

MINEES' PURSE, seven furlongs.

Swiftfoot	1
Lieutenant	2
St. Ona	3

Other starters—Cadi, Forty-seven, Bavaria. Time, 1min 35sec. Dividend, £3 14s.

FIRST HACK RACE, one mile.

Haiata	1
Rifle II	2
Rufus	3

Other starters—My Lord, Pickpocket, Taihoa, Madoline, Musk, Cowspanker, Major. Time, 1min 53sec. Dividend, £3 1s.

FLYING HANDICAP, five furlongs and a half.

Honesty	1
Repetition	2

The only starters. Time, 1min 14 2-5sec.

SECOND DAY—MONDAY, FEB. 12.

The results on the second day of this meeting were as follows:—

TOURIST PLATE, five furlongs.

St. Elmo	1
Honesty	2
Bavaria	3

Dividend, £1 13s.

HURDLE RACE, one mile and three-quarters.

Stockman	1
Snider	2
Nea	3

Dividend, £1 10s.

THE AROHA CUP, one mile and three furlongs.

Knight of Athol, 8.7	1
Admiral Hawke, 7.8	2
Castroline, 7.3	3

Other starters—St Ona, Regalia. Time, 2min 27sec. Dividend, £1 5s.

PONY HANDICAP, six furlongs.

Repetition	1
Leona	2
Rufus	3

Dividend, £1 11s.

PUBLICANS' HANDICAP, five furlongs and a half.

Puhia	1
Brilliant	2
Lieutenant	3

Dividend, £1 2s.

HACK HANDICAP, six furlongs.

Rifle II	1
Pickpocket	2
Radical	3

Dividend, £3 4s.

FORCED HANDICAP, five furlongs.

Puhia	1
Honesty	2
Repetition	3

Dividend, £3 1s.

bus galloped half a mile on the sand. Cameo covered a mile on the grass by himself; he is a very lazy worker. Haria and Medallius executed a working gallop once round on the cinders. Skirmisher strode over six furlongs by himself. After breakfast, Ben Farley did once round on the grass, assisted by the Olanranald gelding over the last part; the little horse looks healthy and well. Subrosa and Phryne finished strongly over the last part of once round. Huku, with a very light-weight up, galloped a mile and a half on the grass, assisted by Nantes the last mile; the son of Vanguard had to be driven along all the way, as he is a very lazy worker. Crow's Nest and the Dudu gelding went in company over half a mile fast on the cinders. Ladykiller and Whirlwind galloped five furlongs on the grass, the former, who works freely, finishing slightly in front. Lady Dundas, Warbeck, and Sara covered five furlongs on the grass, the former appearing to have slightly the best of it at the finish. St. Ronald and Sally galloped five furlongs on the grass, finishing together. Stephanie strode along over a mile by herself. All Saints and Bonaparte did half a mile, finishing together. Melita and Constance finished together at the end of a strongly-run five furlongs on the grass.

Monday, February 12.

The work on Monday was not very interesting. Cutts commenced by sending Terrapin and Macintosh for a five-furlong flutter on the plough. Cannie Chiel finished strongly over the last part of a steady circuit. Djin-Djin by himself covered a mile at a sound pace, moving freely and well. Malatua and Gold spurred the last half-mile of a steady circuit, the former having much the best of the gallop. Benzoin, Rougemont, and Garmoran accomplished a useful working gallop over a mile. Hermosa finished strongly over the last five furlongs of a half-pace round. Haria, by himself, compassed a mile and a half at a striding pace. Medallius and Golden Lake did useful exercise. Cavalry held Peerage safe at the end of half a mile on the sand. Subrosa and Phryne, separately, were given useful tasks. The following did medium and half-pace work—Deadbeat, Vulcan, Leather Medal, Huku, Belligerent, Cameo, Rochester, Strathnairn, and others. Dundas was out, but was restricted to walking exercise.

Tuesday, February 13.

The tracks were in splendid order this (Tuesday) morning. Operations were commenced shortly after five o'clock by Cutts' pair (Terrapin and Macintosh) sprinting over six furlongs on the plough, finishing together. Djin-Djin and Huku galloped a mile in taking style, both going strongly at the finish. Malatua held Gold safe over a similar distance on the sand, while Deadbeat negotiated six furlongs at a useful pace. Cavalry proved too good for Peerage over fast half-mile. Dundas finished in front of Hermosa and Rougemont over five furlongs. Blazer and Benzoin were associated in a seven-furlong gallop, but neither was fully extended. Both are looking in perfect health. Haria and Blunderbus jumped away at the mile and a half post, and were joined by Golden Lake at the seven furlong mark, where Blunderbus was eased up, the other pair finishing together. Strathnairn, by himself, ran seven furlongs fast, while Cameo held Skirmisher safe at the end of a strongly-run mile. Phryne and Subrosa, separately, did useful exercise over a circuit, and Medallius galloped seven furlongs by himself. After breakfast Stephanie brushed over six furlongs. Crow's Nest and the Dudu gelding were ridden out over a similar distance. Ladykiller strode freely over five furlongs, while Whirlwind completed two circuits at half speed. Lady Dundas had an advantage over Warbeck and Sara in a half mile flutter.

