

tric made a great effort to overhaul Reuben in the straight, but the latter finished up his task in splendid style, winning by four lengths from the grey, which had to be hard driven to gain second honours from Dick Fly by a length.

A half-dozen contestants started in the Ascot Handicap, in which Specialty and Lieutenant were evenly backed on the machine. Specialty had run unkindly on the Wednesday, while Lieutenant had lost several seconds on the mark, a bad tendency which he has developed of late, but the fact of Julian being given the mount on the former caused her to be sent out favourite. Lieutenant left the mark without trouble, and though Gwelo challenged him going along the back the last time, McNae soon opened up a gap from the latter, and had a good advantage entering the straight. Kitty's Tux outstayed Gwelo and gained second honours behind Lieutenant, who won comfortably by four lengths.

Royal Albert was pounced upon in the Alexandra Handicap by backers as if the race had been made a gift to the little son of Albert Victor. Of the other nine starters Miss Dexter, Lady Wilmington, and Special Diamond were fairly well backed. Royal Albert did not run up to expectations, failing to settle down, his form being considerably below previous displays. Special Diamond was the first of the limit horses to show out, being closely followed by Baxter, with the favourite lying third. Going out of the straight the last time Special Diamond still held command, and Baxter, who was going very freely, was still in second position, while the scratch horse, Clive, was closing on the field at a rate that placed his backers on good terms with themselves. Special Diamond gradually shook off Baxter, but Clive reduced her lead and had drawn on terms with her when the straight was entered. Clive stepped out in faultless fashion from start to finish, and his victory over Special Diamond by a length was a most popular one. The favourite was half-a-dozen lengths away, third.

Wallace M. was most fancied of the six candidates which lined up for the Papakura Handicap, while Sundial and St. Trella carried a fair amount of coin. Sundial let her backers down badly, for she lost enough time at the start to render her chances hopeless. St. Trella led the way the first time round, with Undine in close attendance, while Wallace M. was only a couple of lengths behind the second horse passing the stand the second time. Wallace M. displaced the leaders going along the back, and turned into the straight with a couple of lengths' advantage from St. Trella. The race looked a certainty for Wallace M., but a surprise was in store for St. Trella threw out a strong challenge, and, drawing level 50 yards from the post, a great struggle ensued. St. Trella was going the easier, and Wallace M., being vigorously ridden, broke badly, leaving the former a winner by two lengths. Undine was four lengths away, third.

The Exhibition Handicap saw a field of eleven go to the post, and of these Prince Rufus and Master Park were entrusted with most support. Silver Black, Casling, Grampian and Alexandra Park also had many supporters, and the event gave promise of an exciting contest. Casling led past the stand, with Master Park, on whom trainer Norman Cunningham had the mount, in second position, with Alexandra Park and Prince Rufus next in order. Master Park displaced Casling in the lead going along the back stretch, while Prince Rufus could be discerned putting in a great burst of speed. Entering the straight Master Park still headed Prince Rufus, but the latter made a big effort to catch the leader, and was just beaten by a neck. Dick Fly was three lengths away, third, with Casling a neck away fourth.

Lord Victor was made an odds-on favourite in the Farewell Handicap, the only other horses in favour being Barium and St. Ursula. Ben F. led the way past the stand, with Jungle, St. Trella and St. Ursula following in that order, while the favourite was in a good position, but was badly blocked going out of the straight. A little further on the hoppers on Lord Victor broke, and he was pulled up. At the mile post Ben F. still headed the field, while St. Ursula looked his most dangerous opponent. In the run up the straight Ben F. maintained his lead, winning by three lengths from St. Ursula, with Jungle two lengths away, third.

TRIAL HANDICAP (Saddle) of 75sovs; second 10sovs, third 5sovs. One mile and a-half.

- 5-W. H. Patterson's br h Proud Child, Jun., aged, by Proud Child—Encore, 9sec (Wilson) 1
4-J. Burroot's b m Lady Doctor, aged, 4sec (Julian) 2
2-John Teddy's b c Nut Ansel, 4yrs, 4sec (owner) 3

Also started: 7 Kotiri 1sec (Hird), 9 Bronze Bell 1sec (Redshaw), 3 Casket 1sec (owner), 14 Corella 9sec (owner), 1 Lucknow 9sec (McNae), 12 Templeton 12sec (Ison), 6 Bury 12sec (Scott), 4 Papatuna 12sec (P. Brady), 10 Presently 12sec (Hall), 13 Special Bloom 12sec (owner), 8 Ayrshire Lad 12sec (Malcolm).
Won by half a dozen lengths, a similar distance between second and third. Time, 4min.

