

Royal Irish led Almeida over the same track and distance in 2.0 3-5, going well within himself.

At the after-breakfast session Lady Elgiva put in two inner grass circuits at a medium pace.

Mr. Handley, the owner of Worcester, was present to see his horse lead Gloy home over three-quarters of a mile in 1.16 3-5 on the inner grass.

Tripoli was restricted to three-quarter pace work on the inner grass.

Spalfish beat Miss Livonia by 1 2-5 sec on the inner grass in a half-mile futter. The former registered 49sec.

Carnation, on the two-year-old track, couldn't do better than 54sec in a half-mile spin.

Kitty Belairs seemed to be going fast at the end of a four-furlong sprint on the grass.

Tiki Tapu easily settled a couple of mates on the sand in 51 1-5sec

Maui Nina and Bogey were set for a half-mile sprint, but something went wrong with the latter's gear, and he was pulled up. The first-named had a credit of 50 3-5sec, hunted home.

Santiago was ahead of Cloudy Dawn after jumping five hurdles. The pair fenced nicely.

Hawea always was in front of his mate, Nukuhau, fencing very well, although rather high.

Te Onga cantered round the tan and then jumped five hurdles, assisted over the last three by the absentee Black Northern.

Hauera jumped the double and stone wall in good style alone.

Vestal hopped over a couple of the schooling wattens.

Merrimax carried too much condition at the end of a jumping bout over five hurdles for Kaihere.

Lady Penury sprinted a few furlongs alone, moving nicely.

Tripoli has been rather stiff on one of her legs, and may not be taken to the South Auckland meeting.

Most of the leading teams only put in moderate toil, with the exception of those having no Waikato engagements.

RACING REVIEWED.

ROTORUA JOCKEY CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Rotorua Jockey Club was attended by upwards of two thousand people of both races, made up very largely of visitors. The day was fine and the course in very good order, but the stand and immediate enclosures were all too small for the attendance. The sum of £6520 10s. was put through the totalisators during the day by Messrs. Hay and Co., of which sum over £715 was retained by the club and the totalisator proprietors and for the Government—not a bad afternoon's work for a small meeting, at which only twenty-nine horses competed, or a little over half the number whose names figured as acceptors. The starting of Mr. F. W. Edwards was good, and the racing was equally so, notwithstanding that in the first five races the horses that got into the lead first were never headed, and that those that got out first in the other events were there or thereabouts at the business end. Last year there were a few more runners, but the business transacted at the totalisators was less by £1881 10s. than it was this year, and it was evident that the horses this time had stronger followings. The Maiden Plate was won by Mr. Ormsby's three-year-old gelding Obdurate, who was penalised 7lb. for winning at Te Kuiti the previous week. Merrimax, who was honoured with the top weight, was good enough to run second, but Master William pulled up lame. Galupin was with difficulty controlled and got back on to the course after running off soon after the start. King of the Valley took a lot out of himself before the start, and Opatiki carried 7lb. overweight. Ihaputa, a filly by Campfire, also competed. These were the only starters out of eighteen that appeared as acceptors. Positive, who won the Waimangu Handicap last year, beating Mighty Atom and eight others, again accounted for the race in a field of six, Harenoa and Ruse de Guerre filling the places. Rosea gave a lot of trouble, and she and Harenoa carried 3lb. each overweight, while Marangai had 9lb. over. Semoline, who won the Cup last year, was brought to the meeting, and would have been favourite again had