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CANTERBURY.

THE FORTHCOMING MEETING.

CHRISTCHURCH, February 8.

Out of eighteen horses handicapped for the Midsummer Handicap, seven have gone out. They were Boreas, Fulmen, Pitch and Toss, Seabrook, Hermosa, Sequin, and Red Banner. The top-weight now is Malatua, who holds the position of favorite. Skobeloff has a host of supporters, despite his inability to win races, while Jupiter has also been enquired after. Malatua or Skobeloff will, I think, supply the winner.

The only North Island horses nominated are First Blood, Ostiak, and Derringshot, while Otago will probably be represented by Blazar, Jupiter, St Ouida, and Clinker. The latter four is a poor nomination from a district which always receives liberal support from Canterbury owners.

Mauser, who has been doing stud duty in Kaikoura and surrounding country, has been nominated for the Flying Handicap. The son of Maxim is reputed to be in fine buckle, but I doubt whether he will be fit to race this month.

Dan O'Brien will have a strong team to represent him. He has nominated Malatua, ceerage, Gold, Military, and Cavalry. The two last-named are in the juvenile races, and as the opposition is not over strong they should score a win.

Mr Stead's team will consist of Formosan, Ismene, and Skobeloff. This is the smallest number the Yaldhurst owner has entered at an C.J.C. meeting for some years past.

Female Franchise is said to be in fine trim. The grey mare is trained at her owner's station.

Warbeck, a two-year-old in Hobbs' stable, is putting in some smart gallops, and should show up well in the Lyttelton and Richmond Plates.

Sequin and Hermosa were both withdrawn from the Midsummer Handicap. They are not forward enough to get a mile and a half at a strong pace.

Old Skirmisher is being regularly worked, and will be given a race or two at this meeting.

The nominations for the Great Autumn and Easter Handicaps are very satisfactory, the latter race receiving most support from owners. I fully expected to see North Island horses well represented, and Tire, Boreas, Tortulla, Derringshot, Advance, Autaia, Oingo, Daunt, Jabber, Ostiak, Relic, and Temeraire comprise the lot. If they all come down the sport should be particularly interesting.

After payment of the final forfeit eighteen remain in the Eighth Challenge Stakes. Of this number Obligado, Clack-na-Oudden, Blunderbus, Kismary, and a few others cannot have much chance of beating Screw Gun, Benzoin, Renown, Glenogle, Miss Delaval, and Cannie Chiel.

February 12.

The Canterbury Jockey Club has given the handsome donation of £200 to the Canterbury War Fund.

The full brother to Screwgun has been named Royal Artillery.

Sara, a two-year-old filly by Saracen—Chiara, has been nominated for the two-year-old events at the Canterbury Summer Meeting. This filly, who is in Murray Hobbs' stable, will be the first of Saracen's progeny to run in public. Sara is a smart youngster.

Hobbs has another two-year-old (Warbeck) who should win a race or two before the season is over. Warbeck is by Perkin Warbeck II.—Take Miss, and is now in active training.

While out at Riccarton a day or two ago I had a look at Sir George Clifford's youngsters. Cutts has the whole of the two-year-olds in hand, and no less than six of them are in the Canterbury Derby of 1900.

Here are the names of the six youngsters:—Cannie Chiel, Terrapin, Testudo, Somerled, Macintosh, Glenaladale, all of whom claim Olanranald as their sire.

Cannie Chiel is best known to race-goers, and quite lately demonstrated that he can gallop fast. Shortly after returning from the Wellington Meeting Cannie Chiel met with an accident, which may prevent him from starting again this season.

Somerled is voted the most promising of the bunch. He is developing into a fine strapping colt.

Melita has filled out a lot since returning from Wellington, and should strip in nice condition when asked to race a fortnight hence.

Two other two-year-olds, Stephanie and Whirlwind, both by Stepniak, are in active training for the Summer Meeting.

Nantes (Stepniak—Hugenot) seems to have recovered some of the old form she showed as a two and three-year-old, and is now putting in some good work, chiefly over six furlongs. Nantes should be worth watching in forthcoming events.