FEBRUARY HANDICAP (Harness) of 75sovs; second 10sovs, third 5sovs. One mile and a-half.

- 1-F. and G. Harrison's br h Mountain King, aged, by Franz—Flowerwood, 4sec (Harrison) 1
2-Puritt and Bell's b g Recommended, 6yrs, 9sec (Hamilton) 2
5-J. Curtis' b m Miss Dulce, scratch (Redshaw) 3

Also started: 11 Bellfounder 3sec (Adams), 10 Lincoln Guard 3sec (Hird), 8 Prince Chalge 10sec (owner), 12 Franzaine 10sec (Saussey), 4 Lady Doctor 13 sec (owner), 7 Rosie Gray 13sec (Lowe, senr.), 9 Meiry Huon 13sec (Osborne), 13 Lady Rosier 13sec (McNae), 6 Dimmock 14sec (owner), 3 Captain Rosier 14sec (owner), 3 St. Abbs 14sec (Richards).
Won by three lengths, with Miss Dulce ten lengths away third. Time, 3min 45 3-5sec.

OTAHUHU TROTTING CUP (Harness) of 250sovs; second 35sovs, third 15 sovs. Two miles.

- 6-Richards and Weston's b g Reuben, aged, by Prince Imperial—unknown, 6sec (Richards) 1
5-MacDonald and Reid's gr g Eccentric, 6yrs, 1sec (Duffin) 2
2-Molloy and Medland's b g Dick Fly, aged, scratch (Orange) 3

Also started: 8 Walnut 3sec (McMaster), 3 Alexandra Park 5sec (Adams), 7 Cavalier 7sec (owner), 1 Ludsal 9sec (Ison), 4 Lady Wilmington 9sec (owner).
Won by four lengths, Dick Fly being half a length from Eccentric. Lady Wilmington was fourth and Cavalier fifth. Time, 4min 40sec.

ASCOT HANDICAP (Saddle) of 100 sovs; second 10sovs, third 5sovs. One mile and a-half.

- 2-F. Werne's b g Lieutenant, 4yrs, by Commander—Tender, 13sec (McNae) 1
4-W. A. Scott's b m Kitty's Tux, 5yrs, 10sec (Hall) 2
3-H. Gooch's blk g Gwelo, 4yrs, 12 sec (Richards) 3

Also started: 5 Kirikiriroa 7sec (C. Hird), 1 Specialty 10sec (Julian), 6 Wynotte 15sec (Malcolm).
Won by four lengths, a length between second and third. Time, 3min 40 2-5sec.

ALEXANDRA PARK HANDICAP (Harness) of 100sovs; second 10sovs, third 5sovs. Two miles.

- 7-J. Burke's b g Clive, aged, by Cleveland—Peggy, scratch (McMaster) 1
4-W. Douglas' b m Special Diamond, aged, 16sec (Hamilton) 2
1-T. Richards' b g Royal Albert, aged (Richards) 3

Also started: 10 Vanclare scratch (Guy), 8 Craibwood 2sec (Julian), 3 Lady Wilmington 5sec (owner), 6 Gray W. 8sec (Ison), 2 Miss Dexter 8sec (Hird), 7 Baxter 16sec (Price), 5 Walaino 16sec (McNae).
Won by a length, six lengths between second and third. Lady Wilmington went off before her time and was pulled up. Time, 4min 44 2-5sec.

PAPAKURA HANDICAP (Harness) of 100sovs; second 10sovs, third 5sovs. One mile and a-half.

- 3-H. G. Rae's blk g St. Trella, 6yrs, by Wallace L.—Electioneer Belle, 8sec (Osborne) 1
1-J. Molloy's b g Wallace M., 4sec (Orange) 2
4-A. Ley's b m Undine, 3sec (Richards) 3

Also started: 2 Sundial 5sec (Malcolm), 6 Selkirk 8sec (McMaster), 5 Gwelo 9sec (Pillinger).
Won by ten lengths, Undine being four lengths away third. Time, 3min 41sec.

EXHIBITION HANDICAP (Saddle) of 150sovs. One mile.

