

badly and never made up lost ground after a fall. Kings-ord, Glenburn, and the two greys, Grey Star and Grey Ghurka—good hunters when going their own pace no doubt, but quite at sea when the pace is on—fell. Dunrobin, who was fourth, secured third place through Ulster not being able to draw the weight, but, like The Channel, came in well back; indeed, the last-named walked in with the crowd.

Weight of money made Glenroy favourite for the Henderson Handicap in a field of fifteen, Meltchikoff and Soutlane being next in favour, the last-named carrying 6lb. overweight. Tinopai, who looked in nice order, was fourth fancy and then came Munster. The winner turned up in the aged Soult gelding King Chiara, who McDonnell landed home by three-parts of a length from the faster-finishing Munster and Meltchikoff. Glenroy made the early running, cutting out the speedy lightweight Lord Kenilworth, with whom he led at the turn, with Rathlin, Munster and a well-bunched lot handy. King Chiara paid a very nice dividend.

For the Hack Welter Slipstitch and Kereone were the most fancied, Demotic coming next in order of betting. Kereone led for a mile and was then beaten, Pre-eminent being nearest on entering the straight, where Lady Energy, British Arch, Demotic and King of the Valley were handy. British Arch, outstriding the ponyfied Demotic, after a short tussle drew away and won nicely by a length and a quarter, with King of the Valley only a neck away, third. Pre-eminent, Lady Energy and Kirwinning were next. British Arch ran one of his best races to date.

Vagabond was favourite for the Flying Handicap, Mill o' Gowrie being next in request, and then came Lady Jack, Arran and Astor, each within a pound or two of each other. Mill o' Gowrie was the smartest to begin and led all the way, having enough left to stall off the attentions of Lightning and Lady Jack, who were three-parts of a length and a length respectively from her, with Monodon, Kitty Bellairs, Astor and Vagabond close up.

Results:—

MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP of 150 sovs; second 20sovs, third 10sovs. Six furlongs.

- 3—Jas. Hand's b g Lough Ennell, 3yrs, by All Black—Red Plume, 8.11 (R. Reed) ..... 1
  - 7—W. Cunningham's br g All Talk, 4yrs, 8.9 (Manson) ..... 2
  - 1—A. Teague's ch g Stitts, 5yrs, 9.0 (A. McFlinn) ..... 3
- Also started: 13 Silvasco 8.13 (Buchanan), 14 Riga 8.10 (Brown), 8 Campaign 8.10 (Young), 17 Wainera 8.8 (T. Scott), 22 Ma Copper 8.3, inc. 5lb allow. (Erickson), 9 Step 8.8 (P. Brady), 20 Hester Soult 9.2, inc. 3lb over (Atkins), 21 Soldiers' Queen 8.8 (Rice), 23 Glen Crispin 8.8 (Woods), 15 Backfire 8.6 (McDonnell), 6 Keep Watch 8.4 (Mullins), 19 Blue Cross 7.13, inc. 5lb allow. (D. O'Shea), 16 White Sox 8.4 (Rowe), 2 Woody Glen 8.5, inc. 3lb over (Henderson), 18 Revenue 8.3 (Husband), 12 Sea Prince 8.3 (Ryan) and Gold Kip 8.5, inc. 2lb over (Everson)—bracketed, 4 Multino 8.4, inc. 1lb over (McMillan) and Novation 8.2 (Warner) bracketed, 10 Pupu 8.1 (Robinson), 11 Winning Lady 7.11, inc. 5lb allow. (Downing) and Miss Leslie 8.1 (Preston) bracketed, 5 Money-moon 8.3, inc. 2lb over (Roach) and Rock Diamond 8.1 (Goldfinch) bracketed.
- Won by two lengths and a-half, three lengths separating second and third. Then came White Sox, Step, Silvasco and Ma Copper in order. Time, 1min 17sec.

GREY LYNN HURDLE RACE of 200 sovs; second 20sovs, third 10sovs. Two miles.

