

RACING NOTES

RACING CALENDAR.

FIXTURES.

- Jan. 7, 8—Whangarei Racing Club
- Jan. 13—Wairio Jockey Club
- Jan. 20, 22, 23—Wellington R.C.
- Jan. 22, 23—Foxton Racing Club
- Jan. 26, 27—Wairua County R.C.
- Jan. 29, 30—Takapuna Jockey Club
- Feb. 3, 4—Egmont Racing Club
- Feb. 4, 6—Gisborne Racing Club
- Feb. 6—Canterbury Jockey Club
- Feb. 10—Rotorua Jockey Club
- Feb. 10, 11—Taranaki Jockey Club
- Feb. 11, 13—Poverty Bay Turf Club
- Feb. 13—Te Kuiti Racing Club

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

Nominations for the Taranaki Jockey Club's summer meeting are due on January 15th.

Acceptances for all handicap events of the Wellington Racing Club's summer meeting close on Wednesday, January 13, when entries for the Trial Plate and Disposal Stakes are also due.

Nomination for all events of the Poverty Bay Turf Club's summer meeting will be due on January 22nd.

Entries for all events close on January 29 for the South Auckland Racing Club's annual meeting.

Nominations for the Gisborne Racing Club's summer meeting close on January 15th.

Nominations for the Egmont Racing Club's summer meeting require attention on January 14th.

Nominations for the autumn meeting of the Wanganui Jockey Club are due on January 25th.

STRATFORD RACING CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

CUP WON BY SWEET VAN.

What was practically the most successful and one of the very enjoyable annual meetings ever held by the Stratford Racing Club took place on Friday and Saturday last in the presence of a record number of sporting enthusiasts each day, who came from all parts of the country and who were rewarded by witnessing some capital racing.

Since the previous meeting, held a year back, the Club has adopted a forward policy by carrying out additions to the main grandstand and totalisator house, while the outside stand has also been removed to a more convenient site. The tracks, enclosures and racecourse proper have also been considerably improved, and with the up-to-date facilities now provided by the Club for the public its future prosperity appears well assured. Mr. A. W. Budge makes an admirable president, as the welfare of the Club always receives his keenest attention. He is ably assisted by the secretary, Mr. Alfred Coleman, whose management of the meeting, assisted by officials, was the theme of favourable comment, and all those who came into contact with the stewards and staff had a good word to say for them. The Club is without a doubt one of the best conducted of the country racing clubs of New Zealand.

The totalisator staff, who were under the supervision of Messrs. Marett and Fox, of Napier, handled £17,051 on the first day, which figures are a decided increase on those of the 1914 meeting, when £15,928 found its way through the machine.

Captain Miro (Captain Webb—Miro), who had run well previously at Waverley, led the field home in the Tariki Welter, of seven furlongs, from Armature (Motor—Her Ladyship) and Avena (Coronet—Kathleen), who were second and third respectively. Miralma was favourite, but was in the early part of the journey in the rear, and only came when too late and got fifth. The winner is a good sort, and some more successes should come his way during the present season.

Wild Daisy (Vladimir—Miro) was made a warm favourite for the Borough Stakes, four and a-quarter furlongs, but owing to drawing an outside position her chance of winning was spoiled and she only got fourth. The winner turned up in Wioletta (Coronet—St. Clements mare), who

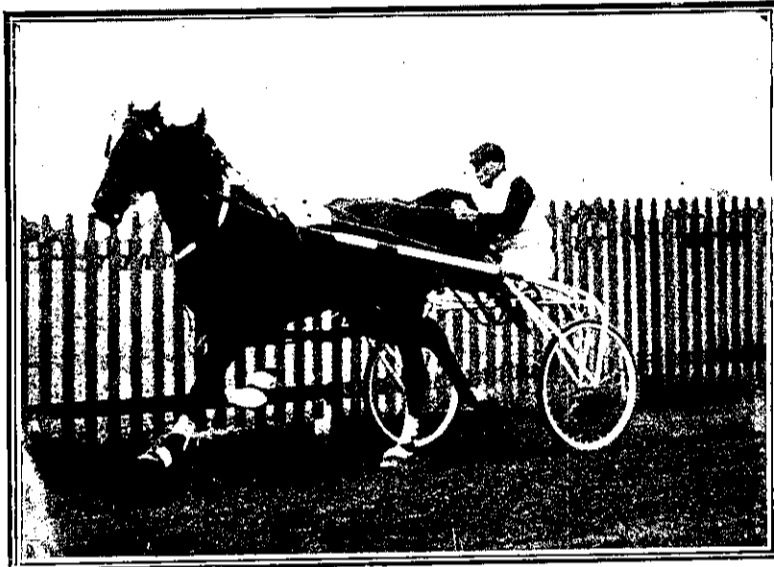
won nicely at the finish from Veto, who is bred the same as the winner, and Joy Bells (King's Birthday—Foulshot mare), who filled the places. Wioletta showed some pace, and should assuredly gain further distinction.