- 2-R. Gibbon's blk g Master Park, aged, by Young McKinney—unknown, 3sec (Cunningham) 1
1-F. McDonald's rn g Prince Rufus, 6yrs (Duffin) 2
7-Molloy and Medland's b g Dick Fly, aged, 12sec (Orange) 3

Also started: 8 Stop It scratch (C. Nicholson), 9 Bell Gray scratch (Lowe), 3 Silver Black 1sec (McNae), 10 Annoyed 2sec (Wilson), 4 Grampian 2sec (Jarden), 6 Alexandra Park 3sec (Adams), 5 Casling 4sec (Hall), 3 Alf. McKinney 4sec (J. Paul).
Won by a neck, with Dick Fly three lengths away third. Casling was fourth, and Alexandra Park fifth. Time, 2min 17 2-5sec.

FAREWELL HANDICAP (Harness) of 100sovs; second 10sovs, third 5sovs. One mile.

- 4-W. Sharp's b g Ben F., aged, by Franz—Lady Elmo, 9sec (owner) 1
3-W. Perrin's br f St. Ursula, 3yrs, 8sec (owner) 2
5-J. James' br g Jungle, 9sec (Hird) 3

Also started: 11 Wereoa scratch (Duffin), 7 Phyllistina scratch (Malcolm), 10 Alf. McKinney 1sec (J. Paul), 10 Prince Berlin 1sec (Holland), 9 Royal Victor 3sec (Gladding), 1 Lord Victor 4sec (Julian), 2 Victor G. 4sec (owner), 7 St. Trella 5sec (Osborne), 2 Barlum 9 sec (owner), 12 Taihoa 9sec (Herbert).
Won by two lengths, Jungle being three lengths away. Victor G. was fourth. Time, 2min 31 3-5sec.

WANGANUI TROTTING CLUB.

GOLDIE WINS THE CUP.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

WANGANUI, February 27. A fair crowd rolled up to-day to take an interest in the first day's gathering of the Wanganui Trotting Club's cup carnival, which was held on the Wanganui Jockey Club's racecourse. Goldie, who has an unbeaten record, won the Cup very decisively, while the chestnut's owner, Mr. B. Shadbolt, of Waipukurau, also won the concluding race of the afternoon with Copper King, who, however, had to undergo the ordeal of an inquiry for inconsistency, but, after taking evidence, no action was considered necessary.

The seven events on the afternoon's programme were chiefly remarkable for the easy manner in which they were won, in some instances hundreds of yards separated the winners, whilst on occasions when the victor was passing the winning post, others were toiling away six furlongs from home.

Mr. W. G. Garrard, of Christchurch, was in attendance as special convoy from the New Zealand Trotting Association to watch the proceedings, while Mr. F. Hanlon, of Auckland, had charge of the timing arrangements in the several events. Both gentlemen attended to their duties in a thorough manner.

Mr. S. W. Moffett made an admirable secretary, the details being capitally arranged, while Mr. H. M. Speed, who occupied the judge's box, created a very favourable impression by the manner in which he hoisted the numbers.

Money was very plentiful, the totalisator staff handling £6848 compared with £3993 for the corresponding day last year. Results:—

MAIDEN HANDICAP of £27 10s.; second 5sovs, and third 2½sovs from the stake. For all trotters that have never won a race at time of starting. One mile and a-half.

- 8-J. S. Morris' b g Post Boy, by Lexington—Kitty, aged, 15sec (owner) 1
5-B. Kellsler's br m Tom Boy, by Bell Boy—Bell Maid, 15sec (owner) 2
9-H. J. Cameron's b g Lofty, by Vola—Clair, aged, 9sec (owner) 3

Also started: 10 Kate Allerton 15sec (G. E. Cowling), 2 Miss Clarice 9sec (G. Manship), 11 Billiken 9sec (L. Hillmer), 12 Lord Beldon 9sec (L. Sommer), 3 Fleet Queen 9sec (R. Power), 6 Kentucky Chimes 9sec (H. Barraclough), 4 Elma Boy 9sec (W. Jopp), 7 Muriel Derby 6sec (Shadbolt), 1 Ven Dillon 6 sec (A. C. Bishop).

The winner took charge at the start, and, leading all the way, won by fifty yards, with a similar distance separating second and third. Elma Boy was fourth and Ven Dillon next, with the others spread out over six furlongs. Time, 4min 18 3-5sec. (Winner trained by owner.)

KIRKWOOD HANDICAP of 25sovs; second 5sovs, third 2½sovs from the stake. One mile and a-half.