- 2—J. O. E. Jackson's br g Marconi, aged, by Soult—Callor Ou, 10.8 (S. Henderson) ..... 1
  - 9—Morris and Hammond's br g Mar-ton, aged, 9.13 (Copestake) ..... 2
  - 6—E. J. L. Rae's b g Tenacious, aged, 10.5 (E. Rae) ..... 3
- Also started: 5 Te Onga 11.2 (Anderson), 1 Master Timi 10.11 (McFlinn), 3 Gluetanus 9.9 (Stan. Reid), 4 Takani 9.9 (Preston), 7 Dancastor 9.8 (Hastedt), 10 Swastika 10.10, inc. 1.10 over (Mr. Cole), 8 Joss 9.0 (Coleman).
- Won by three lengths, a length between second and third. Master Timi was fourth. Dancastor and Swastika fell early, while Gluetanus came down when on terms with the winner at the last hurdle. Time, 3min 50sec.

AVONDALE STAKES of 400sovs; second 40sovs, and third 10sovs. For two-year-olds. Four furlongs.

- 1—W. and V. Casey's ch g Informal, by Demosthenes—Formality, 7.12, inc. 3lb over (Hewitt) ..... 1
  - 2—E. W. Alison's (junr.) b f Hineamaru, by Poseidon—Porfar Gal, 7.9 (Buchanan) ..... 2
  - 2—E. W. Alison's (junr.) ch f Taimai, by The Nut—Lady Molly, 7.9 (R. Reed) ..... 3
- Also started: 7 Delysian 8.0 (Cotton), 5 Windorah 7.9 (Brown), 3 Kawaha 7.9 (Manson), 8 Lady Petai 7.9 (Rowe), 4 Demoiselle 7.10, inc. 1lb over (Goldfinch), 6 Mary Bruce 7.9 (McCurdy).
- Taimai and Hineamaru led informal to the turn. Then Informal drew up to Hineamaru and after a great race won by half a head, two lengths and a-half between second and third. Mary Bruce was fourth and Windorah fifth. Time, 50sec.

AVONDALE CUP of 700sovs; second 70 sovs, third 30sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

- 2—A. B. Williams' br g Chortle, aged, by Multifid—Amusement, 9.9 (Sid. Reid) ..... 1

- 14—R. T. Reid's br h Sir Ralph, 4 yrs, by Rokeby—Rose Red, 6.9, inc. 1lb over (McDonnell) ..... 2
  - 1—R. Hannon's b m Glenopal, 6yrs, by Glengowrie—Opal, 7.8, inc. 1lb over (Rennie) ..... 3
- Also started: 6 Toa Tere 9.4 (A. McFlinn), 3 Colonel Soult 8.13 (Hewitt), 10 Mullingar 8.6 (Buchanan), 7 Analogue 7.13 (R. Reed), 8 Kauri King 7.12 (Goldfinch), 1 Rebel 7.12, inc. 3lb over (Robinson) bracketed with Glenopal, 11 Hythread 7.9 (Watson), 5 Bingham 7.5 (D. Cotton), 4 Uncle Ned 7.12 (Ferguson), 12 Golden Grafton 7.3, inc. 4lb over (Ayres), 13 Thrace 6.7 (O'Shea), 9 Cynic 6.7 (Morris).

Glenopal, followed by Sir Ralph, led Colonel Soult and Toa Tere out of the straight and along the back. In the run home Sir Ralph caught Glenopal and raced with her until inside the distance where he had her measure, then Chortle came with a brilliant run and won by a length and a-half, a length between second and third, with Rebel, Uncle Ned, Golden Grafton, Colonel Soult and Kauri King next in order. Time, 2min 9 1-5sec.

HACK AND HUNTERS' STEEPLE-CHASE of 150sovs; second 20sovs, third 10sovs. About three miles.