she started, as she was in everyone's mouth as a good thing. Unfortunately an accident happened to her and she could not start, and Admiral Soult went out in the post of honour. He, however, did not quite justify the support accorded him, nor did Monocle and Lady Elgiva, each of which carried 3lb. overweight, while Flying Soult had 5lb. and Almeida had 6lb. Miss Livonia, who started at remunerative odds, led all the way, and though both Lady Elgiva and Admiral Soult closed on her in the run home and it looked as if Lady Elgiva had just beaten Admiral Soult for second place, a dead heat for that position was declared, and so the tote money was cut up into three dividends. Parawai was close up, fourth, and Almeida fifth. Zulupin, a three-year-old daughter of Lupin and that one-time useful mare Zuleika, was in receipt of no less than 31lb. from the jumper Merrimax, and so it could be said was not assessed on her breeding. She was able to lead from end to end and to stall off the attention of Merrimax, whose condition probably helped him to beat King of the Valley. There were but two starters for the Thermal Springs Handicap, Salute being more than a two to one on favourite, as indicated by the figures, but she had no chance of giving away 30lb. in weight to Kotiripo, who led from the jump and never gave the Soult mare a look in. A strong favourite was made of Tinopai in the Draught Park Handicap, but the little daughter of Stepniak failed to get away with the dash expected and was hurried to the head of affairs too fast and then failed to carry her increased poundage home. Admiral Soult, whose friends had deserted him, was made more use of and had most of the luck, and lasted long enough to beat Almeida, who made a good finishing effort and beat Lady Elgiva for second place. Sir Stroud, the second favourite, carried 7lb. overweight and Almeida 4lb. A penalty of 12lb. effectually settled Obdurate in the company he met in the Tourists' Plate, but one of 11lb. did not prevent Positive from accounting for Mighty Atom, who last year beat him in the same race on 2lb. worse terms. The race was run in the same time, and Mighty Atom led until well down the straight. Miss Livonia was favourite for the Farewell Handicap, but failed to concede Kotiripo 14lb., just as Salute had done in trying to give her 30lb. earlier in the day. Both were, however, cut down in good style by Parawai, who, with an advantage of 20lb. in weight as compared with their Rotorua Cup weights, should on figures and running have been more fancied than Miss Livonia. The advantage was due partly to penalty imposed and to an apprentice allowance that was claimed for Martin, Parawai's rider, who looked quite disappointed when he learned that his mount had been disqualified because it was held that he had been allowed to weigh out 1lb. or thereabouts too light. The circumstances leading up to this are referred to in The Clubman columns.

HANDICAPS.

SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

FIRST DAY'S EVENTS.

The following are the acceptances for the first day's races of the South Auckland Racing Club's annual meeting, which takes place on Friday and Saturday next, February 20 and 21.— TRIAL HANDICAP, seven furlongs.— Soldier 9.0, Glenspire 8.11, Unity 8.4, Opposition 7.13, Zulupin 7.3, Flagfall 7.5, Lady Betty 6.10, Pirefly 6.7. PUBLICANS' PURSE, six furlongs.— Tattoo 9.5, Salute 8.8, Spalfish 8.0, Tinopai 7.11, Worcester 7.9, Miss Livonia 6.13, Pupura 6.13, Excavator 6.12, Parawai 6.10, Vic 6.7. CLAUDELANDS HANDICAP, five furlongs.— Antiphone 9.0, Tripoli 8.2, Bogey 7.13, Positive 7.11, Lady Thorn 7.10, Salvia 7.4, Marangai 7.3, Harenoa 7.2, Chasm 7.2, Arawa 7.2, Obdurate 7.0, Revelation 6.12, Manurewa 6.10. PIONEER HANDICAP, four furlongs.— Kitty Belairs 8.0, Lady Penury 7.10, Laird o' Gworie 7.2, Bedford 7.2, Carnation 6.13, Attraction 6.12, Graduate 6.12. HURDLE RACE, one mile and a-half and 50 yards.— Cloudy Dawn 10.9, Surplus 10.2, Te Onga 9.12, Santiago 9.10, Vestal 9.8, Spectre 9.7, Dogger Bank 9.6, Nukuhau 9.1, Klahere 9.0, Pearl 9.0, Hammerless 9.0, Hawea 9.0, Royal Patron 9.0. FLYING HANDICAP, five furlongs.— Tripoli 8.2, Bogey 7.13, Pet 7.8, Hine-irawa 7.4, Salvia 7.4, Ruse de Guerre 7.3, Marangai 7.2, Harenoa 7.2, Chasm 7.2, Manurewa 6.10. SOUTH AUCKLAND CUP, one mile and a-quarter.— Royal Irish 9.2, Jolie 8.6, Goldsize 8.5, Holdfast 8.3, Tamainup 7.10, Admiral Soult 7.6, Gloy 7.5, Ovation 7.1, Almeida 6.12. DISTRICT HACK, six furlongs.— Hamlet 8.4, Spalperion 8.0, Revelation 8.0, Granville 7.6, Hammerless 7.5, Galupin 7.3, La Sylph 7.2, Lady Middleton 7.2, Glenville 7.2, Signature 7.2, Seaton 7.0, Red Pinne 7.0, Spalperion—Decoration filly 7.0, Chris 7.0, Firefly 7.0.

TROTTING.

OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

A number of trotters are in training here (writes our Wanganui correspondent) for the annual meeting of the Wanganui Trotting Club on the 27th February and 2nd March. Appearances point to the gathering being the most successful the club has yet held, and some good trotting should be witnessed.

CANTERBURY TROTTING NOTES.

(By Telegraph—Christchurch Correspondent.)

TUESDAY, February 17.

