

peculiar race—one of the worst he has ever done—and Luscombe had matters much his own way. Okaihau chased him all the way, making a good fight of it, but he could not seriously threaten the son of Linstock. The latter, who hit several hurdles very hard, had a good deal in hand, winning by two lengths, while Hautapu, who never once looked dangerous, was ten lengths off third, and Creusot last, a position he had occupied throughout.

The day's proceedings terminated with the First Pony Handicap, 5½ furlongs, for which Carmania was served up a warm favourite. She, however, got anything but a good run, and never once flattered her backers. Mahinga hopped out very smartly, and led by a length from Glenora down the back. The two Soult mares were still in the van when heads were turned for home, and a good race to the judges' box resulted in a three-quarter length win for Glenora. Carmania, who finished well, was two lengths off third, with Elenore fourth.

The details were as follows:—

TRIAL HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a race exceeding the value of 50sovs at time of starting. One mile.

Mr. W. Howard's b h Escamillo, 4yrs, by Explosion—Carmen, 9.0 (Buchanan) 1
 Mr. R. Hannon's ch g Master Crispin, 5yrs, 8.0 (Brady) 2
 Mr. J. Nelson's br m Silent, aged, 8.4 (McMillan) 3
 Also started: Pukenui 8.10, Explosive 8.5, St. Cyren 8.4, Okaihau 8.0.
 Time, 1m. 47s.

CAMBRIA HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of stakes. For two-year-olds. Four furlongs.

Mr. P. Smith's b c Snowfoot, by Soult—Helen McGregor, 7.5 (Deeley) 1
 Mr. J. Craig's b f Sea Elf, 8.6 (Buchanan) 2
 Mr. F. W. Arnold's br f Etna, 7.10 (Ryan) 3
 Also started: Excalbur 7.13, Effulgence 7.5, Elegance 7.5, La Reine 7.5.
 Time, 51 4-5s.

ST. ANDREW'S HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. One mile and a-quarter.

Mr. J. C. Colbeck's b h Advocate, 4yrs, by Hotchkiss—Nelle, 7.3 (Deeley) 1
 Mr. D. McLeod's blk m Pohutu, 4yrs, by Explosion—Miss Rose, 7.3, including 2lb overweight (R. E. Brown) 2
 Trustees Mrs. A. M. Coombes' b g First Gun, 4yrs, by Hotchkiss—First Love, 7.0, including 4lb overweight (C. Brown) 3
 Also started: Tui Cakobau 7.4, Millie 7.2, Star Rose 7.2, Landlock 6.11 (including 1lb overweight), Rimlock 6.10.
 Time, 2m. 12 1-5s.

HANDICAP MAIDEN HURDLES of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a hurdle race exceeding the value of 25sovs at time of entry. Over six flights of hurdles. One mile and a-half and 100 yards.

Mr. J. G. Sutherland's br g Luscombe, 6yrs, by Linstock—Little Nell, 10.1 (Cowan) 1
 Mr. J. B. Williamson's b g Carlyle, 5yrs, 9.0 (McKinnon) 2
 Mr. J. McNicol's ch g Mark Time, 6yrs, 9.6 (Julian) 3
 Also started: Waiheka 9.10, Post Haste 9.10, San Paulo 9.8, Mozart 9.7 (including 4lb overweight), Darkness 9.0, Kotiti 9.0.
 Time, 3m. 1 1-5s.

CHELTHENHAM HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of stakes. Five furlongs and a-half.

Mr. J. George's b g Waiheka, 5yrs, by San Fran—Ua, 7.0, including 1lb overweight (McMillan) 1
 Mr. K. Heaton's b m Lady Frances, 5yrs, 6.12, including 2lb overweight (Greenwood) 2
 Mr. W. C. Ring's b h Wauchope, 4yrs, 7.12 (Feeney) 3
 Also started: Miss Winnie 8.11, Devonport 8.2, Tarina 7.2, Rarata 7.1, Lady Dot 7.4 (including 8lb overweight).
 Time, 1m. 9 3-5s.

MELROSE HANDICAP of 75sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a race exceeding the value of 25sovs at time of entry. Five furlongs and a-half.

