TURF RESULTS.

DANNEVIRKE RACING CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

THE CUP WON BY KOOYA.

FIRST DAY.

(From our own Correspondent.)

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The Dannevirke Racing Club were favoured with fine weather for the opening day of their autumn gathering, which took place to-day. The attendance was very satisfactory, visitors being present from all parts of the country, amongst the prominent sporting folk seen promenading on the lawn being Mr W. Hume and Mr G. Hume (Wairarapa), Mr. G. Hunter, M.P. (Porangahau) Mr. F. Armstrong and Mr. J. Armstrong (Akiteo), Hon. F. M. B. Fisher, M.P., Sir James Carroll, M.P. Mr. J. E. McIvor (Hastings), Mr. Wirl Tokena, Mr. K. White and Mr. E. J. White, of Porangahau, and many others whose names are not remembered at the moment.

The occasion was a red letter day in the hist ry of the club, as it marked the opening of the new grandstand and all the buildings usually associated with the up-to-date appliances to he found on metropolitan courses of this country. The grandstand was formally opened by the club's president Mr. G. Hunter, M.F., who, in a happy speech, welcomed the club's many visitors and trusted they would have an enjoyable time. A reply was made by the Hon. F. M. B. Fisher, M.P., who voiced the opinion of hundreds of three present at the capital and substantial structures that the club had erec'ed and which should satisfy the demands of the institution for many year's to come.

Mr. Skipwith, assisted by Mr. H. Shanly, was very successful at the barrier, their send-offs being very satisfactory, the fields in practically every event moving off in a perfect line.

Money was fairly plentiful, the totalizator staff handling f15 063 during the sfternoon, compared with f10,071 for the corresponding day last year, the increase for to-day's gathering showing an increase of practically f5000 compared with the autumn meeting of 1918.

Mr. J. McMahon, chief stipendiary steward was in attendance, and with the exception of a few minor inquiries by the official named, everything passed off with rut a hitch.

The secretarial duties in Mr. R. Talle's hands were carried out in a righly satisfactory manner, as

MAIDEN PLATE of 65sovs; second 10 sovs, third 5sovs from the stake. Four furlongs and a-half. Weight, 8.0.

TAHORAITI HACK WELTER of 80 sovs; second 10 sovs, third 5 sovs from the stake. Seven furlongs.

1—H. R. Telford's b g Firing Line, by St. Ambrose—Kokiri, 5yrs, 8 8 (E. Lowe) 5—J. Polton's br g Merry Jack, by Merriwee—Rosewater, 4yrs, 8.8 (W. Price)

Also started: 3 St. Elmn 8.12 (L. Wilson), 2 Bodenham 8.8 (B. Deeley), 4 Bonus 8.0 (W. Bell), 7 Fusilier 8.0 (R.

Young).

Bonus and Combustion led into the straight, when Firing Line came on the scene, and running generously, won easily by four lengths, with a length separatine second and third. Bonus was fourth. No time taken.

(Winner trained by owner.)

Tavistock was always in a handy position, and in an excellent finish won by a bare half length, with La Favourita three-parts of a length away third, Elevonia, who showed up prominently in the early stages, was close up fourth, with the others same little distance further back. Time, 55 2-5sec. (Winner trained by J. W. Sceats.)

DANNEVIRKE CUP of 200sovs; second 20sovs and third 10sovs from stake. One mile and a-half.

-D. Kemp's br f Kooya, by Signalman—Koi Ano, 4yrs, 7.3, inc. 101b pen. (W. Bell)
-P. Hunter's ch g Settler. by Waiuku—Seraph, 7.3 (R. Hunt)
-K. White's br g Braeburn, by Sir Laddo—Tuhirangi, 5yrs, 7.2 (J. O'Shea)

Montreal 6.7 (J. Meagher).

Perceler was the first to find his feet, and passing the stands on the first circuit the chestnut was leading from Eocene and Settler, with the others handy, going round the back Perceler was still at the head of affairs, while Kooya, Braeburn and Settler could be seen improving their positions. Perceler was first into the straight, closely followed by Kooya, a little further on Perceler began to tire, while Kooya came along with a well-timed run, and being vigorously ridden, won by a neck with Braeburn a length away third, the

ELECTRIC HACK HANDICAP of 70 sovs; second 10sovs, third 5sovs from the stake. Six furlongs.

TAMAKI WELTER of 115sovs; second 15sovs, third 10sovs from the stake. One mile and 50 yards.



THE ROVER (L. Traill), after annexing the Westmere Hurdle Race (two miles) at the Wanganul J.C.'s Autumn Meeting.

next two to finish in the order named were Trieze and Perceler, with the oth-ers beaten off. Time, 2min 35sec. (Winner trained by owner.)

HACK HANDICAP HURDLES of 100 sovs; second 10sovs, third 5sovs from the stake. One mile and three-quart-

Malachi 9.0 (L. Wilson), a Master Malachi 9.0 (L. Wilson).

