

genuine stayer. Kinglike, I do not think, will have recovered sufficiently, but should Malster win the Derby, he will have to be considered. Amongst the light-weights those possessing some attraction are Horace and Barbarossa. La Carabine, Merriwee, Severity, War God, Lancaster, Nora, and Malster, are a lot from which I fancy the winner will come, and I shall select as place getters:—

- LA CARABINE .. .. . 1
SEVERITY .. .. . 2
LANCASTER .. .. . 3
MERRIWEE .. .. . 4



ELLERSLIE.

Saturday, October 27th.

The early morning was fine, and a large number of horses were worked. Motor and Rosiphale were exercised on the grass for a mile at a good sound pace. St Amy and Pretoria did five furlongs at a good smart pace. Rattler, Shellback and Zealous were worked in company. The former had a slight advantage when they were eased off. Green and Gold and the Hotchkiss—Sapphire filly were worked over four furlongs on the grass, finishing up at top speed. The Needle, accompanied by Daytree, were sent a mile on the grass at their best speed, the former was much better than his companions at the end of the journey. St Peter, St Ursula and Bluejacket were worked on the grass, each covering two circuits. La Gloria and Coronet traversed a mile, the former registering 1min 47secs, whilst the latter took 1min 49sec to cover the distance. Lady Avon and Crusade did six furlongs on the grass. Amata ran a couple of slow rounds. The Master strode over a couple of rounds, as did Straybird. Hohoro ran a mile and a quarter at his best pace. Mamoa, Clansman, Lena and First Whisper all did fast work. St Margarette, St Ona, Springwater and Nonette all did fast four furlong work. After breakfast Cannongate, Volcano and Dingo in company, went once round the steeplechase course. Cannongate and Volcano went to the front at the start, and taking all their fences beautifully, finished over the water-jump almost in line. Dingo did not jump at all well, especially at the top of the hill. Toroa and Regulus worked over a couple of rounds at a good brisk pace. Orange and Blue did fast work, as also did Bacchus, Rita, Knight of Athol and Oressy.

AT RICCARTON.

Thursday, October 26th.

The weather cleared up in the middle of last week, and on Thursday morning trainers took advantage of the good going to give their horses some fast work. Outts was first to put in an appearance. He sent Scottish Minstrel and Glendale for a mile and a quarter. The pair went willingly all the way, and left the last mile and a furlong behind in 2min 4 1/2 sec, finishing together. Sara galloped a mile by herself in 1min 51 3/5 sec on the grass, the inside of which was open. Djin Djin was sent once round on the plough. He finished strongly, but no attempt was made to make fast time. Miss Delaval had Cavaliero for her companion in a fast mile and a quarter on the grass, which was run in 2min 18 1/5 sec, the last mile in 1min 50 1/5 sec. Miss Delaval, who was fully extended, finished several lengths in front of her companion, who, however, was not persevered with. Rougemont and Garmoran brushed over six furlongs in 1min 25sec. The last half mile was done in 54secs, but they could have improved on that considerably. Hermosa was better than Spider over a similar distance, run in 1min 20sec from a standing start. Jupiter, who was looking extremely well, put in good half pace work. Olandeboy, Whirlwind and Huku were associated in a seven furlong spin, which occupied 1min 34sec, finishing in the order named, but Huku was going strongly throughout. Malatus and Fulmen, with light weights up, galloped a mile and a-half, the last round being run in 2min 22sec, four furlongs in 52sec, and the full journey in 2min 45 1/2 sec. The former, who was ridden out, finished about a length in front of the Dunedin representative, who is improving. Nihilist, with a feather-weight up, ran a sterling mile and a quarter, the last mile of which was cut out in 1min 4sec. This horse is wonderfully well. Proposal galloped seven furlongs, Epsom Lad assisting her over the last half-mile. The last six furlongs occupied 1min 22 3/5 sec. Benzoin, from a cantering start, left six furlongs behind him in 1min 18sec. This was a good gallop and Benzoin is evidently improving, and should be very well on November 3rd. St Dennis dashed over six furlongs in 1min 18sec from a flying start. He was not ridden out. Blazer, with a light weight in the saddle, was extended over a similar distance up the back, the last half mile taking 52sec. Military easily defeated Cavalro over a mile and a quarter, run in 2min 18sec, the last mile in 1min 51 2/5 sec. Strathnairn, after trotting a circuit, broke away at the mile and a-half post, and galloped on alone to the six furlong post, where he was joined by Belligerent, the pair racing home together. The Cup candidate appeared to tire towards the finish. The times for various stages of the gallop were: Fast, once round, 2min 29sec; mile and a-quarter, 2min 17 1/5 sec; full journey, 2min 42sec, which constitutes a very fair performance.