Mrs. W. Howard's b h Escamillo, 4yrs, by Explosion—Carmen, 9.0 (Buchanan) 1
 Mr. R. Hannon's ch g Master Crispin, 5yrs, 8.4 (P. Brady) 2
 Mr. J. Calloway's b m Biddy Curran, 5yrs, 8.4 (J. Brady) 3
 Also started: Lord Crispin 8.10, Mentira 8.4, Watershed 8.6, Fideles 8.4, Ngataranga 8.4, Analogy 8.4, Crown Rose 8.4.
 Time, 1m. 11s.

TIRI HANDICAP HURDLES of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles. One mile and three-quarters.

Mr. J. G. Sutherland's br g Luscombe, 6yrs, by Linstock—Little Nell, 10.3, including 5lb penalty (Cowan) 1
 Mr. J. B. Williamson's ch g Okaihau, 4yrs, 9.0 (McKinnon) 2
 Mr. R. Hannon's b g Hautapu, aged, 12.7 (Julian) 3
 Also started: Creusot 9.6.
 Time, 3m. 22 1-5s.

FIRST PONY HANDICAP of 75sovs; second pony to receive 10sovs, and third pony 5sovs out of stakes. Five furlongs and a-half.

Mr. H. Barr's br m Glenora, 6yrs, by Soult—Nora, 7.12 (Whittaker) 1
 Mr. A. Webber's br m Mahinga, 5yrs, 7.12 (Roach) 2
 Mr. J. B. Williamson's ch m Carmania, 4yrs, 7.13 (McMillan) 3
 Also started: Imprimus 9.8, Quadroom 7.13, Elenore 7.2, Leo Grand 7.4 (including 4lb over).
 Time, 1m. 11 1-5s.

SECOND DAY.

More beautiful weather than that experienced on the second day of the meeting could not be imagined, a cloudless sky, with a light breeze to temper the heat, making matters very pleasant. Under the circumstances, it was not to be wondered at that despite it being an off day crowds of people crossed the Waitemata to assist at the gathering, every boat being well filled. The racing was fairly interesting, but the fields were very small all the afternoon. The races were again late in starting, and this unduly delayed the return to town.

Racing was resumed with the Kawau Hurdles, one and three-quarter miles, for which but four were found willing to oppose Luscombe, who was sent out a red hot favourite. After Hautapu had thrown his rider by way of preliminary, they were sent away on even terms, Okaihau immediately setting out to make the pace solid, with a view to breaking up the topweight. Passing the stand, the order was Okaihau, Hautapu, and Waiheka, but after going six furlongs Luscombe went into second place, and at the stand the second time these two were well out from the others. Down the back they went right away, but before the bottom bend was reached Okaihau forged ahead again, while Waiheka closed up rapidly. The winner was not troubled, however, winning by nearly three lengths from Waiheka, who beat the favourite by as much again. Hautapu and Kotiti finished in that order.

Then came the Stanley Handicap, a half mile dash, for which Lucio was served up piping hot. Miss Winnie hopped off very smartly, with Tarina next. As they headed for home, Tarina shot to the front, and won easily by two lengths from Miss Winnie, who just beat Lucio for second place.

The big event, the Spring Handicap, one mile, followed, a quintette going to the post. The champion pony, Royal Soult, was made a hot favourite. From a good start Tui Cakobau and Millie went away with the lead, and passing the stand were three lengths ahead of Royal Soult, with Advocate last. Down the back Tui was just showing in front of Millie, while Royal Soult was steadily making up his ground, as was Advocate. At the bottom bend Tui Cakobau was a length to the good but with heads turned for home Royal Soult came by, and galloping in fine style, got home an easy winner three lengths ahead of Advocate, who beat Tui Cakobau in the last little bit by half a length.

Seven went out to contest the Vauxhall Handicap, seven furlongs, Escamillo being the favourite, despite the fact that he was meeting Master Crispin on much worse terms than on Saturday. Directly the barrier rose Master Crispin went away with the lead, and he showed round the back and all the way home, winning easily by two lengths from Explosive, with Dainty as far-off third.

The Rakino Handicap, a half-mile flutter for two year olds, was generally summed up as a moral for Snowfoot, Etna alone being backed of the other three. After Effulgence had delayed the start by rearing up and falling backwards, she again got a flying start and led to the straight, when she was done with. A fine race to inside the distance took place between Snowfoot and Etna, but fifty yards from home Snowfoot drew clear and won all out by a length. Elegance was two lengths off third, and Effulgence last.

