

NOTES.

G. Price has been engaged to ride Diabolo in the Auckland Cup.

That once speedy pony mare Solitary (by Recluse) has a filly foal by Seaton Delaval.

Necktie and Glenora had a rare battle up the straight in the Pony Race at Takapuna yesterday, and most of the public thought it was a dead heat. Mr. Ralph, however, gave the verdict to Necktie by a short half-head.

Tarina pulled off a double in good style at Takapuna yesterday, and in both cases Deeley had the mount. A wire was duly sent to the mare's owner, the Hon. James Carroll, notifying him of the success of the heliotrope and black colours.

Bully has been off the scene for quite a time now, but he won the Welter Handicap yesterday from end to end.

Maher won premier position in the list of winning jockeys in England. Wootton, despite his disqualification, was second, and Higgs third.

Although there were 130 entries for the events on the second day at the Takapuna meeting, there were only 42 starters for the eight races an average of only a fraction more than five per race. This is the lowest for many years at Takapuna. In only two events was there a second dividend, and this materially affected the totalisator figures.

Royal Soult at Takapuna yesterday again demonstrated what a great pony he is by winning the Spring Handicap in the easiest possible fashion. The little fellow was giving a lot of weight away, but he really made no race of it at the finish.

Effulgence bids fair to beat Sweet Alice's record as the worst-behaved mare at the post in Auckland. In both races at Takapuna she delayed the start, badly unseating Whittaker, yesterday falling backwards. The rider fully earned his fee.

The sale of Mr. August Belmont's American-bred yearlings at Newmarket last month was not a success. Thirteen were sold, and only three reached the three-figure mark, the highest price paid being 210 guineas for a colt by Hastings. R. Wootton gave 105 guineas for a filly by the same sire. The average was 65 guineas each, which will scarcely encourage American breeders to send young stock to England.

Mr. Robert Duder unfurled his new racing colours, red, white, and blue, on Saturday, but neither La Reina or Ngataranga, who carried them, ever once flattered the hopes of their popular owner.

A case of form repeating itself. Escamillo and Master Crispin filled first and second positions in both the Trial and Melrose Handicaps on Saturday at Devonport.

Advocate should have won the St. Andrew's Handicap at Devonport on Saturday, but Deeley was caught napping. Obviously he did not see Pohutu until the latter was alongside, and although he then sat down and rode for all he was worth, he could not get Advocate's head again in front, and a dead heat was the result.

The filly by Cyllene from Sceptre, who won a good race at Newmarket in October, was bred by Mr. W. BaBss, and her sire and dam cost him about £55,000, but since the beginning of the present year Mr. Bass has disposed of Cyllene to go to South America. The lines of the filly's breeding are rather interesting. Cyllene is by Bonavista (son of Bend Or) from Arcadia, by Isonomy (son of Sterling) from Distant Shore, by Hermit (son of Newminister). Sceptre is by Per-simmon (son of St. Simon) from Ornament, by Bend Or (son of Doncaster) from Lily Agnes, by Macaroni (son of Sweetmeat) from Polly Agnes, by The Cure from Miss Agnes. Another well-bred winner at Newmarket on the same day was Miranda, a full sister to Pretty Polly. It was stated recently that there was some chance of Pretty Polly resuming training again.

The death occurred in the Argentine some time back of the stallion Kendal, in his twenty-sixth year. Among other high-class performers sired by Kendal was Galtee More, who won the Two Thousand, Derby, and St. Leger of 1897.

Surely the running of at least one horse on the opening day of the Takapuna meeting was worthy of an enquiry. The public thought so if the stewards did not.

Snowfoot's victory in the Cambria Handicap on Saturday was due as much to clever horsemanship as anything else. The son of Soult appeared to be hopelessly shut out but at the sharp bend into the straight the field ran rather wide, and Deeley seized the opportunity to get up on the inside.

The November Handicap, one of the big events of the Manchester autumn meeting, was run on Saturday and won by Old China (Avington—Derby China), with Simonson (Jeddah—Simonella) second and Cargill (Carbine—Galinne) third.

