

ite, but failed to land the goods. The Uruti Hack Welter was looked upon as a certainty for Syntax, who carried over £1000 on the totalisator, but a surprise awaited backers, for White Blaze, who was only entrusted with £115, won easily by two lengths and returned his supporters the second largest dividend of the meeting. Backers of the favourite lost money on the event. Haupai was a poor third, with the others beaten off.

The curtain was rung down on the meeting with the decision of the Electric Hack Handicap, for which Revocation was backed as if the race was a foregone conclusion. From a capital start Volo was soon out in front, and, leading throughout, won easily by five lengths, with Hiero, who appeared to be lame, a length further back.

The list of successful horsemen was headed by O. McCarten, who rode four winners, including a dead heat, while Anderson, a promising lightweight, was successful in three races. L. Manson and B. Clark each rode two winners. Others to win a race each were E. Copestake, R. Brown (dead heat), A. Ward, A. McDonald and Healy.

The first day's results appeared in last week's issue. Details of the second day's racing are as follows:—

FITZROY HACK HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Seven furlongs. 1—F. Selwood's b g Dingle, by Husbandman—Rangipuhii mare, 4yrs. 8.0 (McCarten) 1

INGLEWOOD HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs) Six furlongs. 1—Mrs. M. Crocker's b m Golden Grafton, by Grafton—Golden Eagle, 5yrs, 6.9, 5lb allow. (B. Clark) 1

SUMMER HACK HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Six furlongs. 3—W. C. Phillips' br g Fidelio, by Finland—Cantatrice, 4yrs, 7.5 (A. Lloyd) 1

TARATA HACK HURDLES HANDICAP of 125sovs. One mile and a-half and 100 yards. 1—J. Bull's blk g Golden March, by Advance—Gold Cord, 6yrs, 10.11 (A. McDonald) 1

NEW PLYMOUTH HANDICAP of 150 sovs. One mile and 110 yards. 3—D. Campbell's br g Antwerp, by Waikaranga—Grassmere, 6yrs, 7.3 (Anderson) 1

WAREA HACK STAKES of 100sovs. Five furlongs. 2—W. J. Lile's b m Cora Ora, by Coronet—St. Clements mare, 4 yrs, 8.0 (B. Clark) 1

URUTI WELTER HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs. One mile and 110 yards. 6—W. J. Bowman's gr g White Blaze, by Campfire—White May, aged, 8.9 (Healy) 1

ELECTRIC HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs. Five furlongs. 4—F. Selwood's b g Volo, by Husbandman—Beautiful Star, 3yrs, 7.3 (Anderson) 1

NOTES ON THE CHRISTMAS MEETING.

Hiero, who got a nasty knock on the steamer, was unable to start the first day, but appeared on the second day in a bandage, and ran a good race after getting left. The Golfer, who sustained injuries whilst schooling on Monday, was not able to start at the meeting, otherwise he no doubt would have collected the stake for the hurdle race on the second day, for he is a fair horse and he would have had a hard task to meet such poor class hurdlers in any other part of New Zealand.

The Christmas Handicap was won by Paraoa, who claims an engagement in the Wellington Cup. Previous to the start he bolted six furlongs and when he had pulled up Zola also cleared away of his own, covering a mile, and shortly after the field finally got away he started bleeding and was eased up. Peroneal kept Paraoa busy until the post was reached, and should not be long in registering a win for Mr. Frederic.

The New Plymouth Handicap, on the second day, was a very evenly-contested race from start to finish between Antwerp and Analogue, the former lasting long enough to win by half a length. At Feilding Analogue met Antwerp over seven furlongs at a difference of 7lb and defeated Antwerp by a length and a-half, the latter getting a bad run. In the New Plymouth Handicap they met at a difference of 1lb only and Antwerp proved himself the better horse and would no doubt have won with any luck at Feilding.

Munition was sold the night before the meeting at a figure near £300, with his engagements, but failed to show up in either of his races and may be will not be cheap at the money, as the class in the hack races was very mild.

The success of Depredation and Bisogne at Auckland was the cause of great jubilation in New Plymouth, and nearly every sport in the city stuck to the local horses, and, taken collectively, a lot of money will wend its way to the province through the success of these horses.

Green was the prevailing colour at New Plymouth during the Christmas racing carnival. The lawns and course were nice and green, 75 per cent. of the race colours worn were green and it would be very hard to find a number of jockeys now riding as green as those taking part at the Christmas meeting.

STRATFORD RACING CLUB. ANNUAL MEETING.

CRAWFORD WINS THE CUP.