A great finish took place in the County Cup, one mile and a-quarter, there only being noses between the first three, while Invader, who had been responsible for the pace throughout, was close up. Invader and Draft were responsible for the pace set until the straight was reached, when the field closed up, and in a ding-dong finish the verdict was given to Sweet Van (Sweet Simon—Van), with Patronymic (Patroness—Irma) second and Chaminade (Sylvia Park—Ora) third. The contest between the placed horses was very exciting, and only

did not jump too pleasingly, and at the finish Tirohanga (Stepson—Handsome Jack mare) triumphed handily from the favourite, with Styrax third, the only other starter, Katua, being some lengths away.

Fore (Advance—Alert), who had been withdrawn from the Cup, was made a hot favourite for the Midhurst Hack Handicap, one mile and 110 yards, and galloping very generously throughout the mare won easily from Mahlstick (Mantapoto—Crimson Lake) and John Willie (Campfire—Sporting Queen), who filled the places.

The Farmers' Plate, one mile and 110 yards, is always a popular event at Stratford, and the latest contest was no exception to the general rule. There was much noise and bustling throughout the race, and it was quite comforting to know that nothing seri-



DILLON BELL (M. Edwards) engaged in his unsuccessful attempt to lower the New Zealand mile record (2min. 8 3-5sec.) on the second day of the Auckland Trotting Club's Summer Meeting.

the judge could decide the placing. Chaminade made his effort too late, and his rider was asked a question by Stipendiary Currie.

Nearly a thousand pounds was invested on The Dodger (Cordon Rouge—Parera) in the Railway Hack, of five furlongs, and the issue was never in doubt, the gelding winning easily at the business end from Lady Amai (Lupin—Amai) and Patroon (Patronus—Porangi). The only other starter, Magneta (Menschikoff—St. Amy), broke a blood vessel during the running of the race and died a few hours later from internal hemorrhage.

Captain Mackay, who was specially brought up from Foxton for the Ohura Hack Hurdles, one mile and a-half, was heavily supported, but the gelding

ous occurred, although some of the riders on returning to scale presented the likely appearance of having been engaged in a football scrum. The winner turned up in Silver Flood, a five-year-old gelding by Wainui from a Sylvia Park mare, trained by Mr. B. T. Bennett, of Halbedier fame, at Patea. The veteran "Ben" received many congratulations on the capital condition in which he had landed the winner at the post. Harbour Light (by Sylvia Park), on whose chance there was over £1000 on the machine, was second, and Idol (Knight Errant—Versailles mare) third. Dr. Paget, who rode Rosalys, received some shaking during the running of the race, but he came through the conflict unscathed.

The first day's programme was brought to a conclusion by the running of the Flying Handicap, six furlongs, for which Calais (Patronus—lseult) was a warm order, while there was plenty of support for the other contestants. Glenroy (Glenap—Vardo) left the mark smartly, and galloping in great style had a length to spare from the fast-finishing Crawford (St. Paul—Lilly) when the winning line was crossed, with the favourite close up. Results were:—

TARIKI WELTER HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs. Seven furlongs.

- 5—Mrs M. W. Miscal's ch g Captain Miro, 5yrs, by Captain Webb—Miro, 8.7 (H. Webb) 1
 - 2—Armature, 8.7 (Fryer) 2
 - 6—Avena, 8.8 (McCarten) 3
- Also started: 4 Bivouac (Fitzwater), 1 Miralma 9.3 (Ward), 3 Patronata 8.11 (Goddard), 7 Vladian 8.9 (Rayner), 10 Red Coral 8.7 (Goldfinch), 9 Glen Tullock 8.7 (McSeveney), 8 Iceberg 8.7 (L. Nodder).
- Time, 1min 31 3-5sec.

BOROUGH STAKES of 100sovs. Four and a-quarter furlongs.

- 3—J. Mead's b m Wioletta, 4yrs, by Coronet—St. Clements mare, 8.7 (O. McCarten) 1
 - 5—Veto, 8.0 (Goldfinch) 2
 - 8—Joy Bells, 8.7 (Raine) 3
- Also started: 7 Flint 8.7 (Webb), 1 Wild Daisy 8.7 (Nodder), 13 Fortify 8.7 (Cordue), 17 Top Twig 8.7 (Cathro), 4 Vestals 8.7 (Monk), 12 Go On 8.7 (Ward), 16 Henekaha 8.7 (Granau), 15 Miss Potae 8.7 (Brown), 6 Missa 8.7 (Howden), 18 Lupinatrix 8.7 (James), 2 Tiora 8.7 (Stevenson), 11 Tahora 8.7 (Copestake), 10 Con Guard 8.7 (Cochrane), 9 Titana 8.0 (Goddard), 14 Trombone 7.7 (Fryer).
- Time, 55sec.

