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POVERTY BAY TURF CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

OPENING DAY. CLEFT WINS TURANGA STAKES.

The Poverty Bay Turf Club's summer meeting was opened at the Makaraka racecourse under ideal conditions, the weather being all that could be desired, while a very large crowd assembled on the picturesque ground, which looked at its best, to witness the afternoon's racing. The various afternoon's racing. events attracted good fields of high quality, and some very interesting finishes resulted. The public were fairly correct in their selections, and no long-priced candidates managed to score during the afternoon. The enterprising secretary, Mr. D. R. De Costa, controlled the meeting in a manner that evoked much favourable comment, his keen foresight and careful organisation being largely responsible for the unqualified success of the fixture. That racegoers were well equipped with the sinews of war was evidenced by the brisk speculation recorded on the totalisator, no less than £17,106 being handled, as against £14,964 for the opening day of the 1916 summer gathering, an increase of £2142 on last year's figures.

Seven weighed out for the opening event, the Welter Handicap. Tavistock being elected favourite, while Pearl Marie, on whom J. Buchanan had the mount, was most in demand of the Lady Alicia also was acothers. corded good support. Manson got the favourite away well, but he soon lost his position, and it was evident a long way from home that he had no prospect of success. Golden Glade led the field along the back stretch, with Pearl Marie as his closest attendant, but the latter broke a blood-vessel before entering the straight and was pulled up. Golden Glade maintained his lead to the judge's box, winning by half a length from Blackall, who was responsible for a brilliant sprint at the finish. Lady Alicia was a couple of lengths away, third.

Despite his burden of 11.11, Black Heart was sent out a strong favourite for the First Hand cap Hurdles, The Summit and Brunswick being the most fancied of the other five starters. Brunswick led past the stand the first time, with The Summit, Bodenham and Black Heart racing next in the order named. Brunswick still had charge of affairs as the straight was entered, but The Summit gradually drew on terms with him in the run to the post, while Bodenham moved up to take a hand in the finish. An exciting set-to resulted in Deerey getting The Summit home by a length from Bodenham, with Brunswick a couple of lengths away, third.

Backers would hear of nothing but Carlysian for the Telephone Handicap, and the son of Elysian was made e much better favourite than Carlatour and Watchful, the prospects of the other four contestants not being seriously considered. The favourite fared well at the start, and soon had established a couple of lengths lead from his opponents, and he had no difficulty in scoring a length victory from Raumanuwhiri, with Watchful nearly two lengths away, third.

The good field of nine were saddled up for the Turanga Stakes Handicap, the Gisborne Cup winner, Multifual, being installed favourite, Cleft, Ladogeur, Teka, and Dribble all having their respective admirers. The horses Cleft immedia ing up the running, showing the way to Toki, Mistic, Dribble and the favourite going past the stand the first time. Cleft continued to act as pacemaker going along the back of the course, and still had an advantage as the straight was reached, Multifual and Dribble both being handy. latter pair, however, were unable to make any impression on Mr. Lysnar's candidate, who ran in a comfortable winner by two lengths, Multifual defeating Dribble by half a length for Mysterlarch was second honours. fourth.

Karema was the prime selection of backers when betting was in full swing on the Maiden Scurry, Kohinahina and Tornea being the most fancied of the other nine starters. Metallum shot out when the barrier lifted, and showed the way into the straight, where Karema and Tornea both threw Stowe out determined challenges. stuck to his task gamely on Metallum and with creditable skill managed to the All Black gelding home a half-length in advance of Tornea, who

worried the favour te out of second place by a head. The finish was a most exciting one, and was a tribute to Mr. Morse's adjustments.

Mr. F. J. Lysnar supplied the favourite in Spectual for the County Stakes Handicap, while both Lord Ainslie and Woodrow claimed a large number of supporters. Backers of the favourite were doomed to disappointment, as Lord Ainslie, getting away smartly, never left the issue in doubt, winning by a couple of lengths from Spectual, with Lady Gazeley a similar distance away, third.

Flash Lady, Crosswords, and Colonnade were withdrawn from the First Hack Welter, leaving a quintette to go to the post. Favouritism rested with Hexton, while the Hymettus gelding Hylami received solid backing.

4-J. H. Colebourne's br g Bodenham, 6yrs, 10.8 (Bracken) 3—A. Rigney's b g Brunswick, aged,

(Lorrigan), 5 Glouria 9.0 (Burt), 6 Zain 9.0 (Nesbitt).

Won by a length, two lengths between second and third. Time, 3min

TELEPHONE HANDICAP of 150sovs. Five furlongs.

Won by a length, a length and a-half between second and third. Time, 1min 2sec.



CLEFT (R. Manson) returning to scale after winning the Turanga Stakes Handicap (11/4 miles) on the opening day of the Poverty Bay Turf Club's summer meeting.

The latter was badly placed in the early stages, but showed a lot of pace along the back stretch, and was in the lead just after negotiating the bend into the straight. He had to be kept hard at it, however, to notch a length victory from Grand Idea, who was a couple of lengths in advance of Hythread.