The Stratford Racing Club opened their annual meeting at Stratford on New Year's Day, when a record attendance was on hand to assist in making the fixture the success it proved. The weather was ideal, and a splendid afternoon's racing was witnessed. The totalisator staff handled £21,934, as against £19,185 10s. for the opening day of the 1916 gathering, being an increase of £2749 10s. The results were as follows:—

TARIKI WELTER HANDICAP of 125 sovs. Seven furlongs. 1—P. Johnson's b m Movement, 5yrs, by Advance—Officer mare, 9.5 1

3—J. E. Palmer's b h Analogue, 7.2 2 2—H. Wilson's b g Soldier, 7.13 3 3

MIDHIRST HACK HANDICAP of 175 sovs. Eight furlongs and a-half. 4—W. J. Bowman's gr g White Blaze, aged, by Campfire—White May, 8.6 1

DOUGLAS HANDICAP of 250sovs. Six furlongs. 2—M. Franklin's ch m Veto, 8.5, 5 yrs, by Coronet—St. Clements mare, 8.5 1

FARMERS' PLATE of 100sovs. Weight for age. Eight furlongs and a-half. 6—Waiohuri 1

RAILWAY HACK of 150sovs. Six furlongs. 2—J. McKean's b m Madame Ristori, 4yrs, by Marble Arch—Ristori, 7.8 1

CONCLUDING DAY. SOLDIER WINS BIG EVENT.

TWO OTHER AUCKLANDERS SCORE.

The gathering was concluded on Tuesday in fine weather, and with a record crowd in evidence the fixture will go down in the annals of the club as the most successful yet held. The sum of £21,994 was handled on the totalisator, making a total for the meeting of £43,323, as against £38,862 for 1916. The racing was keen, and only two favourites scored during the afternoon. The results were:—

TOKO WELTER of 125sovs. Eight furlongs and a-half. 4—F. Jewell's g g Iceberg, 6yrs, by Coronet—Snowflake, 8.5 1

CARDIFF STAKES of 100sovs. Weight 8.0. Five furlongs. 3—H. McClelland's b g Deeside, 5yrs, by Cheshire—Vanilla 1

NGAERE HANDICAP of 200sovs. Six furlongs. 3—Mr Angus' b g Kauri King, 6yrs, by Soult—Sawdust, 8.0 1

MAKURI HURDLES of 125sovs. One mile and a-half. 1—Hall and Leahy's b g Moulu, 5yrs, by Boniform—Ormulu, 10.9 1

STRATHMORE HACK HANDICAP of 125sovs. Five furlongs. 2—W. J. Tweedie's b g Hiero, 4yrs, by Hierarch—Agatha, 8.2 1

MALONE MEMORIAL HANDICAP of 300sovs. Eight furlongs and a-half. 1—H. S. Wilson's br h Soldier, 6yrs, by Soult—Lady Musket, 7.13 1

LADIES' PURSE HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs. Seven furlongs. 5—Miss M. D. Brewer's b g Crown Head, 6yrs, by Coronet—Mirthful, 10.10 1

COUNTY HACK HANDICAP of 125sovs. Six furlongs. 1—F. Selwood's b g Volo, 3yrs, by Husbandman—Beautiful Star, 8.2 1

WAIRARAPA RACING CLUB. SUMMER MEETING.

WANT WINS THE CUP.

The Wairarapa Racing Club opened their summer meeting on New Year's Day in fine weather, the attendance constituting a record. The totalisator receipts showed a falling off of £1702 on last year's investments, £18,681 being passed through the machine during the afternoon. The racing was of an attractive standard, and racegoers thoroughly enjoyed the day's sport. The Wairarapa Cup resulted in a deserving win for Want, who was piloted to victory by the English horseman, T. Metcalfe, the event being his first successful ride in the Dominion. The results were:—

MAIDEN HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs. Five furlongs. 1—M. Williams' b g Waimatao, by Bezonian—Punewai, 4yrs, 8.11 (W. Fine) 1

TUHITARATA HANDICAP of 150sovs. Six furlongs. 1—Dwan Bros. blk f Sweet Tipperary, by King's Guest—Golden Ball, 3yrs, 9.5 (R. Hatch) 1

RIMUTAKA HACK HANDICAP of 120sovs. One mile. 6—T. Benton's b m Try Again, by Elevation—Come Again, aged, 7.11, 2lb allow. (P. Corlett) 1

WAIRARAPA CUP HANDICAP of 500 sovs. One mile and a-quarter. 5—G. Penfold's b g Want, by Penury—Lady Flora, 5yrs, 7.2 (Metcalfe) 1

NURSERY HANDICAP of 150sovs. For two-year-olds. Four furlongs. 1—V. and E. Riddiford's b f Cooling, by Boniform—Ringdove, 7.11, 5lb allow. (C. Reed) 1

PUKIO HACK HANDICAP of 120sovs. Six furlongs. 6—T. Higgins' b f Lady General, by General Latour—Romola, 3yrs, 8.4 (T. Pritchard) 1

REYNOLDS HANDICAP of 175sovs. Seven furlongs. 1—W. H. Gaistford's b m Ohiwia, by Elysian—Wairakau, 4yrs, 7.13 (T. Pritchard) 1

MOKAI HACK WELTER HANDICAP of 120sovs. Seven furlongs. 1—Mr. Courtney's br g Sir Wallace, by Sir Laddo—Vision, 6yrs, 8.13 (R. T. McDonald) 1

SECOND DAY. MERRIE GAIN WINS BIGEVENT.

The meeting was concluded on Tuesday in fine weather, a large crowd being present. The totalisator investments amounted to £16,127, making a total for the meeting of £36,708, as against £39,325 for the 1916 summer fixture, representing a decrease of £2617. The results were:—

RUSSELL HANDICAP of 175sovs. Six furlongs. W. McKegg's b m Ladify, 6yrs, by Sir Laddo—Probability, 9.0 1