A week or two ago I referred to Corusa's running at the Ashburton Meeting. Corusa, who is three years old, is by Medallion—Iris, and has been nominated for the Craven Plate and Flying Handicap. A patron of Mr Friedlander's stable tells me that Corusa is galloping well at her owner's place at Ashburton.

Jack Harris has had another slice of bad luck with Deadbeat. Just as Harris had got the daughter of Lakeshell fit to race she took ill, and will not probably be able to fulfil summer engagements. Deadbeat is indeed an unlucky besides a very costly animal.

Suzannah, who has been having a spell at her owner's station, is again in work, and may be seen out in the Craven Plate.

What a strong-looking horse Blazar is. I saw him do a gallop at Riccarton the other morning, and he seemed to fairly revel in his work. Blazar won two races at Wellington under heavyweights, and the horses in the Craven Plate will have to be very smart to beat Mr Solomon's speedy gelding. Nominations for the first day's events at the Greyhound Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting close on Saturday, February 17. The meeting will extend over two days, and as the programme contains some good stakes, the club should be rewarded by receiving good support from owners.

Red Lancer's win in the Summer Handicap at Takapuna was anticipated by several Christchurch backers. Two years ago this gelding was winning races in good company with over 9st on his back.

Tolstoi must have improved wonderfully since being in H. Frauks' charge. Tolstoi's former trainer (R. Mason), received word that the son of Stepniak would win at Takapuna, but Mason would not back him on the ground, I am informed, that he was too unreliable.

A Christchurch backer invested a few pounds on Tolstoi each time the gelding started at Takapuna. The dividends received ran into three figures.

Ben Farley has been putting in some good work lately, and as a result has come into favor for the Midsummer Handicap. Ben Farley has never won over a mile and a half journey, but he got to the end of a mile and a quarter, and may under his light impost show up well in the Midsummer.

February 13.

The weights are out for minor handicaps on the first day of the C.J.C. Summer Meeting, which will be held next week. In the Halswell Hurdles the field is a very poor lot, and if Sub Rosa can be persuaded to jump well she should about get home. The Hornby Walter should attract a big field, and Strathnairn, Ben Farley, and Cameo strike me as the best three. In the Lyttelton Plate Dan O'Brien should score his first win with Cavalry. This colt is putting in some capital work. Ismene and Stephanie may prove hard nuts to crack. Rochester is considered by Riccarton people as having the best chance of securing the Craven Plate. He will probably encounter most opposition from Blazer and Suzannah. In the Midsummer Handicap I still think either Malatua or Skobeloff will win. Haria, on his track form, will carry a lot of money. Next week I will send final selections, when I hope to be able to spot at least some of the winners.

At the monthly meeting of the committee of the C.J.C., on Tuesday last, the following licenses were granted:—Trainers: F. J. Neanie, H. Ward, P. G. Wilson; Jockeys: T. Cahill, C. Jones, S. Watson. Apprentices: F. Lowry, C. M. Stewart. The apprentice's license of Martin Gould was suspended for his having left his employer without leave. The Hawke's Bay J.C. was notified that W. Noble, holder of a jockey's license, had left his employer without notice. A grant of £10 was made from the Trainers' and Jockeys' Provident Fund to S. Lindsay, injured at the Metropolitan Meeting. A like grant was made for M. Twomey, killed at the same meeting. Transfers of Wellington Park yearlings were registered from Mr T. Morrin to the various purchasers. It was resolved to recommend all clubs in the Canterbury metropolitan district that trainers, jockeys, and apprentices holding licenses from the C.J.C. should be admitted free to all courses and saddling-paddock on production of their licenses.

HAWKES BAY.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

NAPIER, February 13.

Mars (Ingomar—Lyre), who has been having a lengthened spell, was taken in hand again last week by Stewart Waddell.

Roller, Renown, St. Bridgid, and Temeraire are striding along well in their tasks just at present.

Though Daunt has been entered at the approaching Autumn Meeting of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club, he has been having such an easy time of it lately that I do not expect him to show out in his old form should he be a participant in the racing at Hastings next month.

Kismary, who was purchased by Percy Martin in Auckland, arrived here by the Flora yesterday, and was sent out to Martindale Lodge later on in the day. Her owner was loud in his praises of the generous manner in which he and his co-workers of the Hastings Bowling Club were treated by the Northern bowlers.

The progeny of Kaiwaka were to the fore at the annual meeting of the Rissington District Racing Club on Saturday, for a couple of his gets secured a brace of wins apiece. Tired capturing the Patoka and Rissington Cup Handicaps, and Waitio (who is a full sister to Mangaohane, the winner of the New Zealand Grand National in 1888) was triumphant in the Hurdles and Woodthorpe Handicap.