Wauchope was considered to be the right pea in the Cautley Handicap, 5½ furlongs, for which seven carried silk. Devonport and the favourite set out to make the pace, and the pair were alongside each other running down the back. Devonport was first to turn for home, but at the distance Tarina came with a wet sail, and, finishing gamely, won by two lengths from Devonport, who was followed by Waiheka Rarata, and Wauchope.

A quartette contested the Second Pony Handicap, 5½ furlongs, Mahinga being most fancied. Mahinga was left several lengths, and Necktie led down the back from Glenora. A splendid race took place all the way up the straight, Necktie winning by half a head from Glenora, who was a length in front of Imprimus.

The curtain was rung down with the Welter Handicap, one mile, punters

going strongly for a recovery on Manapouri and Tui Cakobau. Bully was quickest to leave the mark, and he led down the back from Tui Cakobau and Manapouri. As they headed for home Tui Cakobau made a great effort to catch the leader, but the heavy weight told its tale, Bully winning by a length, while Lord Seaton, who finished fast, was a neck away third, followed by Manapouri and Cyrona.

The results were as follows:—

KAWAU HURDLES. One mile and three-quarters.
 Okaihau (McKinnon), 9.0 1
 Waiheka (Baker), 9.6 2
 Luscombe (Baker), 11.4 3
 Also ran: Hautapu 12.8, Kotiti 9.0.
 Time, 3m. 20 2-5s.

STANLEY HANDICAP. Four furlongs.
 Tarina (Deeley), 7.3 1
 Miss Winnie (Brady), 8.9 2
 Lucio (E. Brown), 8.0 3
 Also ran: Lady Francis 7.4, Mentira 6.11. Time, 51 2-5s.

SPRING HANDICAP. Seven furlongs.
 Master Crispin (P. Brady), 8.5 1
 Explosive (E. Brown), 7.13 2
 Dainty (Deeley), 7.9 3
 Also started: Escamillo 9.12, Silent 8.0, Biddy Curran 8.0, Kapuarangi 7.9.
 Time, 1m. 31s.

VAUXHALL HANDICAP. Seven furlongs.
 Master Crispin (P. Brady), 8.5 1
 Explosive (E. Brown), 7.13 2
 Dainty (Deeley), 7.9 3
 Also started: Escamillo 9.12, Silent 8.0, Biddy Curran 8.0, Kapuarangi 7.9.
 Time, 1m. 31s.

RAKINO HANDICAP. Four furlongs.
 Snowfoot (Deeley), 8.3 1
 Etna (Ryan), 7.13 2
 Elegance (McMillan), 7.3 3
 Also ran: Effulgence 7.3. Time, 52 3-5s.

CAUTLEY HANDICAP. Five and a-half furlongs.
 Tarina (Deeley), 7.1 1
 Devonport (Ackroyd), 8.0 2
 Waiheka (McMillan), 7.12 3
 Also started: Wauchope 8.0, Lady Frances 7.2, Rarata 7.0, Lady Dot 6.9.
 Time, 1m. 9 3-5s.

SECOND PONY HANDICAP. Five and a-half furlongs.
 Necktie (P. Brady), 8.5 1
 Glenora (Whittaker), 8.12 2
 Imprimus (Buchanan), 9.5 3
 Also started: Mahinga 7.9. Time, 1m. 11s.

WELTER HANDICAP. One mile.
 Bully (McMillan), 8.5 1
 Tui Cakobau (Ackroyd), 9.5 2
 Lord Seaton (Brown), 8.3 3
 Also ran: Manapouri 8.10, Cyrona 8.1.
 Time, 1m. 45s.

A MUCH-TRAVELLED HORSE.

It is not often that a racehorse encounters so many changes of fortune as did Yorkshire Grey, winner of the Summer Handicap at Newmarket in 1858, says an exchange. As a three year old he was a great favourite for the Chester Cup, but cut up so badly in that race that his owner, Mr. J. Osborne, disgusted with his performance, sold him to go abroad. On the Continent he was first heard of in Italy, where Count Tevis, an American holding a commission in the British Army, came across him, and purchased him for £700. Under his ownership Yorkshire Grey competed, with more or less success, in France, Belgium, Germany, and Italy, and was afterwards used, sometimes as a charger and sometimes as a hack, in the Crimea, actually taking part in the celebrated charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava. He was subsequently sent to America, and thence returned to his native England, where he was again put into training under the charge of R. Boyce, of Newmarket, and actually won two out of his first three engagements.