Muskerry, who ran so well at Feilding, is a four-year-old brown mare by Merriwee from Mousqueterie. The time taken by her in running the Manchester Handicap, viz., 2min 6 3-5sec., equals the New Zealand record previously held by Marguerite.

The Wanganui Jockey Club has come in for warm praise for its attempt to deal with the stipendiary steward question. This should, of course, have been dealt with by the Racing Conference, but as that body, instead of grappling with the matter, has preferred a laissez faire attitude, the Wanganui Club is to be complimented on taking the initial step in bringing about this much-needed reform.

The Thames Jockey Club has received very good entries for the summer meeting, and the fixture looks like proving a great success.

The Poverty Bay Turf Club has resolved to appeal to the Racing Conference re the quashing by the Hawke's Bay Club of their disqualification of Deeley. Perhaps it would be better to let well alone. By the way, Deeley's second ride after the ban was removed resulted in a win, and he was heartily cheered on returning to scale.

Harvest won the Timaru Handicap at the South Canterbury meeting. He is a half-brother to Husbandman, by Clanranald, and is a very useful customer when well.

Among the Canterbury horses shortly due at Ellerslie are Husbandman, Broadsword, Flitaway, Stratagem, Sharpshooter, Armlet, Nautiform, and Nobel. They will compete at the A.R.C. summer gathering.

Ikon has incurred a 3lb penalty in the Railway Handicap at Ellerslie through winning the Kiwitea Welter at Feilding.

The Soult gelding Silkweb won a double at the South Canterbury meeting.

Husbandman's win in the St. Andrew's Handicap at Feilding stamps him as a better colt than was generally thought. Even his own party were not very sanguine of success. As he carried 8st and ran the mile and a-half in 2min 36sec., the performance was a meritorious one.

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Carlyle's bold showing in the Maiden Hurdles on Saturday came as a surprise, as the gelding was almost friendless on the machine. Indeed his second money dividend was by far the highest of the day.

The starting at Feilding on the first day is said to have been very bad indeed. Gold Crest's easy win in the Stakes was said to be largely due to this.

Mr. Webster received capital entries for the Taranaki J.C. meeting. Everyone would like to see the old club forge ahead again.

Acceptances for the Auckland Cup are due to-morrow evening. It is said the scratching pen will be freely used.

The Auckland Trotting Club give £1925 in stake money at the coming summer meeting.

Mr. William Adams, a very well-known identity in Auckland sporting circles, last week joined the great majority. He was a prominent member of the Auckland Trotting Club.

Aborigine will not be a starter in the Auckland Cup, but will be reserved for the Derby.

Mr. W. Casey is pushing on with the erection of the new members' stand at Ellerslie.

Carmania was backed for the Pony Handicap at Takapuna on Saturday, but a moderate third was the best she could do.

The well-known mare Waihou has failed to get under the 14.3 standard. She has been racing in the pony ranks for some time now.

Nominations for the Whangarei meeting close on Friday, the 18th inst.

Entries for the Takapuna Cup fall due on December 18.

At the Folkestone meeting (England) on September 12th, the jockey who rode Galleat in the Dover Handicap at 9st 2lb weighed only 4st 7lb, so that he had to put up nearly 5st dead weight.

Golden Slipper, who has been enjoying a spell, resumes work at once at Randwick.

Starters in England have been empowered by a new Jockey Club rule to inflict a fine not exceeding £10 on any jockey misconducting himself at the post.

The English horse Tenacre, by Wolf's Craig from Lismaine, purchased by Mr. J. Brennan for 2000 guineas, is due to arrive in Sydney shortly.

Spearmint's half-sister Araminta (by Ayrshire) won the Newmarket Oaks, a mile and three-quarters, last month. Spearmint is commanding plenty of stud patronage, and the great brood mare Festa and her daughter Fabula (winner of £10,000 in stakes) recently arrived in England from Germany in order to be mated with him next year.