After doing a successful stud season in the Taranaki district, the American-bred stallion Peralta has returned to his owner's place at Spreydon.

When being exercised at the Addington track a few days ago Bonification fell, and his trainer sustained a broken collarbone. The Bonification horse has been withdrawn from his engagements at the metropolitan meeting in consequence of the mishap.

METROPOLITAN TROTTING CLUB.

RECORD MEETING AT ADDINGTON.

ADONIS WINS BIG RACE.

(By Telegraph—Christchurch Correspondent.)

Favoured with splendid weather, the February meeting of the New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club was the most successful ever held at Addington at this time of year. There was an unusually large attendance, which included His Excellency the Governor and Lady Liverpool, who were entertained at luncheon by the stewards.

In consequence of a strong easterly wind, which raised clouds of dust, the going was not particularly fast, but nevertheless all high-class performances were put up.

A Greymouth representative in Norah McKinney had a rather lucky win in the Ladies' Bracelet, which attracted a mixed field of twenty-four trotters. When three-parts of the journey had been covered Norval King and Abel Boy looked like fighting out the finish, but unfortunately the former shied right across the course and, colliding with Abel Boy, completely spoiling the chance of both horses. This left Norah McKinney in front, and she jogged home in the slow time of 4m. 6 2-5s.

A very serviceable field of seventeen contested the Spreydon Handicap, and backers made Lady Bella a staunch favourite, though it must have been entirely on private reputation, and she finished outside a place, the winner being Our Aggie.

A speedy field of twelve harness horses contested the Parliamentary Handicap, all handicapped to go 4.42 or better. Backers were fairly equally divided as between the prospects of Ivy Dillon, Lord Dillon and Redmac, but those who pinned their faith to the first-named had the mortification of seeing her stand on the mark till all chance of success had vanished. After reeling off his first mile at a 2.18 gait, Lord Dillon looked to have the issue in his safe keeping, for Aberfeldy and Princess Louise were being pressed to keep within striking distance. Three furlongs from home Adonis put in a brilliant run, and having the leaders' measure in the home straight won a good race by two lengths in 4m. 38 3-5s.

A staunch favourite in White House made good in the February Handicap, and practically had the race won from half-way. Vermont put in excellent work over the last half-mile, and with a better run in the first part she would have troubled the winner.

Starting from scratch, Brooklyn had a very comfortable win in the Stewards' Handicap, and if there had been anything good enough in the field it is hard to say how fast the Australian-bred gelding would have gone.

A one-furlong favourite in Master Raymond got home in the Members' Han-

dicap, but it was only by outstaying Betel Nut and Adventress that he scored. The winner's performance was his best for at least twelve months, and he can be expected to do a lot better.

The American-bred mare Bonny Jenny had a comfortable win in the Speedwell Handicap, for which she had few friends. Two furlongs from home it looked as if both Prince Poole and Kirwee would beat her, but the daughter of Bonny Direct always had a little in hand, and won comfortably. Little notice need be taken of her daughter Bonista's showing.

The totalisator handled £19,349 10s., as against £15,672 on the same day last year.