Goldspur finished up the last half-mile of a steady circuit of the plough in 50sec, and afterwards brushed home down the straight. Paladin galloped five furlongs in 1min 4sec, the last half-mile in 50sec. The Hon J. D. Ormond's team—Jabber, Renown, Ideal, Paphos, Roller—all looking the picture of health, were out and did steady exercise, as did Materoa, who is also in capital fettle. After breakfast the course proper was thrown open for the two-year-olds, several of whom had the colours up. The first batch to run down the straight comprised the following:—Saracen—Physche filly, Margot, Calibre, Wepener, White May, Gipsy May, and Battler. From a fairly even start the three first named finished in the order mentioned, running the four furlongs in 51sec. Windwhistle, Goldenmere, Shrapnel Shell, and Wee Drappie ran the distance in a 1-5thsec faster time, finishing in the order written. Yseult defeated Foray and Romany, the journey being completed in 53sec. The Yaldhurst youngsters—Menschikoff, Field Battery, Cruciform, Royal Artillery, and Diplomat—also worked, but they were not fully extended. The Welcome Stakes trio finished in front.

Friday, October 26.

On Friday morning the work done was chiefly sprinting. Glenogle left six furlongs behind him in 1min 19sec from a standing start. This horse has improved a lot lately. Terrapin and The Spinner cut out five furlongs in 1min 7 1/2 sec, and both finished strongly. Malatus and Military spurred half-a-mile, while Dundas and Benzoin in company took 51sec to cover the last half-mile of seven furlongs. Benown, Paphos, and Ideal finished strongly over the last half-mile, after covering two rounds at a steady pace. Warbeck and Transport were ridden out over a mile, the last half taking 54 1/2 sec. Magnificent went a mile, and a-half, the last mile being run in 1min 49sec. Calibre, Cavalry, and Peerage spurred half a-mile in 52sec. Materoa defeated Cherry-stone over seven furlongs, run in 1min 34sec from a standing start. Miss Delaval, Huku, Fulmen, Jabber, Cavaliero and Strathnairn were each given steady pacing.

Saturday, October 27.

