making a total for the two days of £46,837 10s., as compared with £32,485 10s. last year. The results were:—

MAIDEN HANDICAP of 130sovs.

Six furlongs.

2—W. J. Brown's b g Kiriwinning,
3yrs, by Kilwinning—Kiri, 8.3
(J. Conquest) ... 1

8—Don't, 7.5 (Martin) ... 2

1—Lady Energy, car. 7.9 (Chaptin) 3

Also started: 4 Keystone 8.0, 5lb allow.,
3 Bezmar 8.4 5 Sleepy Jack 7.0, 5lb
allow., 12 Ditto 7.13, inc. 9lb over, 13

Wake Up 7.13, inc. 10lb over, 9 Ethros
7.5, inc. 2lb over, 6 Tuipa 7.11, inc, 3lb
over, 15 Grey Opal 8.0, inc. 8lb over, 7
Royal Arch 6.12, 5lb allow., 16 Nerius
8.4, inc. 13lb over, 17 Lady Iona 7.6, inc.
3lb over, 10 Opposition 7.3, inc. 5lb
allow., 14 Velma 7.10 inc. 7lb over, 11
Firespark 6.12, inc. 5lb allow.

Won by half a length, with threequarters of a length between second
and third. Time, imin 17sec.

TAUWHARE HANDICAP of 150sovs.

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#### HANDICAPS.

#### NELSON CUP.

The following are the handicaps for the Nelson Cup, which is to be run on the opening day of the Nelson Jockey Club's annual meeting, which takes place on March 7 and 8:—

place on March 7 and 8:—
NELSON CUP of 300sovs, one mile
and a furlong.—Ladify 9.0, Heeltap 8.9,
Tango 8.9, Goldstream 8.8, Prince Delaware 8.8, Black Ada 7.13, Want 7.11,
Need 7.9, Marsinah 7.8 Altercation 7.7,
Rose Pink 7.6, Bradamante 7.3, Imarose
6.13, Roumania 6.12, Elation 6.12, Totaranui 6.12, Pall Mall 6.7.

Deeley had three winning rides on the second day of the Hamilton meeting, and brought his winning score there up to five. R. Reed came out with three w.ns, and Robinson a like number for the meeting.

Rebel, winner of the Te Kowhai Welter Handicap on the second day of the Hamilton meeting, met with a mixed reception when he won. The win was unexpected by most people after his form in the Hamilton Cup.

General Joffre, who ran second to Glenspire in the Farewell Handicap at Hamiiton and paid a two-figure dividend, got cut about at the previous meeting at which he ran, and his owner had not intended sending him to Hamilton in consequence, but he got over his troubles quickly. He is, however, not fulfilling early promise.

Bookmakers and the totalisator are likely to work side by side in Holland once more, the law having been repealed which forbade bookmakers either operating on racecourses or away from them.

There were seventeen starters in the Maiden Plate at Hamilton on the second day, and only three carried their original handicap weights. Nine carried overweight ranging up to 13lb., and for five apprentices allowances were claimed of 51b.

Racing clubs should maintain a buoyant spirit and not encourage the "k:lljoys" who are seeking to get rac-Te Aroha could ing closed down. lend a few horses all round to those clubs in the South that are not having too good a time just now. Fancy 163 horses being entered for the coming meeting, and 444 entries in all for the 16 races, an average of 27 per race!

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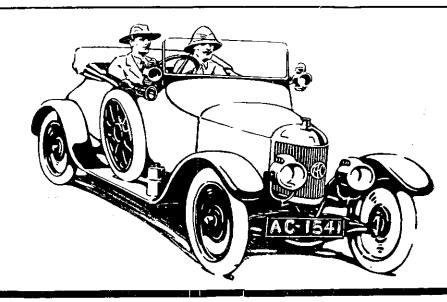
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West Coast in April next should draw together a large attendance of the the jubilee meeting, the Westland Trotting Club will supply a day's sport on the Hokitika tretting track.

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