The concluding event saw Gazique sent out a warm favourite for the Flying Handicap, in which there were Downham and five starters. Watchful both carried heavy investments, the race being a good betting one despite the small field. Watchful was the smartest to begin, with Colonnade and the favourite best placed of the others, but the firstbest named kept his opponents at pay in the straight, and won by a couple of lengths from Colonnade, with Zeus a similar distance away, third.

TURANGA STAKES HANDICAP of 300sovs. One mile and a-quarter. F. J. Lysnar's Cleft, 4yrs. by Multifid—Cricium, 8.7 (R. Manson)
-C. Prior's b g Multifual, 5yrs,
10.0 (W. Young)
-Richmond and Struthers' ch f
Dribble, 4yrs, 6.12 (McLean)

Also started: 3 Ladogeur 9.2 (Griffiths), 4 Teka 8.12 (E. Manson), 8 Toki 7.11 (Jennings), 9 Despatch Carrier 7.7, inc. 31b over (Stowe), 7 Mistic 7.4%, inc. 6½1b over (Brown), 6 Mysteriarch 6.7 (Goodwin).

Won by two lengths, half a length between second and third. Mysteriarch was fourth. Time, 2min 7sec.

MAIDEN SCURRY of 125sovs. Four furlongs and a-half.

FLYING HANDICAP of 175sovs. Six furlongs.

-H. Neagle's br m Watchful, aged,
by Signalman — Parasite, 8.2

1min 14 3-5sec.

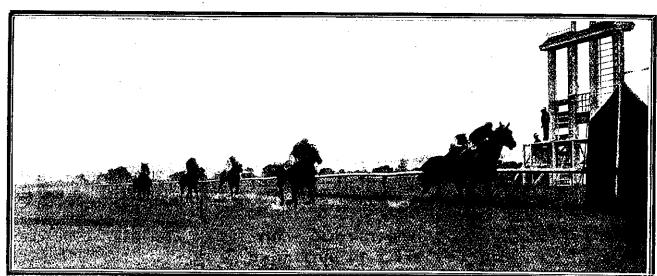
CONCLUDING DAY.

TEKA WINS BIG EVENT.

Another large gathering was in evidence when racing was commenced on the concluding day of the Poverty Bay Turf Club's summer meeting, and a most successful afternoon's sport Good fields were was experienced. again the order of the day, and the racing proved thoroughly interesting, despite the fact that enthusiasts were faced with a difficult proposition in locating the winners. That they invested their money, with good discrimination is borne out by the fact that four favourites were returned winners, while three favourites proved runners up in their respective engagements. As the Stewards' Handicap, in which the favourite, Downham, ran second, was the only race wherein there was no second dividend, backers of the favourites participated in no less than six dividends during the afternoon, four firsts and two seconds. A fourth, fifth and two third favourites succeeded in accounting for a race each, the dividends in each case being very acceptable. Speculation was very brisk, £20,439 being invested on the machine, as compared with £16,833 for the concluding day of the last summer meeting, making a total of £37.545 as against £31,797 for the 1916 fixture an increase of £5748.

Proceedings opened with the Stewards' Handicap from which Cleft, Hexton and Hythread were withdrawn leaving only a trio to go to the post. Downham was elected favourite, with Colonnade more fancied than Gazique. Downham set off to win from end to end, but once in the straight his opponents were both on terms with him, and in the run to the judge's box Gazique forged to the front and scored a victory by two lengths from the favourite, Colonnade being a length and a-half away, third.

Of the nine acceptors for the Second Hurdles Handicap, all but Bodenham fulfilled their ergagement. Black



CARLYSIAN (W. Young) wins the Telephone Handicap (five furlongs) from RAUMANUWHIRI (McLean), with WATCHFUL (Mason) third, on the opening day of the Poverty Bay Turf Club's summer meeting.

Manson)

Won by half a length, two lengths between second and third. Time, 1min 45sec.
FIRST HAND of 150sovs. HANDICAP HURDLE RACE Osovs. One mile and three-

or reviews.

-C. Tricklebank's b g The Summit, 6yrs, by San Fran — Tihi, 11.3 (Deerey)

many 8.0 (Brown), 7 Black Lace 8.0 (Dwyer), 9 Headache 8.0 (Watson), Bombardoss 9.0 (Howard), 11 Gay Lord 8.0 (Lindsay).
Won by half a length, a head between second and third. Time, 57sec.

COUNTY STAKES HANDICAP of 125sovs. Six furlongs.

2-S. Kirkpatrick's b g Lord Ainslie, 5yrs, by Gazeley - Lady Ainslie, 7.12 (C. Sinclair)

1-F. J. Lysnar's ch g Spectual, 5yrs, 9.9 (Manson)

5-C. Prior's ch f Lady Gazeley, 3yrs, 7.10½, inc. 2½lb over (J. Buchanan)

Also started: 3 Woodrow 8.6 (C. Brown), 4 Flash Lady 8.5 (Watson), 7 Bay Ethel 7.3%, inc. 3%lb over (Jen-

nings).

Won by a couple of lengths, a similar distance between second and third.

Time, 1min 15sec.

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