A strong nor-wester was blowing on Saturday morning, and as the course was drying fast some fast times were recorded. Too much attention must not be paid to times, however, as the horses had the wind behind them coming round the bend into the straight. Somerled and Glendale were the first pair out, and galloped a mile and a quarter on the plough, the last mile taking 1min 52sec. The pair were not ridden out. Rougemont was defeated by Garmoran over six furlongs on the grass, run in a shade under 1min 19sec. Miss Delaval and Djin Djin set out together from the mile and a-quarter post, running on the plough all the way, and finished the full distance in 2min 16sec the last half-mile taking 54 1/2 sec. Dan McLeod's mare defeated her opponent, who is evidently now in capital fettle. Dundas and Malatus were companions in a gallop over a mile and a-half on the grass. The pair got away together, and made the pace strong throughout. Malatus, who was probably carrying a lighter weight than Dundas, finished a length in front, going strongly passing the post. The times for the various stages of the gallop were: Last once round, 2min 26sec; one mile and a-quarter, 2min 13sec; full distance, 2min 35 1/2 sec, which constituted a record for the season. Renown, Ideal and Paphos galloped a mile on the plough in 1min 47 1/5 sec the first two finishing strongly. Renown especially so. Nihilist was extended over a similar distance, the last seven furlongs occupying 1min 32 1/2 sec. St Denis, who assisted him over the last five furlongs was never at top at any part of the journey. The Spinner and erapin galloped six furlongs in 1min 20sec, while Benzoin covered a similar distance in 1min 17 1/2 sec. Materoa was better than Fulmen over a mile and a-quarter, the last mile of which occupied 1min 47 1/2 sec, the pair being ridden out. Huku galloped two miles, Whirlwind accompanying him to the mile and a-quarter post, where he was joined by Sara. This pair raced together to the six furlong's mark, where they were joined by Hawthorn. The three raced home together, Huku was fully extended without the assistance of the whip. From where Huku jumped off the watch registering 3min 30sec, but it was found he had not run the full journey, and it is calculated that 3min 37sec would be about correct. The son of Vanguard accomplished a capital gallop. Military easily defeated Cavalro over a mile run in 2min 46 3/5 sec. Jabber was given a sprinting task. Hermosa and The Spinner ran six furlongs in 1min 18 1/2 sec. Proposal galloped seven furlongs in 1min 23sec. Blazer spurred five furlongs in 1min 3sec. Strathnairn was given a working gallop over a mile and three-quarters, Seabrook accompanying him over the last mile and a-quarter, which was run in 2min 17 1/2 sec. Cherry-stone defeated Olandeboy over six furlongs, run in 1min 18sec. Goldspur and Jupiter, who were not fully extended ran six furlongs in 1min 18 1/2 sec, while Paladin dashed over a similar distance in the excellent time of 1min 16sec, a great performance. This horse is very well. Yesterday's arrivals, Derry, Torpina, The Shannon, and Indian Queen, were out, and did steady work. They all look in capital health. Among those who were also on the course were Warbeck, Transport, First Blood, Jibboom, Gee-gaw, Long Tom, Orash, Bristol, Sally, Klondyke, and Cora Lynn. Glenogle was out, but merely walked. After breakfast Warrington, Phryne, and Bounaparte separately did medium racing, while Peerage ran the last five furlongs of a six furlong's sprint in 1min 4 1/5 sec. Cavaliero and Roller in company jumped the hurdles in their usual finished style. Windwhistle and Goldenmere ran four furlongs in 43 1/5 sec, on the course proper from a barrier start. Wepener, Margot, Battler, and the Saracen—Psyche filly spurred a similar distance in 50 1/5 sec, finishing in the order written. Calibre, White May and Gipsy Maid completed the same course in 51sec, the two last-

named being eased up. Wee Drappie headed Shrapnel Shell over a four furlong sprint, run in 50 1/2 sec. Yseult was better than Foray and Grandeur over the same distance, run in half a second faster. Belligerent brushed over half-a-mile on grass in 49sec, while Military took 50 1/2 sec to complete a similar journey. Menschikoff, Field Battery, Cruciform, Diplomat and Royal Artillery brushed over half-a-mile in 49 1/2 sec, but they were not ridden out, and finished together, with the exception of Diplomat, who was eased up after leaving the barrier.

THE BETTING MARKET.

Messrs Barnett and Grant report the following business:—

- NEW ZEALAND CUP.
2 to 1 Tortulla
4 to 1 Malatus
5 to 1 Dundas
8 to 1 Ideal
10 to 1 Strathnairn
10 to 1 Skobelegg
10 to 1 Miss Delaval
12 to 1 Huku
12 to 1 Materoa
12 to 1 Fulmen
25 to 1 Djin Djin

- NEW ZEALAND CUP AND STEWARDS' HANDICAP.
500 to 15 Malatus and Jabber
500 to 10 Skobelegg and Spider
400 to 18 Tortulla and Ostiak
400 to 12 Ideal and Goldspur
300 to 6 Materoa and Shannon
200 to 11 Dundas and St Denis
200 to 10 Dundas and Goldspur
200 to 3 Materoa and Formosan
200 to 6 Malatus and St Denis
200 to 6 Skobelegg and St Denis
200 to 12 Tortulla and Goldspur
200 to 6 Tortulla and Jabber
200 to 7 Ideal and Goldspur
200 to 4 Ideal and Blazer
200 to 7 Ideal and Jabber

- NEW ZEALAND AND MELBOURNE CUPS.
400 to 6 War God and Tortulla
400 to 3 Wait-a-Bit and Tortulla
200 to 5 Lancaster and Dundas
200 to 3 Lancaster and Skobelegg
200 to 2 War God and Skobelegg
200 to 2 Severity and Ideal

Mr Robt. Cleland reports the following business:—

- NEW ZEALAND CUP.
100 to 25 Malatus
100 to 40 Tortulla
100 to 7 Fulmen
100 to 8 Miss Delaval
100 to 14 Dundas
100 to 4 Djin Djin
100 to 8 Ideal
100 to 10 Skobelegg
100 to 8 Strathnairn
100 to 10 Huku
100 to 7 Materoa

