

LATE RACING.

AUCKLAND TROTTER CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

The Autumn Meeting of the Auckland Trotting Club was concluded yesterday under exceedingly favourable circumstances, the weather being beautifully fine, the attendance good, and the sport interesting. Several of the contests were very keenly fought out, notably so in the Pony events which gave rise to two most exciting finishes, and the handicapper may well be congratulated on his work. The trotting pony, Bert, was in fine form, and the son of Albert Victor succeeded in placing a double to his credit. A very excellent performance was accomplished by Durbar in the Autumn Trot Handicap. The Vanclve gelding was on scratch, and was giving some big starts away, despite which he was able to catch the judge's eye first. The meeting was excellently managed, and a word of praise is certainly due to Mr Mark, the secretary, for his successful efforts to attend to the comfort of patrons. Altogether it proved as pleasant a meeting as has taken place at Alexandra Park for a long time past. The following are the results:—

**NOVEL TROT, of 25sovs. One mile.**  
 Bert (Forbes), 6sec ..... 1  
 Imperator (Brady), scratch .....  
 Peter (Lucena), 7sec .....  
 Won by 20 yards. Time, 2min 51sec.  
 Dividends, £4 and £4 9s.

**HANDICAP TROT, of 50sovs. One mile and a-half.**  
 Sir Robert (Cotton), 22sec ..... 1  
 Durbar (Tozer), scratch .....  
 Occidental (Forbes), 6sec .....  
 Won by twenty yards. Time, 4min 7sec.  
 Dividends, £2 1s and £1 9s.

**MAY HANDICAP, of 40sovs. Six furlongs and a-half.**  
 Orange and Blue (O'Connell), 10.2 ..... 1  
 Whawhai (Jellings), 8.4 .....  
 Annoyed (Smith), 9.11 ..... 3  
 A great finish, the top-weight winning by a neck. Time, 1min 30sec. Dividend £1 12s.

**PONY TROT, of 25sovs. One mile and a-quarter.**  
 Bert (Forbes), 13sec .....  
 Daystar (Murfitt), 3sec .....  
 Wairiri (Williamson), 12sec ..... 3  
 Won by 20 yards. Time, 3min 31sec.  
 Dividends, £1 17s and 15s.

**AUTUMN TROT, of 40sovs. Two Mile.**  
 Durbar (Tozer), scratch .....  
 Rosalind (Greenwood), 30sec ..... 2  
 Sir Robert (Cotton), 26sec ..... 3  
 Won by eight yards. Time, 5min 2sec.  
 Dividend, £1 2s and 10s.

**SHORT'S HANDICAP, of 35sovs. Four and a-half furlongs.**  
 Cuisine (Snodgrass), 7.5 .....  
 Inspiration (Searle), 7.5 .....  
 First Whisper (Barr), 7.10 .....  
 Won by a short neck. Time, 56½ sec.  
 Dividend, £1 14s and 15s.

**CLASS TROT, of 50sovs. One mile.**  
 Polly II. (Hill) 8sec .....  
 Sierra (Murfitt), 3sec .....  
 Rosebud and Daystar dead heated for third place. Polly II. won by three yards, after a great race. Time 2min 37sec.  
 Dividend, £3 10s and £2 2s. Waitakauri was bracketted with the winner.

After the Races.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

CONCLUDING DAY.

The Autumn Meeting of the Avondale Jockey Club was favoured on both days with beautiful weather. Nothing could have been better in this respect than the meteorological conditions, on the concluding day, and despite the City elections being on the same afternoon, there was a considerable attendance.

The racing was resumed with the Maiden Hurdles, for which Meteor was instantly dropped on as something particularly choice at the weights, and he went out a screaming favourite. This confidence on the part of punters in the son of Mitiora was fully justified as, jumping beautifully throughout, he soon had the field at sixes and sevens. As St. Rowan fell when attempting to race him, there was nothing within twenty lengths at the finish. The Rioter just beat Waimana for second place.

In the Flying Handicap most money was forthcoming for Cygnet, and once again the public had correctly sized up the situation, for Julian managed to get the filly going at once, and she led from start to finish, and won without much pressure by a length from the unlucky Hinetaupuriki, who came with a wet sail at the finish.

Despite Forth's very hollow victory on the first day of the meeting, punters preferred the chances of Girton Girl and Gladys Rose. The former made a wretched start, and never had a chance. It looked as though the disappointing Solitary was going to do the trick at last,

for once in her life getting off at the head of the field. Two furlongs from home Forth came with a rattle, and cantered home an easy winner by three lengths from Gladys Rose, who beat Solitary by a head in the last stride.