THE TOTALISATOR V. THE BOOKMAKER.

Whenever the size of the field allows first and second dividends to be paid, the totalisator gets the bulk of the betting; but this general rule does not apply when there is only one dividend (points out the "Weekly Press"). At the last Racing Conference Mr. W. H. Herries, M.P., drew attention to the fact that small country clubs were adversely affected by the licensing of bookmakers, because the size of their fields rarely permitted the paying out of dividends on the first and second horses. In his opinion the totalisator could hold its own in races which had the number of competitors necessary for two dividends, and the layers had all the advantage over races in which only one dividend was returned. The answer was that clubs should make their programmes so attractive to owners that they would be bound to get good fields. That, of course, is all very well in theory; but small clubs have to cut their coat according to their cloth, and however much they may desire to increase their stakes, they cannot over-run the constable. The Marlborough meeting affords

strong proof of the case of Mr. Herries, and there was evidence on this point in the weight-for-age races at the C.J.C. meeting. For the twenty-three handicap events there were two hundred and fifty-seven starters, an average of over eleven per race; consequently the totalisator betting was entirely satisfactory. Most of the classic and weight-for-age races produced two-dividend fields. There were seven starters for the Stead Memorial Gold Cup, and two dividends were paid. The totalisator investments on this race amounted to £3883, a sum which should convince those who argue that weight-for-age events do not "pay" of their erroneous opinion. For the Canterbury Cup there were six starters, and only one dividend was paid. Here the investments came to £2083, just £1800 less than the amount invested on the two-dividend Stead Cup. In both races there was a very hot favourite, so the figures prove that the two-dividend principle very popular with the racing public.

RACING IN JAPAN.

In a letter to Mr. T. Payten, with whom he was so long associated, the Sydney rider H. Coffey, says he has done fairly well since his arrival at Kobe (Japan), having won three of the seven races in which he had ridden up to the time of writing. He mentions the remuneration he received, and, considering the smallness of the prize-money for which the horses competed, was well satisfied with the liberality of his employers. He is the only foreign jockey riding at Kobe, all the others being Japanese boys, who, in mile and a half races get their whips out immediately a start is effected, and are hard at their mounts from start to finish. Coffey states that the Japanese have a poor knowledge of training, and morning after morning a horse will be brought out and sent along at his top for a mile and a half or two miles.

Their ideas of feeding, too, are decidedly peculiar from an Australian standpoint. They mix up half a dozen eggs and a tin of condensed milk, with linseed, barley, crushed oats, and stalks of rice, the latter being cut up into chaff, and boil the whole lot for half an hour. A portion of this mixture and half a bucket of water three times a day is served out to each horse. Coffey, in addition to riding, has six horses in his charge, and when he treated them to dry feed his own stable boys were inclined to question his sanity.

The race meetings are conducted in a lax fashion, and as there are no stewards the jockeys do pretty well as they please.

The horses are classified according to the races for which they are eligible, and the age and sex of the horses, as well as the names of the owners, are given. Each horse has a number opposite its name in the list, and when working it has to carry a saddle cloth bearing a corresponding number, and, to make identification still easier for those who go touting the figures are in different colours, according to the classes. For instance, Japanese-bred horses will have blue numbers on the saddle cloth; Australian bred, red; and others black.

The course is opened at 5.30 a.m., and is closed at 8 a.m., and as the official list shows there were no less than 215 horses in training, the racecourse must have been very lively for those two and a half hours. According to the Sydneyite, they do not bother about timing a horse more than a furlong, reckoning if it has to run eight it will average the same time for the lot. If this is so, the Jap, cute as he may be in other matters, has a lot to learn as regards horse racing. Each morning between two and three thousand people assemble to witness the training operations, but now that the totalisator is abolished the chances are that the interest taken will decrease.—"Sydney Referee."

"Rot (writes the "Asian"), the dam of Yentoi, the winner of the Cesarewitch, was at one time more or less well known in India, though she was never very much good. She was an under-sized English mare brought out by Mr. E. H. Gregory some years ago, and she raced with varying success in Calcutta, but never won a big race. After her career in India Mr. Gregory took her home with him, and made her over to Major Edwards, who has, it will be noted, managed to get one good winner out of her as a result of mating her with Santol. Rot was a little bit of a thing, about the last mare in the world that one would expect to be a success as a matron, yet they say that Yentoi is a very fine colt indeed."