The committee of the English Jockey Club have made some alterations in their rules bearing upon starting, by which they have placed in the hands of the starter power to fine riders who do not obey orders. The new rule reads: "The starter has power to inflict a fine not exceeding 10sovs on any jockey who misconducts himself at the post and should a jockey be so fined the starter shall at once report the fact to the stewards. He shall also report to the stewards any jockey who refuses to obey his commands in any respect whatever." Rule 38 was also altered by the following addition:—"The starter shall report to the stewards the time at which each race was started, and by whom or by what cause any delay was occasioned."

A new kind of tube for insertion in a horse's throat has been patented in England. It is the invention of Mr. G. E. Gibson, M.R.C.V.S., and is called "The Regulator." The principal point claimed in its favour is that it is fitted with regulating valves, which open when the horse inhales and closes when he exhales, so that the breath passes out through the larynx and nostrils in the natural way. More over, it regulates the amount of air admitted to the lungs, and is claimed to be a great improvement on all other tubes.

Nominations for all events to be decided at the Auckland Trotting Club's summer meeting close on Dec. 11.

Among the winners at Haydock Park, England, on October 9, was Nickle Neck, by Carbine—Imperious, who won the Newtown Nursery Handicap.

The result of the contest for the English Jockey Club Stakes has once again thrown the three-year-old form into the melting-pot (says an English writer). One begins to despair of ever seeing it assume a definite shape. The material appears to be hopelessly plastic. Signorinetta, for example, is one of the most mysterious mares seen on the turf. How did she manage to win the Derby and Oaks? I have all along maintained that she gained her dual reputation cheaply, and ever since her dual achievement at Epsom she has been shedding the glory she thereby acquired.

The gossips have it, says "Vanity Fair," that in the immediate future it is the intention of the English Government to put forward legislation dealing with betting. Recent occurrences in America have placed before our eyes a warning of the disastrous effects produced by drastic and hastily-conceived legislation for the suppression of betting there. Racecourses are closing their gates, thousands of people are thrown out of employment, and blood stock is becoming a drug on the market, and a heavy blow has been dealt at the development of the thoroughbred horse. The breeding of blood stock in this country is neither more nor less than a national industry, in which huge sums of money are engaged.

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(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY.

CHRISTCHURCH, December 2.

It was generally considered in Christchurch that Armlet could not lose the Feilding Stakes, despite the fact that she had a formidable field against her. Bad starting prevented the Menschikoff filly getting nearer to Gold Crest, and with a fair start she may be hard to beat in the Auckland Railway Handicap.

The South Canterbury Jockey Club netted £348 10s. in bookmakers' fees at its meeting last week. When the balancesheet is published, I expect to see a substantial amount on the credit side.

Stepniak's progeny was in great form at the South Canterbury Meeting, six races falling to the credit of the Elderslie sire. Petrovna, Czar Kolokol, Caspian, Cute, Vologda, and Linda all Stepniaks, won races, while Oolodia, and Ard Reigh performed well.

Husbandman was not greatly fancied by his connections for the St. Andrew's Handicap at Feilding, and his victory stamps the son of Treadmill as a really good colt, and also proves that his running in the Canterbury Cup was all wrong.

Broadsword was fancied for the classic event, but Provocation will, I think, always prove his master in any distance over half a mile.

Flitaway, who was doing as good work as anything at Riccarton prior to the Cup Meeting, seems to have lost all her dash. Her running at the Cup Carnival was very poor, while at Feilding it seems to have been equally as bad, and this is the filly that the stable thought would eclipse the deeds of Fleetfoot.

The Hororata Racing Club will hold its annual race meeting on Thursday. There are good fields in all the events.

Stratagem will be a starter in the Auckland Cup. The mare did not run up to her best form at the Cup Meeting, and may be worth watching at Auckland.

Heorthen's next appearance will be at the Christchurch Club's Meeting. She is looking well after her severe races at Riccarton.

Glenculloch, Sister Anne, Kilwinning, Applegarth, and Fasnakyle are likely starters at the Manawatu Meeting.

T. W. Cotton had a good innings with members of his team at Timaru, where Harvest, Silkweb, and Petrovna won races.

White Cockade has resumed active work, as also has Sea King.