

## Anticipations.

**SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING MEETING**  
SELECTIONS BY "THE JUDGE"

The South Auckland Racing Club will bring off their meeting next Saturday, when if the weather only prove fine there should be a big muster of the sporting public from all the surrounding district, while the Metropolitan contingent is sure to muster strongly. A special train will leave Auckland at 6.45 a.m., which is timed to arrive at Kirikiriroa at 11.12 a.m., which will be ample time for the first race. This will return at 6.10 p.m., and reach Auckland at 10.42 p.m. Mr R. J. Gwynne, the secretary, intends having all arrangements on the most up-to-date lines, so that patrons will have nothing to cavil at in this respect. Present indications point to the gathering being as successful as any held at Claudelands.

Running through the list of acceptors the following read to possess likely winning chances:—  
Trial Handicap: Soultfish, Seatonia, Lady Peeress.

Hurdles: Hippowai, Lady Dash, Francis Lovejoy.

South Auckland Cup: Annoyed, Maid of Honour, Meteor.

Flying Handicap: Green and Gold, Numa, Swagsman.

Pony Handicap: Annoyed, Forth, Cuisine.

Steeplechase: Dingo, Tuni, Lady Dash.

Claudelands Handicap: Green and Gold, Swagsman, Maid of Honour.

Hack Race: Lady Peeress, Evert, Evermore.

## Inter-Provincial.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

Dunedin, March 3.

The weather and attendance for the opening day of the Dunedin Jockey Club's Cup Meeting was really splendid, but if the success of a meeting is gauged by the amount of money put through the totalisator, the gathering cannot be said to be such a success as it promised. The totalisator was badly worked, and several hundred pounds must have been lost to the club by the dilatory methods of the officials. During the three days the sum of £16,630 10s was invested, as against last year's total of £18,529. The racing on the whole was interesting, and some good sport was witnessed by the club's patrons. Orloff's performance in the Cup was full of merit, for in the race he was always handy to the leaders, and at the business end of the journey he came through, and won full of running. Lady Lillian and General Symons made the pace a cracker, and cut the first half-mile out in 50sec. Up to a mile and a-quarter Annie Chiel, who had been vigorously ridden over the last half-mile, passed the pair when heads were straightened for home, and his victory was no sooner proclaimed than Orloff, running wide on the outside, raced past and soon had him settled. Lady Lillian finished a good third, but the solidity of the pace in the early stages of the race settled both her chance and that of General Symons. During the race Hewitt had his left foot badly bruised, and Mr G. G. Stead lodged a complaint against J. McComb, who was riding Vladimir. It was alleged that McComb deliberately opened up from the rails, and then closed on Orloff, but McComb drew the inside berth at the start, and raced on the rails throughout the race. The mishap occurred when four furlongs had been traversed, and Vladimir was pulling McComb out of the saddle up to a mile, and his rider states he was not justified in leaving the rails for any horse who was in behind him. From what I saw of the race and glean concerning it, I am of the opinion that Hewitt took one of the chances of the game, and it went against him. The stewards held an enquiry, and arrived at the conclusion that whilst they were sorry for the accident, they had not sufficient evidence to take action in the matter. On Orloff's form in the Cup he should have a decided chance at Wanganui, if he retains his form.

St. Denis won the Publicans' Handicap from end to end. Blazer, whose preparation was interfered with two or three days before the meeting, finished second, but nothing in the race has a chance with the St. Clair gelding.

Machine Gun, who is affected in his respiratory organs, is a great colt, and romped home in the Champagne. He stands about seventeen hands high, but his excellent conformation detracts from his size, and though at a casual glance he

appears to be on the leggy side, he improves on closer inspection. Mr Stead says he is one of the best in the land up to four furlongs, and it is a great pity he is affected in his wind, but it is quite evident that he can run out a good six furlongs.

On the second day of the meeting Pallas, who was favourably handicapped, was looked upon as a rod in pickle for the race, and the good thing duly arrived, although a bump he received in the first few strides after leaving the barrier did not improve his chances. Pallas was out on his own after a couple of furlongs, and won with the greatest of ease from Terrapin, who put in a good but hopelessly late run at the finish.

On the third day, however, Terrapin made amends for his defeat by winning the Anniversary Handicap, after appearing to be clean out of the race at the home turn. He finished under punishment over the last three furlongs, and ran a very game race. R. King, who rode him, must be classed as one of our best lightweights, as he is very energetic for a light boy, and rides a nice cool race.

Two accidents occurred in the Hurdle Race on the third day, and R. Wilson, who was riding First Shot, was badly shaken. His mount swerved after taking off, and striking the rails toppled over on to the plough at the third fence. Dartmoor took off with the Earl (on whose quarters he was lying), and landed on the top of the rump. Up to the time of wiring Mathie, who was riding the St. Leger gelding, is still unconscious, but is showing signs of coming round. He was struck on the head and chest.