In the big event, the Autumn Handicap, nothing much would go down with the public but Landlock, although a fair amount of money was forthcoming for The Needle and Rosella. Backers of the latter were soon out of their misery, for Gallagher managed to get left at the post. Landlock jumped away in front, and then showed a clean pair of heels to the others for the whole distance, winning by two lengths from the unthought-of Durable, who just lasted long enough to beat The Needle by a neck.

Ropa was considered to be the right pea for the Nursery Handicap. A very accurate forecast, for after Simple Simon and Idasa had been responsible for most of the running, the favourite came from the rear, and, galloping over everything in the race, won by over a length from Delania.

Once again punters were on the job in the Steeplechase, for with but five runners, Tuni was backed so stoutly that the Crackshot gelding went out first favourite, and he won handily from Hylas.

Queen Anne was made a rather better favourite than Bobs for the Second Handicap, for which only a quartette carried silk. For once in a way the big son of Hotchkiss decided to gallop, and he rather easily defeated the exceptionally weak field. Bobs was followed home by Ian who beat Queen Anne by four lengths.

The Waitakerei Handicap brought proceedings to a close, and for this seven runners filed out. St. Olga, who had been scratched for the big race, was served up piping hot, while the only two to be neglected were Mary Seaton and Orange and Blue. The latter pony brought about the surprise of the meeting, for after going a furlong she was in front, and there she stayed for the remainder of the trip. The consistent Cygnet finished a length behind Orange and Blue, Miss Lottie being third. Mr Barr's pony paid her thirty-two admirers the nice dividend of £20 11s.

The meeting all through was well conducted, and proved thoroughly enjoyable.

THE MANAWATU RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

The Manawatu R.C. Autumn Meeting was held in splendid weather last Wednesday and Thursday, the attendance, which was numerous, and included a large number of racing men drawn to Palmerston with the view of attending Messrs Ormond, Donnolly, and Douglas' thoroughbred horse sale. Speculation on the totalisator was brisk, notwithstanding that a great number of bookmakers were present.

The racing was fairly interesting. The Hutt-trained horse, Motor, was heavily supported by his connections for the R.C. Handicap, but failed to stay the mile and a-half. Float, who was lightly handicapped on recent form, came at the right end, and had no trouble in settling the pretensions of Plaidie and Menura; the latter was very prominent for the first one and a-quarter miles, while Plaidie ran a good honest mare considering she was meeting Motor on level terms.

Levonina won the Flying Handicap easily, and Chasseur was placed second, but those in a position to see over that Shackle (who was not placed by the Judge) was the animal who occupied the second position. The second days' running confirms this opinion, as Chasseur meeting the same horses with only 1lb more, was not prominent at the finish of a race over the same distance. Betty, a stable companion to Levonina, easily secured the Borough Handicap of one mile, that useful pair, Mussel and

Shackle, filling the places, while Trade-wind, who ran indifferently, was unplaced.

The Open Hurdle Races drew poor fields, Kaiwhakaroa and Midia scoring on the first and second days respectively without much trouble. The Wellington jumpers, Kohinui and Smithy, were present at the meeting, but owing to the weights not suiting, were withdrawn each day. Repulse, a nice colt owned by Mr E. J. Watt, and Matuku, a racy looking filly owned by Mr Paterson, of Wellington, appropriated the four events open to hacks. Mr Ormond's colt was not ridden a very judicious race on the second day, or he might have secured both Sprint Hack events. Otaio and Rags, both exceedingly moderate hurdle racers appropriated both the Hack hurdle events.

The opening event of the second day, the Fitzherbert Handicap, 6 furlongs, fell to Mussel, who was somewhat lucky, as Levonia, who had a bad passage, made her run too late. The principal event, the Autumn Handicap, was the medium of considerable speculation. Oinga, whose owner secured the services of Jenkins, dividing favouritism with the first days' winner, Float, and Menura, who in the R.C. Handicap apparently had the field at her mercy two furlongs from home. Plaidie, who was ridden by F. Davis, and the consistent Volley also had friends. The race was a peculiar one, Legion of Honour being raced to the front, and at the end of a mile he and Menura were out by themselves. The latter then went from second to last place, while Float, Oinga, and Plaidie closed on the light weight, Legion of Honour. Menura, who had come right round the field, headed the top-weights at the home turn, but could not overtake Volley and Gold Dust, who, judiciously ridden and served by their light-weights, had come on from the turn. Menura's run was phenomenal, and had her rider not allowed her to lose her position, she must have won.