- NEW ZEALAND CUP AND STEWARDS' HANDICAP.
100 to 2 Skobelegg and Formosan
300 to 9 Malatus and Goldspur
100 to 3 Malatus and St Denis
200 to 2 Miss Delaval and Jabber
100 to 1 1/2 Miss Delaval and Goldspur
200 to 8 Tortulla and Ostiak
200 to 8 Tortulla and Goldspur
100 to 3 Tortulla and Jabber
100 to 3 Dundas and Goldspur
350 to 8 Ideal and Formosan

Mr W. Lyons reports the following business during the week:—

- NEW ZEALAND CUP.
150 to 3 1/2 Tortulla
100 to 25 Malatus
100 to 6 Fulmen
100 to 8 Huku
100 to 8 Strathnairn
50 to 5 Skobelegg

- NEW ZEALAND AND MELBOURNE CUPS.
200 to 6 Tortulla and Lancaster
200 to 4 Tortulla and Severity
100 to 2 Tortulla and War God
100 to 2 Malatus and War God
200 to 4 Malatus and Malster
100 to 2 Malatus and Severity
200 to 1 Huku and War God
200 to 4 Strathnairn and Lancaster

- NEW ZEALAND CUP AND STEWARDS' STAKES.
100 to 4 Tortulla and Ostiak
200 to 4 Malatus and St Denis

- PRINCE OF WALES' HANDICAP AND HURDLES.
200 to 10 Coronet and Drum Major
100 to 4 The Needle and Drum Major

Mr A. de Groen reports the following business:—

- PRINCE OF WALES' HANDICAP AND HURDLES.
100 to 4 La Gloria and Bellman
100 to 3 La Gloria and Hylas
100 to 4 La Gloria and Drum Major
100 to 3 La Gloria and Cairo
100 to 8 St Ursula and Cannongate
100 to 3 Coronet and Drum Major
100 to 8 Coronet and Forty-Seven
100 to 5 Coronet and Troubadour
100 to 5 Coronet and Bellman
100 to 3 Bluejacket and Troubadour
100 to 4 The Needle and Bellman
100 to 3 The Needle and Forty-Seven

- NEW ZEALAND CUP.
13 to 1 Tortulla
4 to 1 Malatus
6 to 1 Fulmen
12 to 1 Miss Delaval
16 to 1 Dundas
8 to 1 Ideal
25 to 1 Djin Djin
8 to 1 Skobelegg
12 to 1 Strathnairn
12 to 1 Huku
16 to 1 Materoa

Inter-Provincial.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

TARANAKI.

WAVERLEY WEIGHTS—POKOMOKO—TARANAKI HORSES—THE MINERVA CASE.

October 27.

The handicaps for the Waverley-Waitotara Meeting, on November 9, which were declared on Wednesday, appear in this issue. For the Hurdles I like Waylay and Avantgarde. In the Cup, Queen's Guard and Hadyn. For the Morton Memorial, Lady Belle and Brown Bill. Gipsy Queen, Tukapa, and Golden Crown look well in the Flying. For the Mowahaki Stakes I like Tawara and Brown Bill. The Prince of Wales Handicap has a large field. The Crawler, Tukapa, and Gipsy Queen look a good trio. Two short events, entries for which close next Tuesday, make up the programme. From a Hawera writer I learn that the disqualified horse, Pokomoko, has been sold by Mr W. Luena to a resident of Onehunga. The Eltham-owned Klondyke (by Fraternite) has been sold to a Mr O'Sullivan, of the West Coast, South Island.

Mr Dan McLeod, the Auckland bookmaker, was in town to-day, en route to Christchurch. The scratching of Record Reign for the New Zealand Cup was a severe facer to backers here, as he had been well supported, principally in doubles, ever since the weights appeared. The three candidates that I like in the Cup are Dundas, Fulmen, and Ideal in order, and for a boil over Huku, who has been doing fairly good track work. In the Stewards' Formosan, Chasseur, and Ostiak look a likely trio for places. The Derby should be a fair thing for Renown. The Oaks might be run by Field Rose, and the Welcome Stakes by Cruciform.