Red Gauntlet sported silk once at the meeting, and scored a win. If he trains on up to the C.J.C. Easter Meeting, he should repay watching. Quarryman should furnish into a good sort of a three-year-old. After his race with Machine Gun he lathered freely, and was evidently far from being fit. He shows plenty of quality, and is a nice cut of a horse, with plenty of size. Welbeck scored in his race on the third day very easily, and was not nearly so much distressed as he was after his race in the Publicans' Handicap. His trainer probably was too generous with him after his race at the Forbury Meeting. Muscovite is evidently getting back to form, judging by his display in the Farewell Handicap. Petrovna won her race by a narrow margin, but her rider delayed his effort until a very late stage of the proceedings, so much so that the mare was lucky to win.

Evening Wonder's name figures amongst the entries for the Onkaparinga (S.A.) Meeting, held on April 13. At present the Wonderland gelding is looking healthy and well, but not doing a great deal of work on the track. Kathlinda, the dam of St. Denis, was only a pony, and won a pony race at Tahuna Park before the galloping events were deleted from the club's programmes. She also won a pony race at one of the Otago Hunt Club's meetings. In his races at the Cup Meeting Vladimir did not produce results which could reasonably be expected from his gallops on the track. The son of Stepniak has a will of his own, and required not a little coaxing to get him up to the barrier for his third race at the meeting. Terrapin's 2min 11sec for a mile and a-quarter is a record for the Wingatui track. Lady Lillian put up 2min 11.5sec in the same race last year. The totalisator investments on the Wingatui Stakes for the last two years has been nil, and the collective total of starters in the race for three years amounts to five. A remarkable thing in connection with the D.J.C. Cup Meeting was that nineteen winners out of twenty-four traced back to Musket. Of these thirteen were descendants on the male side, and six received the strain through their dams. In addition to the above, twenty-two place-getters have the strain coursing in their veins.

H. Donovan headed the list of winning horsemen at the Cup Meeting, and steered no less than seven winners during the three days. J. McComb comes next with five, while L. H. Hewitt, W. Holmes, and R. King had each two wins, and each of the following a single winning ride:—H. Carr, L. G. King, A. McKay, A. McKenzie, A. Godfrey, and J. McCluskey.

Last year's total was £18,511, and the totals of the two preceding years were £18,387 and £16,931. In 1899 the total reached £20,006. As the result of Forward Guard's breakdown at the Lawrence meeting, it has been found necessary to destroy him. When the Vanguard gelding broke down he splintered one of his can-

non bones, and his case was a hopeless one. St. Denis is frequently alluded to as being out of a hack mare, but his grand dam Kathleen won the D.J.C. St. Andrew's Handicap in 1874 in Mr H. Goodman's colours, and that gentleman informs me that she was evidently a well-bred mare, but the pedigree of her dam was unknown. Kathleen was by Roebuck (Sir Hercules—Miss Rowe), and Kathleen, the dam of St. Denis, was got by Betrayed, the full brother to Sir Modred, being by St. Clair. St. Denis is well bred enough on the male side of his pedigree.

## CANTERBURY.

Christchurch, March 3.

Orloff and Machine Gun left for the North on Saturday, their destination being Wanganui. The former is in the Wanganui Cup, in which he will carry 8st 10lb. I favour his chance, holding the opinion that 11st 3lb will be too heavy a load for Advance to carry over a mile and three-quarters. I fancy the numbers will go up as follows:—Orloff 1, Shannon 2, Advance 3.

The Hotchkiss colt Machine Gun will be meeting Advance in the Jackson Stakes. I select Advance to win, after a good race with Machine Gun.

Windwhistle was in good form at the Canterbury Summer Meeting, and ought to show up prominently in the Flying Stakes at Wanganui. This filly does well when racing away from home.

Lavalette, the full brother to Bedington, was again in winning form last week, scoring a win in the First Hack at Dunedin. The colt has paid his way since leaving Auckland.

Bookmakers here had a bad time over the Dunedin and Woodville Meetings. Orloff, Lavalette, and St. Denis on the second day, and Welbeck, Terrapin, and Muscovite on the third day were backed for a lot of money, one firm alone dropping £1700 over the wins of the above-named horses.

Wind was sent down as to the best of good things for the two hack races at Woodville, and after a substantial commission had been booked in favour of the Sou'wester gelding, the punters got wind of the move, and tumbled over one another in their anxiety to get a bit on. The £5 18s dividend on the first day came as a stunner to the pencilers. It is evident that Pallas can win over any distance he has been tried over. When asked the question the colt fairly romped away with the Jockey Club Handicap at Dunedin. He carried 8st 12lb, and cut out the mile in 1min 4.5 2-5sec, after making his own running two-thirds of the distance.

Carnie Chiel ran a good race in the Dunedin Cup. After going a mile he appeared to possess the winning chance, but Orloff had too much pace in the last half-mile, and beat the Clanranald horse by two and a-half lengths. Annie Chiel could only get third in the mile race on the second day, and the same position in the mile and a-quarter on the third day. I have held the opinion for some time past that Annie Chiel is better suited over mile and a-half distances. A couple of seasons ago he was a sprinter, but latterly he has developed staying powers, which will soon enable him to win a good race over a distance.