The Farewell Handicap resulted in a comfortable win for the useful Shackle. Sergius, a full brother to Ostiak and Kohima, by Apremont-Whisper (Mr Geo. Hunter's old favourite), divided favouritism for the Hack Scurry. The former, however, displayed a lot of temper, and never left the starting post, the filly winning easily. The Meeting just concluded is the last the Manawatu R.C. will hold on their old course. The new course, which is highly spoken of by those who have inspected it, will be ready for their next meeting, and being private property, will be free from the visits of undesirable persons.

Inter-Provincial.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY.

Christchurch, May 5.

Treadmill is being kept in steady work, and will be a starter in the Ashburton County Stakes. In addition to Treadmill, Sir George Clifford has Cannie Chiel and Brave Heart to represent him in the Ashburton Classic Race. The others engaged in this race are Pallas, King Log, Bayonet, and Roseal, but I do not expect to see more than three starters, Treadmill, Pallas, and probably Cannie Chiel. Treadmill ought to win easily.

Lady Lillian, Cannie Chiel, General Symons, Terrapin, Kelburn, and Clanburn are among the entries for the Birthday Handicap at Dunedin.

The Awarua-Rose gelding Ixia is now in W. Brown's hands, and will be taken to Dunedin, providing the weights suit.

Bombardo is still in hack company, and figures in the list of entries for the hack events at Dunedin. At one time last year this son of Hotchkiss was fancied for the New Zealand Cup, but he failed to come through a preparation.

Advance will leave for Wellington in a few days.

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WOLFE'S SCHNAPPS

The Canterbury Jockey Club is pushing along the work of erecting the new stands at Riccarton. The club expects to have its new accommodation ready by Carnival week.

I hear the ranks of hurdle racers are likely to be increased by the addition of Narcissus, Ixia, Phaetonitis, and Ayr-dale.

Wellbeck still shows signs of soreness, and is having an easy time.

Covenant Maid, Secret Society, Cora Linn, and Cerise and Blue have been doing some useful gallops during the week. The Foulshot mare is coming on fast, and ought to run well on Saturday at the Christchurch Club's meeting.

At the Magistrate's Court to-day a number of cash fielders were fined £2 and costs for trespassing on the New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club's grounds during the progress of the Easter meeting.

Red Gauntlet is still in Messrs Pyne and Co.'s private sale list. The Lochiel-Russet horse is said to be perfectly sound, but his performances lately indicate that he is not as speedy as he was. The New Zealand Cup nomination day is fast drawing near. June 1 will see the list of entries for the next Cup. W

WELLINGTON.

May 5.

The thoroughbred stock sale held by Messrs Abraham and Williams, at Palmerston North, under instructions from Messrs Donnolly, Douglas, and the Hon. J. D. Ormond, was termed a success because every animal was disposed of to the highest bidder. Mr Douglas submitted three, which had been fed and housed, and they brought an average of 68 guineas each. Mr Donnolly did not send forward the best of those catalogued, and what he did submit sold fairly well, but he offered nothing of much class.

Mr Ormond submitted for sale a number of highly-bred colts and fillies, mostly sired by The Officer and Sir Launcelot, from his best mares. They were, however, grass fed, and in many instances anything but well-grown. There of course may be some good performers amongst them, but racing men want well-grown conditioned youngsters, and prefer to pay higher prices for these. It seemed to me lamentable to find the progeny of such mares as Auray, Taihoa, Maluri, Nixie, Martyr, Sprite, Radiant, Lullaby, etc., selling for lower prices than colts and fillies, the progeny of half draught mares as was the case at the sale under notice. I have no doubt that want of size and condition was responsible for the low prices Mr Ormond's fashionably bred stock sold for.

Mr W. Davis, the well-known Hutt trainer, secured a nice filly at the Palmerston Sale. The Officer from Taihoa, by Matua-Timidty, reads like galloping. The filly is rising 2 years, and cost but 59 guineas. Mr Davis also bought a grass fed yearling of Mr Ormond's breeding by The Officer-Elf, by Dreadnought-Elflock. The latter cost him 47 guineas, and was undoubtedly the pick of Mr Ormond's lot.

HAWKE'S BAY

May 5.

Kohima, who won the Scurry last Thursday at the Manawatu Meeting, is a younger full-sister to Kowhete, and like her was bred by Mr George Hunter, of Forangahau. Kohima is a stable mate of Kowhete, and is trained by W. of Porangahau. Kohima is a stable

Wairenga, the Quilt gelding trained by J. Cameron, went amiss while contesting at the Manawatu Meeting. He is to Stone, of Hastings

Consistent, a locally owned filly by The Workman out of Wattonia, found a new owner at Palmerston North last week. Consistent was put up for auction and brought £14 10s.

Mr R. Livingstone quitted Lifeboat the other day, a Waipawa sport having

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