Battleaxe and Okori are to be taken North for the Auckland Spring Meeting, and I expect that by the time these notes appear in print they will be on the scene of action. The St Leger gelding, Dartmoor, in the same stable, is still under a cloud owing to a cronk leg. Mr Watson intends to give the leggy chestnut another trial to see if his pin will stand training. The steeplechaser, Dummy, is still on the retired list. His poisoned leg has gone down considerably, but there is still a large hard lump all round the fetlock, and it is very doubtful whether the Mute gelding will ever see the post again.

A report is current here that a petition is being circulated in Auckland, asking the Egmont Racing Club to remit the two years' disqualification on Messrs J. Beckett and M. McAuliffe.

HAWKE'S BAY.

MR GEORGE RICHARDSON'S TEAM—LITTLE BILLEE—DONOVAN—NAPIER, SPORTS FOR RICCARTON—SWIMMING.

October 30th.

Mr George Richardson has strengthened his team in training by the addition of Miamoa and the four-year-old Seaton Delaval—Lady Leger gelding. The former is a sweet ladylike filly, a full sister to Somnolent and Rangiatea, showing heaps of quality. Her owner has had her up before, but owing to some slight leg trouble she has been enjoying a rest. She looks all serene now. The gelding is a big chap with plenty of power and freedom, and as he has had every chance given him should certainly develop into a good useful sort. His half-brother, Philanthropist, is a rare constituted horse, and judging by appearance this relative of his has been endowed by nature equally as well. Besides this brace the registered owner of the blue and orange livery has just had brought in a trio of rising three-year-olds. The detachment consists of a chestnut filly by Robinson Crusoe, from Princess Royal, a blood-like prepossessing damsel with all the necessary qualifications that are considered essential for a galloper of the first grade; a bay gelding by Drury Lane, from Wairareka, has got tons of good points, and not a bad one about him. He is a great deal like his sire in colour and appearance, and should he take after him as regards the possession of pace there is no reason to doubt, only he should not; judging by his outline he will prove good property to control. The remaining member of the contingent is a rather under-sized brown son of Drury Lane and Queensborough, who does not compare favourably when criticised through his companions. An allowance must be made for him, however, as he met with an accident when in his infancy, and this has naturally had the effect of retarding his growth. Still with the careful attention that he is bound to receive in his new quarters he may in time improve. Another of the orange and blue bearers, Bush Rose, has been eased off, and is now enjoying himself in the paddock. The other active members of the string, Murmur, Robin Gray, Robin Adair, Crown Prince and Norine, look well and hearty, and give ample proof that they have been well looked after. Murmur and Robin Adair have been nominated for several events at the Taratahi-Riccarton gathering next month.

Little Billee has been taken out of work, and yesterday morning Waterfall's son was sent to Waipukurau, where he will be hacked about for a few months. Whitires, Prattle, Wilson, Pinepinetekura, Evening Wonder, and a two-year-old gelding by Renata from Virginia, arrived by the Moura from Gisborne yesterday morning. The two latter have been purchased by Mr D. Thompson, of Hastings, and go into D Wright's training establishment.

Donovan, in charge of D. Wright, left for Lyttelton by the Moura yesterday. The white-faced son of The Dauphin claims engagements at Riccarton this week.

The following additional foalings have taken place at Karamu during the past week: Bequest, a filly to Spinfield; Guitar, The Shrew, Anadomona, Miss Never, Lullaby, Orifanure, Gabbie, Bon, fillies to The Officer; Lyre, Trentalto, Sabra and Arcthus, colts to the same sire.

Mr McVay, one of the leading members of the Napier Park Racing Club, leaves on Thursday for Riccarton, where he will assist at the New Zealand Cup fixture. Several other local sports intend being present at the Meeting.

Very little betting was indulged in here over the Gisborne Meeting. No doubt the £5 limit fixed by the starting price merchants had something to do with the lack of interest taken in the gathering by punters.

The Napier Swimming Club held a general meeting at the Masonic Hotel last night, Mr Egleton in the chair. In reference to correspondence from the Proprietor of the White Swan Baths, stating the terms on which the baths would be available for Club members. It was decided to accept the terms offered. It was arranged that three sports' meetings should be held this season, including one championship meeting. The secretary was instructed to forward to Mr Scott, Waipukurau, a letter of condolence on the death of his son, the late Trooper Scott, who was a prominent member of the Club. The following new members were elected: Messrs G. R. Cotterill, G. Foreman, R. Oliphant, R. McLernon and G. C. F. Eager.