Passing the stands on the first round Sunrose was showing the way, followed closely by Marblehead and Papalitz, the latter made a faulty jump round the back and came down on his nose, but the gelding made a splendid recovery, and soon joined his field. Coming into the straight Composed and Stockade were on terms, with Papalitz coming fast, the latter was in front half-way up the running, and coming on nicely won by three lengths, with a length and a-half separating second and third. Marblehead, who came fast up the straight, was fourth, while Omanawa was last. Time, 3min 18 sec.

rier, but going out of the straight Montreal rushed to the front and led up to three furlongs from home, when Mescal assumed command, the latter led into the straight, where the favourite could be seen threading his way through, but Mescal was running gamely, and lasted long enough to win by half a head, with Montreal two lengths away third. Merry Jack, who was making his second appearance during the afternoon, was close up fourth. Time, 1min 45sec.

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3—P. P. Neagle's br m Evadne, by King's Guest—Heavenly Twin, 4yrs, 8.12, inc. 10lb pen. (W. Price)

1—S. W. Tatham's br g Orleans, by Conqueror—Jeanne d'Arc. 4yrs, 7.12, inc. 10lb pen. (L. Wilson)

2—F. G. Roe's b g Ladify, by Sir Laddo—Probability, 3yrs, 7.13 (W. O'Halloran)

2 Rigo Park 7.16 (B. Deeley), 5 No Idea 7.0 (C. Carmont), 7 Lady Teazle 7.0 (H. Watson).

Lady Teazle was the smartest to find her feet and galloping very resolutely the chestnut led the field for a little over four furlongs, when she began to drift to the rear. Coming into the straight Evadne and Orleans put in



GROUP OF PROMINENT TROTTING AND RACING ENTHUSIASTS. From left: Messrs. G. Currie, Dr. Grant, H. R. McKenzie, J. Rowe, J. Williamson.

their claims and in a good finish the former won by a couple of lengths, while Ladify, who was slow to get going, was a neck away third. Rigo Park was close up fourth. Time, 1min

00sec. (Winner trained by owner.)

SECOND DAY.

The weather conditions were favourable for the concluding day of the meeting, which eventuated on Thursday. The attendance was again very satisfactory, visitors being present in large numbers from all parts of the country. Some capital racing was witnessed, the finishes in several of the events being a well deserved tribute to the excellent work of the club's handicapper (Mr. J. E. Henrys).

All the officials worked with a will, and everything points to the club having a very successful future.

The sum of £14,532 was handled by the total sator staff, against £11,567 that was dealt with on the corresponding day last year, making a grand total for the meeting of £29,595, this being an increase on last year's figures of £7957, truly a very successful result to a successful meeting.

The buildings, a photograph of which appeared in our columns some time back, are probably the most convenient and ample to be found on any racecourse in the North Island. The appointments are thoroughly up-to-date, and visitors came away well endowed with the opinion that the club, who has supported many disabilities in the past with regard to their property, are now on the brigh road to prosperity. With Mr. G. Hunter, M.P., at the head of a fairs, the Dannevirke club is assured by Mr. O. A. Jorgensen, architect, of Palmerston North, and were constructed by Messrs. J. H. Fairhurst, Ltd., of Dannevirke, in a thoroughly capable manner.

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Mr. R. Takle created a favourable impression by the admirable manner in which he attended to the business side of the meeting, and one and all came away pleased with his conduct of the gathering.

The starting to-day was again capital, there being nothing to find fault with under this heading, while, as is usual with Mr. Hartgill, his decisions were heisted promptly and accurately.

Money was fairly plentiful, Messrs. Marrett and Fox, who were in charge of the totalisator department, handling fit 532 during the afternoon, compared with fill 567 that was dealt with on the corresponding day last year, making a total for the meeting of £29.595, against £21638 that found its way through the machine at the autumn meeting of 1914, being an increase of £7957 for the two days. Results:—

Poiherau (O. McCarten).

Miss Lena was the smartest to begin, and the bay mare was still in front when heads were turned for home. Halfway up the straight she faded out of the contest, while New York, on the rails, and Vladineau, on the outside, made a forward move, and in an exciting finish the former won by the narrowest of heads with Te Huhutu a length away. Whisperer, who showed some pace, over the later portion of the journey, was fourth. Time, 1min 3 sec.

(Winner trained by H. Pritchard).

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Combustion was the quickest to move, and being in a handy position Bell was content to keep to the rails and his mount was first into the straight, with Ladify coming fast on the outside, the latter came well at the finish and won cleverly by two lengths, with Whakahoki three-parts of a length away third, followed closely by Combustion. With the others beaten off. Time. Imin 30sec. (Winner trained by F. J. Carmont.)

At the conclusion of the race the stewards held an inquiry into R. Berry's handling of his meunt (Orleans) as his horsemanship was not satisfactory in their opinion. After hearing evidence from those immediately concerned, and also the owner's testimony, the stewards reor manded Berry and administered a severe caution and at the same time stated they were not satisfied with his riding of Orleans.

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2—D. McLeod's ch c Tav/stock by Vasco — Mayhap. 2yrs, 8.5 (J. O'Shea)

1—G. Hunter's ch g Indigo by Mystification—Mungesta, 2yrs, 8.4 (L. Wilson)

4—J. Ames' br f Elevonia, by Elevation—Livonia, 2yrs, 6.12 (R. Berry)

Also started: 3 La Favourita 7.11 (J. Hastie) and Marceline 7.4 (W. Bell) coupled on totalisator, 6 Gold Rush 6.13 (R. Manson), 5 Ararat 6.12 (H. Young).