Details of the results were:—

- LADIES' BRACELET (Harness) of 55 sovs; for unhopped trotters. One mile and a-half. 2—Mrs H. Kitchenham's b m Nora McKinney, by Galindo—Beautiful Bells, 6yrs, 15sec (Mr T. G. Harley) 1 4—Eetter Luck, aged, 2sec (Mr. W. J. Doyle) 2 11—Imperial Park, aged, 3sec (Mr J. C. Wilson) 3 Also started: 14 Lionheart scratch, 13 Golden Way 1sec, 15 Willow Tree 3sec, 8 Macwood 3sec, 20 Aim Sa 3sec, 19 Exchange 3sec, 18 Topsy Wallace 3sec, 16 Happy Child 3sec, 19 W.M. 3sec, 7 Rothino 4sec, 20 Kairaki 4sec, 12 Francoralis 5sec, 9 Rio Grande 5sec and Chocolate Soldier 5sec (coupled), 17 Wild Sun 5sec, 1 Jean Dillon 5sec, 5 No Shenanagh 5sec, 10 Leonitus 5sec, 3 Able Boy 5sec. Won casing up by a dozen lengths from Better Luck, who beat Imperial Park by a neck. Time, 4min 6 2-5sec.
- SPREYDON HANDICAP (Harness) of 135sovs. One mile and a-half. 6—J. Bryce's ch m Our Aggie, by Savoyard—Miss Louie, 5yrs, 9 sec (Owner) 1 9—Espinel, 6yrs, 11sec (R. Hart) ... 2 8—O.I.C., 4yrs, 10sec (F. Holmes) ... 3 Also started: 15 Baron Franz 4sec, 7 Huon Drift 7sec, 4 Soda 7sec, 17 Selected 8sec, 2 Skylark 8sec, 11 Our Thorpe 8sec, 13 Ottawa 8sec, 5 Van Coronado 9sec, 14 Azile 10sec, 1 Lady Bella 10sec, 16 Erina 11sec, 12 Penelope 11sec, 10 Apple Pie 11sec, 3 Moness 11sec. Won by four lengths from Espinel, who just lasted long enough to beat O.I.C. by half a length for second place. Erina was close up fourth, with Lady Bell fifth, and Moness sixth. Time, 3m:n 35 3-5sec.
- PARLIAMENTARY HANDICAP (Harness) of 350sovs; 4.42 class. Two miles. 10—J. Dennett's b h Adonis, by Harold Dillon—Thelma, 5yrs, 1sec (F. Holmes) 1 2—Lord Dillon, 6yrs, 4sec (R. McMillan) 2 4—Princess Louise, aged, 3sec (T. Price jun.) 3 Also started: 12 Quincey scratch, 11 Bright scratch, 3 Redmac 1sec, 7 Aberfeldy 2sec, 6 Crown Prince 3sec, 8 Breeze 4sec, 5 Little Tib 4sec, 1 Ivy Dillon 4sec, 9 Dr. Chutney 5sec. Won by two lengths, the third eight lengths away. Time, 4min 38 3-5sec.
- FEBRUARY HANDICAP (Saddle) of 140sovs. Two miles. 1—White House, 10sec (E. McDermott) 1 3—Vermont, 8sec (J. McLennan) ... 2 5—Blackness, scratch (S. August) ... 3 Also started: 13 Miramar scratch, 9 Frances scratch, 12 Fusee 2sec, 6 Gertie L. 6sec, 2 Music 10sec, 4 Bold Maid 10 sec, 7 Troubadour 10sec, 11 Waterlog 11sec, 10 Ottawa 13sec. Won by five lengths. Time, 4min 50 3-5sec.
- STEWARDS' HANDICAP (Harness) of 250sovs. One mile and a-half. 4—Mr. Taylor's Brooklyn, scratch (C. H. Piper) 1 6—Country Belle, 45yds behind (W. J. Morland) 2 7—Prince Alert, 25yds behind (F. Amor) 3 Also started: 1 Huia Dillon scratch, 10 The Whip scratch, 9 Maino 13yds behind, 3 Manderene 13yds behind, 5 Bellis 25yds behind, 8 Bell Metal 25yds behind, 2 Emmeline 83yds behind. Won by six lengths. Time, 2min 53 3-5sec.
- MEMBERS' HANDICAP (Harness) of 200sovs; for unhopped trotters. Two miles. 1—Master Raymond, 8sec (A. Butterfield) 1 2—Betel Nut, scratch (Owner) 2 5—Adventress, 8sec (Owner) 3 Also started: 4 Treasure Seeker 5sec, Welfare 10sec (coupled), 3 Little Stranger 10sec, 6 Monsoon 10sec, 7 Craibwood 10sec. Won by a length. Time, 4min 52 3-5 sec.
- SPEEDWELL HANDICAP (Harness) of 175sovs. One mile. 6—Bonny Jenny, 4sec (Owner) 1 7—Prince Poole, 1sec (J. B. Rankin) 2 4—Kirwee, 1sec (A. G. Wilson) 3 Also started: 4 Rosebery scratch (coupled with Kirwee), 9 Radiant Morn 1sec 8 Vison 1sec, 3 Sylvie 1sec, 2 Brown Bell 2sec, 1 Bonista 3sec, 5 Onawa 4sec. Won by a length. Time, 2min 23 3-5 sec.
- FINAL HANDICAP (Saddle) of 175sovs. One mile. 4—Silver Princess, 3sec 1 6—Tutara, 4sec 2 8—Tutara 5, no 4sec 3 Also started: 13 Bellis 1sec, 1 Blackness 3sec, 15 Fulle 4sec, 10 Fake Alarm 4sec, 3 Miss Florrie C. 4sec, 7 Ruby S. 5sec, 3 Millwood 5sec, Corbell 5sec (coupled), 12 Aerial 5sec, 14 Romney Lad 6sec, 2 King Lynn 6sec, 5 Oceanic 6sec, 11 Wallace Junior 6sec. Won by two lengths. Time, 2m:n 13 1-5sec.