STRATFORD CUP HANDICAP of 250 sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

- 6—F. Bristol's ch m Sweet Van, 6 yrs, by Sweet Simon—Van, 7.3 (C. Monk) 1
 - 3—Patronymic, 8.12 (McCarten) 2
 - 1—Chaminade, 9.2 (Nodder) 3
- Also started: 4 Draft (Copestake), 2 Invader 8.4 (Brown), 7 Bercola 7.4 (Fryer), 5 Cordon 7.2 (Goldfinch).
- Time, 2min 13 1-5sec.

RAILWAY HACK HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Five furlongs.

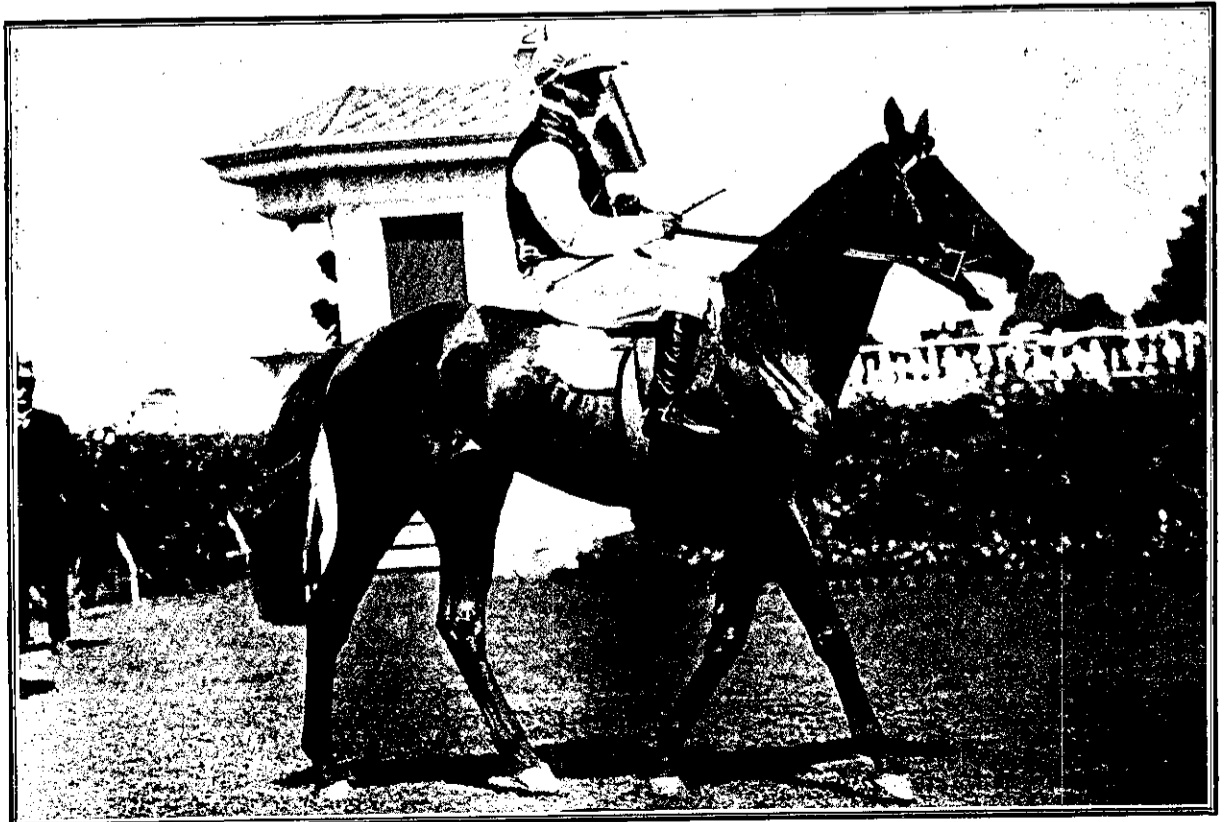
- 1—J. Fitzgerald's br g The Dodger, 6yrs, by Cordon Rouge—Parera, 8.9 (L. Nodder) 1
 - 2—Lady Amai, 8.3 (Goldfinch) 2
 - 3—Patroon, 8.3 (R. E. Brown) 3
- Also started: 6 Magneta 7.10 (McCarten), 4 Flying Camp 7.7 (Monk), 7 Flying Queen 7.7 (Fryer), 5 Miss Fisher 7.7 (Gordon).

OHURA HURDLE HANDICAP of 150 sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

- 3—F. Webb's ch g Tirohanga, aged, by Stepson—Handsome Jack mare, 9.8 (Old) 1
 - 1—Captain Mackay, 10.0 (Ferris) 2
 - 2—Styrax, 11.5 (G. Pine) 3
- Also started: 4 Katua 10.5 (Graham).

MIDHIRST HACK HANDICAP of 125 sovs. One mile and 110 yards.

- 1—W. Carter's ch m Fore, 4yrs, by Advance—Alert, 7.8 (C. Monk) 1
 - 3—Mahlstick, 7.0 2
 - 4—John Willie, 8.4 (Nodder) 3
- Also started: 2 Quo Vadis 7.11 (McCarten).



REPUTATION (L. Wilson) after winning the Great Northern Derby (1½ miles) at Ellerslie on New Year's Day.