- 1-M. Holland's b g Fashion Wood, by Allwood—Fashion, 4yrs, 26sec (D. Nyhan) 1
4-Mrs. Berwick's g m Uniform, by Commander, 9sec (A. Mitchell) 2
2-Cecil Arden's b m Virago, by Viking, aged, 30sec (H. Barraclough) 3

Also started: 6 Black Nancy 30sec (S. Wilson), 8 Eastbrook 30sec (Miller), 9 Te Wanahau 30sec (F. Hamilton), 3 Nancy Till 20sec (W. Fleming), 5 Copper King 18sec (D. Shadbolt), 10 Mahurangi scratch (C. Kasher), 7 Golden Rose scratch (D. Ritchie).

Fashion Wood was in front practically all the way, and won pulling up by five lengths, with twenty lengths separating second and third. Copper King was fourth. Time, 4min. (Winner trained by owner.)

WANGANUI CUP HANDICAP of 130 sovs and solid silver cup, value 10 sovs, presented by Wanganui Licensed Victuallers' Association; second 20 sovs, third 10sovs from the stake. Two miles.

- 2-B. Shadbolt's ch g Goldie, by Wildwood, Junr.—Sing Sing, 5 yrs, 8sec (Shadbolt) 1
3-J. Dennett's b g Gee Whiz, by Rothschild—Kiddie Gee, 5yrs, 11 sec (R. Reay) 2
5-Harry Jones' b h General Joubert, by Commander—Rose Bloom, aged, 11sec (J. F. Butler) 3

Also started: 9 Muscenita 11sec (A. Oliver), 7 Princess Bruce 11sec (L. Wadham), 4 War Cloud 10sec (J. Mabey), 10 John H. 10sec (F. Smith), 8 Myrtle Palm 9sec (D. Nyhan), 1 Erect Form 6sec (C. Morgan), 6 Celtic 4sec (H. Barraclough).

Goldie and Celtic singled themselves out after covering a mile and a-half, and the race was confined to the pair. Goldie winning pulling up by four lengths, the third horse a hundred yards away. Time, 4min 59sec. (Winner trained by owner.)

HAMMOND HANDICAP of 27½sovs; second 5sovs, third 2½sovs from the stake. One mile and a distance.

- 2-T. F. Thompson's b m Winnie Peg, by General Lyons—Needlework, 4yrs, 8sec (H. Edwards) 1
1-A. C. Bishop's b m Wallet, by Wallace M., 5yrs, scratch (West) 2
4-C. Gordon's blk g Casey, by Imperial—Burlington mare, aged, 3 sec (owner) 3

Also started: 5 Haurina 8sec (S. Wilson), 3 Rockfeller 1sec (J. Williams).
The winner was always in front, and won easily by ten lengths, with a hundred yards separating second and third. Time, 3min 1 1-5sec. (Winner trained by W. H. Edwards.)

CASTLECLIFF HANDICAP of 27½ sovs; second 5sovs, third 2½sovs. Two miles.

- 1-A. Cameron's b g Resurrection, by Rothschild Lad—Trap mare, 20sec (owner) 1
3-C. Honeyfield's br g New Vita, by Forest—Wood, aged, 20sec (H. Barraclough) 2
9-R. Power's rn m Fleet Queen, by Spanker—Puriri mare, aged (F. Miller) 3

Also started: 10 Albert Ruskey 20sec

(H. Mounsey), 6 Post Boy (re-handicapped) 14sec (J. Morris), 7 Eastbrook 20 sec (L. B. Mace), 5 Colleen Bawn 20sec (J. Williams), 2 Elma Boy 12sec (W. Jopp), 4 Ven Dillon 8sec (J. West), 8 rroun Boy scratch (J. Murphy).

New Vita was ahead most of the way, when Resurrection took charge half a mile from home, and, trotting resolutely, won easily by five lengths, the third horse three hundred yards away. Time, 3min 19sec. (Winner trained by owner.)

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP of 45sovs; second 7½sovs, third 3½sovs from the stake. Two miles.

- 2-A. Cameron's b g Rothschild Lad, by Rothschild—Miss Victor II, aged, 11sec (owner) 1
4-Inos. Twomey's rn g All Steel, by Blackchild, aged, 15sec (owner) 2
6-K. Fleming's b m Nancy Till, by Albert Victor—Governor mare, 15sec (owner) 3

Also started: 5 Black Nancy 15sec (J. Seaton), 6 Lofty 15sec (S. Major), 3 Capitouse 6sec (J. F. Butler), 1 Todd Bell 5sec (L. Wadham) disqualified. Todd Bell was always in a good position, and won nicely by a length, with All Steel two lengths away third.