- 8—S. G. Lindsay's b m Ingenkender, aged, by St. Paul—Puriri mare, 9.2 (Preston) ..... 1
  - 2—E. J. Rae's blk g Captain Lock, aged, 9.11 (E. Rae) ..... 2
  - 5—J. W. Fitzpatrick's b g Dunrobin, aged, 9.11 (Woods) ..... 3
- Also started: 3 Ulster 10.11 (E. Reid), 1 The Channel 10.9 (Anderson), 4 Simple Sam 10.2 (Henderson), 7 Spalperion 9.8, inc. 5lb allow. (Hawkes), 10 Glenhow 8.7 (Coleman), 9 Glenburn 9.7 (Roach), 11 Kingsford 9.7 (Warner), 10 Grey Star 9.7 (Hastedt), 6 Grey Ghurka 9.11, inc. 4lb over (Tapp).

Won by ten lengths, same distance between second and third. Ulster finished third but failed to draw the weight and Dunrobin was placed third. The Channel walked in. Simple Sam, who was close up to Ingenkender, fell at the last fence, while all the others made mistakes. Time, 6min 11 2-5sec.

HENDERSON HANDICAP of 200sovs; second 20sovs, third 10sovs. Seven furlongs.

- 7—A. Raynes' br g King Chiara, aged, by Soult—Chiara, 7.12 (McDonnell) ..... 1
  - 5—R. McMike's b g Munster, aged, 7.13 (Goldfinch) ..... 2
  - 2—C. Machell's b g Meltchikoff, aged, 7.13 (Ryan) ..... 3
- Also started: 4 Tinopai 8.13 (Robinson), 1 Glenroy 8.12 (Young), 8 Scottish Knight 8.5 (Buchanan), 11 Rathlin 7.9 (Rowe), 12 Gold Fran 6.13 (M. D. O'Shea), 3 Soutlane 7.5, inc. 6lb over (R. Reed), 9 Bowler 6.12 (Morris), 10 Lord Kenilworth 6.2 (Ferguson), 13 Coleraine 6.11 (Harvey), 6 Lady Bruce 6.9, inc. 1lb over (Cotton), 15 Lady Bruce 6.7 (Moynihan), 14 Taj Mahal 6.7 (Hamilton).

Lord Kenilworth and Glenroy led to the straight, where King Chiara came and landed home with three-parts of a length to spare from Munster and Meltchikoff who were finishing faster, being separated by a head, Gold Fran, Tinopai and Glenroy next. Time, 1min 29 1-5 sec.

HACK WELTER HANDICAP of 150 sovs; second 20sovs, third 10sovs. One mile and a furlong.

- 6—J. D. Kemp's br g British Arch, 5yrs, by Marble Arch—Sawdust, 9.4 (McCurdy) ..... 1
  - 2—W. Casey's br g Demotic, 3yrs, 8.11 (Hewitt) ..... 2
  - 5—H. Swaffield's ch g King of the Valley, aged, 8.1 (McKinnon) ..... 3
- Also started: 1 Slipstitch 9.4 (R. Reed), 4 Sleepy Jack 8.11 (Goldfinch), 8 Independence 8.8 (Rice), 2 Kereone 8.7 (Robinson), 13 Kirwinning 8.6 (P. Brady), 9 Empire 8.5 (Henderson), 12 Keystone 7.12, inc. 5lb allow. (Ferguson), 7 Lady Energy 7.12, inc. allow. (Harvey), 14 Singular 8.3, inc. 1lb over (McMillan), 10 Step 8.1 (Brown), 11 Pre-eminent 8.0 (Preston), 15 Tematekapa 8.0 (Mullins).

Kereone led to the straight, where British Arch came, and, heading Demotic, won by a length and a-half, with King of the Valley a head away third. Pre-eminent was fourth and Lady Energy fifth. Time, 1min 58sec.

FLYING STAKES HANDICAP of 250 sovs; second 40sovs, third 10sovs. Six furlongs.