February 9.

George Collelo has got Waterstone going again, and Waterfall's handsome son looks as if he has benefited by his rest. His trainer has been riding him schobling work over the hurdles at Napier Park during the past week, and, for a beginner, he shapes real well at the business.

The Frenchman is fast recovering from the mishap that laid him out just before the Woodville meeting last month.

The judge's ruling at Wairoa, on Wednesday, did not give universal satisfaction as regards his decision on the Flying Handicap, for able and experienced followers of the game were quite satisfied that Yild had won easily, instead of which the man-in-the-box's verdict went up for Whitirea.

Finding that Orizaba was unsuitable for a "troop horse" for the Third Contingent, Mr Richardson generously replaced him with Daring (Dreadnought—Ellock), the half-brother to the Hon. J. D. Ormond's speedy Phooka.

The adjourned meeting of the H.B. Jockey Club Metropolitan Committee was held yesterday (Thursday) at the Criterion Hotel, Mr H. F. Logan in the chair. The following licenses were granted:—Trainer, George Clifton; jockey, W. Lister; gentlemen riders: Messrs A. M. Shields, H. E. Peacock, E. T. Brown, E. O. Pardos, B. Kainrata, M. Kainrata, John Wilson, Alfred Boggs, Stanley W. Howell, John Culshaw, W. Brewer, W. Hamlin, H. Sebley, T. Tier, and Peter Hiha. The programme of the Gisborne St Patrick's Day Annual Sports was approved.

Thoroughbred stock was fairly well represented at the Woodville A. and P. Show this week. In the class for mares of any age, with foal at foot, one of Mr Gollan's, Needy Gift (by Jet d'Eau—Forlorn Hope), secured first award. Mr W. Lemon, who used to own Bush Rose and who has been represented on the turf lately by Eiderdown, got the first prize in the two-year-old filly class with Calm, a daughter of Kempenfeldt (full brother to The Shrew and Repose. Needlegun (Nordenfeldt—Patch), whose son, Jewel Gun, is showing good form just now, sired Roto, the yearling filly who triumphed in her class.

TARANAKI.

NEW PLYMOUTH, February 10.

The regrettable accident to The Crown in the Farewell Handicap at the Taranaki Meeting ended what looked to be a promising career. The big son of Hotchkiss was coming on fast, and, being endowed with pace, there was every



AT RICCARTON.

Thursday, February 8.

This morning Cutts sent Glenogle for a fast gallop over seven furlongs. The colt went over the ground in a taking manner, and presents a well-trained appearance.

Djin-Djin strode along freely over a mile by himself. He has filled out well.

During the week Dan O'Brien's team was out, and did useful work. Malatua and Gold were associated together in a six-furlong sprint. The latter has improved a lot since O'Brien bought her. Cavalry and Military worked in company once round, sprinting fast over the last four furlongs.

Dundas and Benzoin sprinted five furlongs fast, the latter moving freer than his companion. Hermosa, looking bright, went once round by herself.

Bristol, Rougemont, and Garmoran were sent together in a brush over five furlongs, and after keeping together nearly the whole way, Bristol came away and beat the other pair home.

Sub Rosa and Phryne were restricted to useful pacing. Cameo and Seabrook finished fast over the last half mile of once round. Strathnairn and Rochester were given walking exercise. They are both well forward. Huku cut out a mile at a sound pace. Belligerent beat Skirmisher over six furlongs.

Haria, looking in capital fettle, was sent a mile and a half gallop, having the assistance of Medallius over the last mile. Haria finished strongly, and if he goes on all right in his work he should run well in the Midsummer Handicap.

Blazer, looking muscular and well, sprinted five furlongs with great freedom. He is very fit.

All the above horses are entered for races at the C.J.C. Summer Meeting.

Saturday, February 10.

Most of the horses having engagements at the Summer Meeting were worked. Djin-Djin, who has thrown off his soreness, was sent twice round at a strong half-pace. Macintosh and Terrapin galloped six furlongs on the grass. Deadbeat and Dundas did half pace work. Glenogle, who is suffering from a bad cold, was not out. Benzoin and Bristol galloped seven furlongs fast on the grass, both moving nicely. Blazer, Rougemont, Hermosa, and Garmoran galloped seven furlongs in company on the grass. Malatua and Gold executed a nice working gallop over a mile on the grass. Peerage and Cavalry strode along over five furlongs fast. Seabrook and Blunder-



GEO. HOWLDS is slaughtering