and third.

THE OTAHUHU TROTting CLUB'S MEETING.

It will be noted that the dates for holding this meeting are now Nov. 14 and 21, the second day having been altered from Wednesday until Saturday, to avoid clashing with the elections. Owners should bear in mind the fact that acceptances for all events on the first day must be made to Mr. F. D. Yonge, the secretary, by 9 p.m. to-morrow (Friday) evening.

THE TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

In the excitement of Cup meetings and the whirl of racing now going on, owners must not overlook the fact that nominations for the Spring Meeting of the Takapuna Jockey Club close with Mr. R. Wynyard, the secretary, to-morrow (Friday) evening, at 9 p.m. The events to be attended to are as follows:—

FIRST DAY.—Trial Handicap 1sov, Cambria Handicap 1sov, St. Andrew's Handicap 1sov, Handicap Maiden Hurdles 1sov, Cheltenham Handicap 1sov, Melrose Handicap 1sov, Tri Handicap Hurdles 1sov First Pony Handicap 1sov.

SECOND DAY.—Kawau Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Stanley Handicap 1sov, Spring Handicap 1sov, Vauxhall Handicap 1sov, Second Pony Handicap 1sov, Cautley Handicap 1sov, Rakino Handicap 1sov, Welter Handicap 1sov.

Handicaps for the first day's events are due on the 13th inst. Full particulars as to the programme will be found in another column.

Cambrian appears to be quite himself again after his long spell, and is bowling along in good style in his morning tasks.

The Otahuhu Club's pony measurer will be in attendance at Alexnadr aPark th's afternoon from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Douche, Dardanus, Reservoir, Mistime, Miss Advance, Bullworth, Tarina, and Ikon arrived from the South by the Westralia on Sunday.

Paritutu, Waihuku, Recreation and Pharos have arrived at headquarters from New Plymouth to play their parts at the A.R.C. Meeting.

The attendance at Flemington on Tuesday, Cup Day, is said to have been the largest on record, exceeding even that mammoth crowd when Carbine pulled off the ten-thousand-pounder. So great was the number that thousands had to stand all day, as there was no seating accommodation for them. This, however, is not very remarkable, as the stands, large as they are, always seem quite inadequate for the crowds that attend the meeting, as I have found on more than one occasion.

A correspondent in Hawera writes me at length concerning Tiptoe's running at Wellington. He thinks our Wellington correspondent erred in describing Tiptoe's win as a fluke, and is of opinion that the apparent reversal of form needed a question from the stewards, although he completely exonerates the owner from any complicity in the matter. "I can assure you (he writes) it is the good jockeys who want watching. They are so clever that the 'mug' steward, as the jockeys call them, can see nothing. The pulling goes on at nearly every meeting, more especially where the good jockeys are, and it is a pity something cannot be done to check it." My correspondent offers a suggestion that might be worth considering, and that is that the stewards should invite the public to report to them any case of the kind they may happen to know about.

INTER-PROVINCIAL.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY.

CHRISTCHURCH, Nov. 4.

In consequence of his excellent track work, Master Delaval is now a firm favourite for the New Zealand Cup. Frisco still retains his position as second favourite, but his track work has not been nearly so attractive as Master Delaval's. Probable and Heorthen have also shown fine form, and have done everything their trainers set them. Heorthen has put up three slashing gallops over a mile and a half, and on Tuesday morning easily beat Downfall, Apa, and St. Joe over that distance in the good time of 2 min. 39 1-5 sec.

Mahuta's work since his arrival at Riccarton has not pleased the touts, and the same remark applies to Grand Slam, Moloch, and Uhlano.

Glenullin, Zimmerman, White Lie, and Tangimoana have been shaping well, but Signor has failed to please track-watchers.

Stratagem has been doing good work over a mile and a quarter every other morning, and has more than once beaten his stable companions, Husbandman and Glenculloch, over a distance.

There are twenty-three horses in the Cup, and it is quite on the cards that a field of twenty will face the starter, and an excellent race may be looked forward to.

The Stewards' Handicap will produce the largest and best field of sprinters ever seen out in a six furlong race in New Zealand. This is the general opinion of old racing men. At present Bobrikoff is staunch favourite, chiefly because his supporters have lauded him up as champion among champions over a sprint course. The people behind Penates also say their horse cannot lose, while Count Witte, Flitaway, Armlet, and Gipsy Belle all have a strong following. The race should be the most exciting sprint event seen at Riccarton.

The classic events promise to have larger fields than usually seen at Cup Meetings, the Stead Dispersal Sale having distributed some smart youngsters over the country. Elystan, Broad Sword, Provocation, Cymbiform, Perle d'Or, and Day Beam are all vied good ones, and should make the two-year-old events highly interesting.

WANGANUI.

WANGANUI, November 4.

Auratus is in work again at Waverley, under the charge of E. Oakenfull. The Gold Reef—Pursuring gelding looks very well after his long spell, and there appears every prospect of his standing a preparation. If he does he will most likely be heard of as a hurdler.

Racegoers on this coast are looking forward to having a capital day's sport provided for them at Waverley on the King's Birthday. Should the weather be favourable a very large number will attend the gathering from Wanganui. I had a look at the course the other day, and found it in the best possible order. Judging from the number of horses being worked there, in addition to others up and down the coast which are being prepared for the meeting, the club will be favoured with big fields, particularly as Mr George Morse's adjustments have afforded general satisfaction. Apart from the handicap events the two half miles at catch weights are bound to provide plenty of excitement. The fact that Crucinella will be engaged in these will lend additional interest to them.

Tan San, who has gone north to compete at the Auckland spring meeting, has done a good preparation. It is thought that the right handed running at Ellerslie will suit him, as he has shown an inclination to bore out in some of his races.

Mallet was found to be amiss prior to the second day's racing at Wellington, and is an unlikely starter at the C.J.C. meeting.

That well-known mare Queen's Guard (Vanguard—Juliet) who has a foal at foot by Campfire will visit Maniapoto this season.

A lot of trotters are undergoing preparations for the inaugural meeting of the Wanganui Trotting Club, nominations for which close on Thursday, the 19th November.

The colt Rangipapa is progressing satisfactorily from an attack of strangles.