- 2—R. Hannon's b m Mill o' Gowrie, 5yrs, by Glengowrie—Millie, 8.10 (H. Robinson) ..... 1
  - 6—J. C. Lambess' b m Lightning, 5 yrs, 7.13 (Goldfinch) ..... 2
  - 3—F. Stenning's b m Lady Jack, 4yrs, 7.8 (Cotton) ..... 3
- Also started: 7 Hopfield 8.11 (McMillan), 1 Vagabond 8.5 (R. Reed), 10 Ring Lupin 7.12 (Buchanan), 5 Astor 7.9 (C. Brown), 9 Kitty Bellairs 7.6 (Rice), 11 Torotoro 7.1 (Harvey), 4 Arran 6.12 (D. O'Shea), 8 Colonnade 6.7 (Gordon), 12 Monodon 6.7 (Morris).
- Mill o' Gowrie led all the way and won by three-parts of a length, with a length between second and third. Monodon was fourth, with Kitty Bellairs and Vagabond next. Time, 1min 15 2-5sec.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

This meeting will be held on Saturday. As the handicaps were not due until this morning there is nothing to be said concerning them. The acceptances are, however, due at noon to-day (Thursday), together with forfeits for the Great Northern Guineas and the Welcome Stakes. After the last forfeit the following were left in the

GREAT NORTHERN GUINEAS of 1000sovs. For three-year-olds; colts 8.10, geldings 8.7, fillies 8.5. One mile.

- E. W. Alison's ch e Lord Kenilworth, by Kenilworth—Yandangarang
- A. Box's b f Pearl d'Mont, by Demosthenes—Pearlshot
- W. Casey's br e Demotic, by Demosthenes—Gold Treasure
- Mr. Kneebone's ch f Rock Diamond, by Rokeby—Hope Diamond
- Mrs. M. Stuart and W. and F. C. Foss' b e Empire, by General Latour—Lady Musket
- C. Frame's br e Scottish Knight, by Robert the Bruce—Puhl

- W. H. Gaisford's br e Astrophel, by Finland—Asteroid
- W. J. Hailiday's b e Forest Gold, by Moniform—Analogy
- Jas. Hand's br e Rathlin, by Robert the Bruce—Orange and Blue
- I. Hardley's or g Bingham, by All Black—Esmeh
- Jones and Donovan's br f Carmen Sylva, by Bardolph—Carmine
- F. J. Lysnar's b e Master Iney, by Gazeley—Iney
- H. R. Mackenzie's br e Mentmore, by Elysian—Lady Gwen
- J. McNicol's br g Woody Glen, by Glen Albyn—Waterwood
- W. G. Stead's b g Good Day, by Boniform—Sunlight
- Thompson and Beck's br f Miss Leslie, by Elysian—Kowerewere
- A. B. Williams' br f Chuckle, by Multifid—Amusement
- K. S. Williams' b g Strangeways, by Cakewalk—Ruenalf's Daughter
- K. S. Williams' blk f Vermillion, by All Red—Rose Shield
- K. S. Williams' b g Vagabond, by Martian—Gipsy Girl

it is unlikely that anything better than the best of the Avondale Guineas lot will compete in the Great Northern Guineas—that is, of visiting candidates. Bingham, who can be regarded as one of the best—if not really the best—of the Eilerslie-trained ones, was not in the Avondale Guineas. There should be a fair field, but running in the Avondale Guineas may give the best indication of what is likely to succeed. The following were still in the two-year-old classic event. the

WELCOME STAKES of 1000sovs. For two-year-olds; colts 8.5, geldings 8.2, fillies 8.0. Five furlongs.