An objection was lodged against the winner for breaking on the winning post, and, after taking evidence, the stewards upheld the appeal by disqualifying Todd Bell for the race and awarding the event to Rothschild Lad. No time taken. (Winner trained by owner.)

DASH HANDICAP of 30sovs; second 7sovs, third 2½sovs from stake. One mile and a distance.

- 4-B. Shadbolt's b g Copper King, by Franz—Little Mary, aged, 9 sec (D. Shadbolt) 1
3-A. C. Bishop's b m Wallet, by Wallace L., 6sec (J. West) 2
1-Mrs. Berwick's gr g Uniform, by Commander, 4sec (A. Mitchell) 3

Also started: 2 John H. 5sec (F. Smith).
The winner was in front all the way, and won by ten lengths, with fifteen lengths separating second and third. Time, 2min 48 4-5sec. (Winner trained by owner.)

A protest was subsequently entered against Copper King for his improved form compared with his performance in the Kirkwood Handicap, but after taking voluminous evidence the judge's placing was not disturbed.

CONCLUDING DAY.

The Wanganui Trotting Club concluded its annual meeting on Monday in beautiful weather. The sum of £7381 was handed, making a total for the meeting of £14,231, this being an increase of £7250 over last year's meeting. Results:—

SETTLERS' HANDICAP, one mile and a-half.—Bell Block 12sec (Reay), 1; Winnie Reg, 9sec, 2; Colleen Bawn, 10 sec, 3. Also started: Miss Clarice 15sec, Kate Allerton 15sec, Kentucky Chimes 10sec, Tomboy 12sec. Won by a length. Time, 4min 30sec.

TRADESMEN'S HANDICAP, one mile and a-half.—Fleet Queen, 20sec (Millar), 1; Nancy Till, 20sec, 2; Te Wanahau, 20sec, 3. Also started: Black Nancy 20sec, Proud Boy 15sec, All Steel 12sec, Post Boy 12sec, Virago 12sec, Capitouse 9sec, Ngarata scratch. Won by five lengths. Time, 4min 10 2-5sec.

DOMINION HANDICAP, two miles.—Gee Whiz, 10sec (Reay), 1; War Cloud, 12sec, 2; Myrtle Palm, 12sec, 3. Also started: General Joubert 11sec, Todd Bell 10sec, Celtic 9sec. Won very comfortably. Time, 6min 5sec.

TRAMWAY HANDICAP, one mile and a distance.—Uniform, 3sec (A. Mitchell), 1; Monsenita, 5sec, 2; John H., 6sec, 3. Also started: Haurina 9sec, Princess Bruce 8sec, Golden Rose scratch. Won by a length. Time, 2min 41sec.

LICENSED VICTUALLERS' HANDICAP, two miles.—Wallet, 2sec (J. West), 1; Rothschild Lad, 12sec, 2; New Vita, 12sec, 3. Also started: Colleen Bawn 20sec, Casey 2sec. Won by three-parts of a length. Time, 5min 9sec.

BALLONA STAKES HANDICAP, two miles.—Rothschild Lad, 12sec (A. Cameron), 1; Ngarata, 8sec, 2; Nancy Till, 18sec, 3. Also started: All Steel 15sec, Todd Bell scratch. Won by three lengths. Time, 6min 23sec.

FAREWELL HANDICAP, one mile and a distance.—Elma Boy, 18sec (D. Nyhan), 1; Ven Dillon, 15sec, 2; Fleet Queen, 15sec, 3. Also started: Kate Allerton 20sec, War Queen 20sec, Tomboy 15sec. Won by two lengths and a-half. Time, 3min.

Being away at the seaside seemed to do Mr. Bourke's Clive good. The son of Cleveland—Peggy finished with great dash. McMasters had the team on the West Coast for some weeks prior to the Otahuhu meeting.

The Poverty Bay Trotting Club's meeting promises to be a success, though the club has not got a tote yet. Big nominations have been received.

Reuben, the winner of the Dominion Handicap and the Otahuhu T.C. Cup, was not a howling success last season, as out of eight starts he managed to run a brace of seconds at the Otahuhu T.C. Summer meeting, and the previous year won a small race and was placed twice. The Weymouth trainer had Reuben in good condition. He apparently won his two races without being unduly pressed or distressed. Messrs. L. Richards and J. Weston had a fair stake on each race their horse scored in, and in the last event the horse paid a good dividend. The partners must be well ahead of their first attempt at trotting owners,