Muscovite has been a long time regaining the form he showed a year ago. His best run at Dunedin was in the Farewell Handicap, which he won by a neck from Lady Rosslyn.

Stepniak headed the list of winning sires at Dunedin. Orloff, Petrovna, Muscovite, and Stepinfeldt placed wins at the Elderslie sires' credit.

Dundas, who was given a spell after the Summer Meeting at Riccarton, is in work once more.

Hobbs is pushing Coralinn, Cerise and Leonore along.

The Hororata Racing Club will hold its meeting on Thursday. My selections are: Bangor Plate, Muscovite or Ayrdale; Farmers' Plate, Lady Brandt; Quo, Clytie; Welter, Puawai; Selling, Claudeboye; Haldon Stakes, Cyclas Parva.

## HAWKE'S BAY.

Napier, March 2.

Much regret was expressed here on Monday when the news came to hand that Mr George Douse, the veteran follower of the pastime in Dunedin, had been gathered in by the Reaper, who spares no one, giant or dwarf, young or old. What a

lot George Douse did for the sport in the South those only know who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. I can speak with some assurance on the subject, for in my youth I was one of his boys, having served my time under him, and consequently had ample opportunities of knowing the way in which he helped many a lame dog over the stile of adversity, and set them on their feet. Generous as they make them, the big-hearted Celt was ever ready with his money and advice to give assistance to those who deserved it, and though his style was of the rough and ready order, and his vocabulary more pungent than polite, his heart was as warm and full of kindness as that of a woman. Though a keen business man in the ordinary sense of the word, the love of the game had too big a hold of him for his pecuniary benefit, and there is no doubt that had he paid as much attention to his business in the early days as he did to sport in all its branches that in his old age he would not have allowed a subscription list to be got up for his benefit. I am sure the subject must have been a distasteful one to him, for he was one of the clan who felt it lowered their dignity to be beholden to any man, but if the idea was not a palatable one to him, it at least showed him that the sportsmen of to-day recognised in him a builder of the game when it wanted strong hands and good heads to pilot it along the troubled way. Full of repartee, wit, and humour, and imbued with the highest principles of integrity, travellers along the racing road will miss his familiar presence and strong personality. I myself mourn the loss of an able instructor, good adviser, and staunch well-wisher, and I am quite sure in that respect I am not singular.

Napier, March 3.

Mr G. L. Sunderland, judge and hon. treasurer of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club, left for a holiday trip to the Old Country to-day.

Eclair left for Wanganui to-day, and the Shannon, Tradewind, Ia, and Starshoot took their departure for the same place this morning. The quintette will represent Hawke's Bay at the Wanganui Meeting this week. Tradewind did a good gallop on Saturday morning, easily settling the Shannon in a one round go.

While working over the obstacles on Saturday morning, at Hastings, Defoe got struck on the head with a splinter out of one of the hurdles. It must have come at him with some force, for it took some trouble to get the splinter out of his jaw. The accident was caused through his attempting to run off at the first fence, and in doing so ran Modesty off, who was on the outside of him. Modesty toppled over the wing of the hurdle, giving her rider, Bargliss, a bad fall. Owing to his mishap, Defoe will have to be placed on the retired list for some time.

Scallywag is in active commission in the Waipawa district, and Turquoise's well-performed son is acquitting himself satisfactorily in his studies. Though several of Prosser's team have been entered for the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's Meeting, not a single member of his string has been nominated at Napier Park.

After the payment of the sweepstakes last Friday night, the following horses have been left in the Hawke's Bay Stakes, which is the leading item on the second day's bill of fare of the Hawke's Bay J.C. Autumn Meeting this month. The names of the payers-up are: Starshoot, Melodeon, Rose Maider, Regiment, Achilles, Exmoor, Deerstalker, Golden Vein, Tomorrow, Treadmill, Kamo, Porirua, Rawiri, Machine Gun, King Log, Bandmaster, Treat, Goldust, Nitrite, St. Evangeline.

The Cuirassier—Lady Moth filly, Renown, is standing well up in her tasks, and it looks as if this gallant chestnut son of Dreadnought will soon again be measuring strides with the opposing forces.

Oracle's owner had a fair win over Cast-off's son's victory in the Woodville Cup, for although he was not present to assist at the meeting, he had a fiver invested on his horse's number on the machine.

Frost gives the idea that he will again be able to survive the trying-out process, for the leg that had been blistered now looks fine and clean.

## After the Races.

### OTAHUHU T.C. SUMMER MEETING

There was a capital attendance at Alexandra Park on Saturday afternoon, when the Otahuhu Trotting Club made a commencement with the Summer re-union. Mr A. R. Harris acted as judge, and Mr W. Absolum as starter, and both got through their duties with credit; while Mr W. H. Lockhart, the secretary, worked hard to make things go smoothly. The day's sport was, however, marred by the protests, which seem inevitable at the Park. During the afternoon, the sum of £2150 10s. was passed through the total

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