- R. Acton Adams' br f Lasp, by Demosthenes—Savannah
- R. Acton Adams' b g Stirrup Cup, by Rokeby—Tea Cup
- Ernest Alison's ch f Miss Ellice, by Bronzino—Elegance
- E. W. Alison's (junr.) br f Hineamaru, by Poseidon—Porfar Gal
- A. Asprey's b f Hessian, by Elysian—Lady Hester
- W. Casey's ch g Informal, by Demosthenes—Formality
- J. J. Corry's ch f Rebekah, by Bezonian—Snowstell
- J. J. Corry's blk e Pitch Dark, by All Black—Nocturnum
- C. Frame's br g Aircraft, by Menschikoff—Mayhap
- A. W. Gillies' b f Kawaha, by Rokeby—Ailsa
- J. C. Gieson's b f Sugarworks, by Birkenhead—Mallaig
- Jas. Hand's or f Kilbeggan, by Kilbroney—Rouge
- J. Hart's br f Karo, by Demosthenes—Kautuku
- H. Horner's e e Canzonet, by Bezonian—Dirge
- F. E. Loombs' br f Principal Lady, by Bezonian—Lady Principal
- D. J. Lynch's b e Templemore, by Marble Arch—Sweet Alice
- B. Oliver's br f Wish Wynne, by Marble Arch—Chiara
- T. J. B. Stewart's blk f Demoiselle, by Demosthenes—Golden Ball
- John Paterson's ch g The Broke, by Moniform—Lira
- A. B. Williams' b f Starglow, by Martian—Fire Queen
- T. P. Vuglar's b g Corinth, by Demosthenes—Lady Delaval
- J. H. Edwards' b g Shining Light, by Marble Arch—Monella

It seems unlikely that there will be a large field. Informal and Hineamaru will likely fight their Avondale battle over again, and of the other probable starters The Broke, Wish Wynne and perhaps Miss Ellice will do the best, and one or other might possibly effect a surprise, though Hineamaru should be all the better for the experience she gained at Avondale. Informal, unfortunately, knocks one of his joints hard at times, and we were as surprised after seeing him bleeding as a result to see him paid up for in the Avondale Nursery Handicap as we were at seeing the weights on quite so light a scale all round, starting with Informal, who won the Wellesley Stakes and carried 8.13 into second place at Trentham next day. Everything points to a very good day at Eilerslie on Saturday.

TROTTING.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

Local trotting mentors are keeping their charges going with a view to competing at the Auckland Trotting Club's summer meeting, which takes place at Alexandra Park on Thursday, Monday and Saturday, December 27, 31 and January 2. The club's action in taking a day off each of their spring and autumn fixtures, which are now confined to one day, thereby retaining their three days' summer meeting at Christmas time, is, indeed, an excellent move on their part, and will meet with general appreciation from turf enthusiasts, who naturally look for some highly enjoyable racing during the festive season. That the attractive three days' programme that has been drawn up by the Auckland Trotting Club will provide their patrons with some high-class sport during the holidays can be regarded as certain, while the splendid inducements offered to owners and trainers in the shape of valuable stakes are such as to ensure a record entry for a trotting fixture in Auckland. The number of visiting horses promises

to be unusually large, as the meeting is easily the biggest and most important trotting fixture held at Christmas and New Year time in the Dominion.

The Auckland Trotting Cup Handicap (harness), of 1090sovs, two miles, in which the limit is 4.42, takes premier position at the meeting, and is to be run as usual on the opening day. The big two-mile handicaps at Alexandra Park of late years have invariably attracted good fields and provided sterling contests, and the 1917 Cup gives promise of eclipsing all former trotting events decided at this popular convincing ground in every respect. The Great Northern Trotting Derby, of 350sovs, one mile and a-half, entries for which are given below, is also set down for decision on the opening day. When, in addition, the Great Northern Handicap (saddle), of 200sovs, one mile, will be among the events to claim attention.

The Summer Cup Handicap (harness), of 500sovs, two miles, will constitute the main attraction on the second day, while the Ranfurly Handicap (harness), of 250sovs, one mile and a-quarter, will be numbered among the day's events. On the concluding day the President's Handicap (harness), of 500sovs, two miles, and the Onslow Handicap (harness), of 250sovs, one mile, will engage attention, so that the sport on all three days, will assuredly attain a high standard. Trotting men will find much to interest them in the three days' programme, which appears in this issue. Nominations for all events close with the secretary, Mr. C. F. Mark, on Friday, December 7, at 9 p.m.

The entries for the Great Northern Trotting Derby are as follow:—

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