

WEST COAST RACING CARNIVAL.

MIDSUMMER FIXTURES.

REEFTON JOCKEY CLUB'S MEETING.

RED BOOK WINS THE CUP.

(Our West Coast Correspondent.)

Despite the stringent measures adopted by the Government with regard to the restriction of racing in the Dominion, the West Coast clubs arranged their fixtures so as to retain the midsummer dates, and on Boxing Day the carnival was opened with the decision of the Reefton Jockey Club's programme. Racing under war conditions has made the lot of the majority of country clubs an unhappy one, but though the Coast is so isolated the prospects for the meetings this year are very bright when viewed from the quantity and quality of horseflesh engaged. Entered at the meeting were some good performers from Riccarton and South, as well as from the North Island, and they participated freely in the stakes offered. Under pre-war conditions it was possible for owners and trainers to get their charges over to Greymouth from Christchurch without much bother in the way of accommodation on the railway, but this year, owing to the existing regulations some of the trainers had to put up with a deal of inconvenience in this respect, and instead of the usual one-day trip, the journey was prolonged another day. As no meeting can be a success without the co-operation of the public, the elimination of the special race trains and the enforcement of ordinary fares were a serious drawback to the clubs, and at the Reefton meeting this was amply exemplified by the poor attendance of country people, but probably this may in some measure be put down to the fact of so many men from these parts being away at the front. When the racing commenced on Wednesday, in glorious weather, there was a fairly good crowd present. The track being in perfect order it was no surprise to find some fast times being put up, and during the afternoon two records for the Coast were recorded. Red Book, who won the Cup, galloped the mile and a-quarter in 2min 10sec, while Merton, in the Electric Handicap, cut out the five furlongs in 1min 2sec. As stated above, the ordinary railway time-table was observed, and of necessity the racing commenced at 11 a.m. The officials deserve credit for the manner in which the meeting was conducted, and the last race was over in ample time for the people to catch the home train. Speculation was only fair, the totalisator turnover being £5062, as against the previous year's £5531.

Proceedings commenced with the Trial Handicap, for which seven of the eight acceptors went to the post. Favouritism rested with Rosevear, while of the others Skedaddle carried most money on the machine. At the start Miraculous was hopelessly left, and Lady Phyllis lost considerable ground. Skedaddle and the favourite were always in front, but once the straight was reached Rosevear wore down Skedaddle, while Epworth came from the back with a late run. However, Rosevear had the race well in hand and won by a length from Epworth; Skedaddle was third, and Lady Phyllis fourth.

Good use of the scratching pen was made in the Point Handicap (seven furlongs), and only four were saddled up for the event. The very consistent Kiltess (Finland—Miss Lochiel) was made the medium of heavy speculation, and on the machine closing she was found to be entrusted with nearly half the total investments. Backers of the favourite were not occasioned any concern, as the mare was always in a handy position and when the business end was reached she was there, winning comfortably by a length. Kilrush, who led for the greater part of the journey and finished second, ran a good race.

Sisyphus being withdrawn from the Inangahua Cup left only five to line up at the barrier. Red Book (second favourite) got out quickly, and soon had his position on the stand the first time was Red Book, Jeannot, Xanthos, Rose Pink, with the favourite (Bradamante) last. Round the back Xanthos was done with, while Rose Pink and Bradamante were improving their positions. In the straight Red Book was still in command, and passed the post with a deal to spare from Jeannot. Bradamante was third and Rose Pink next, but when the numbers went up it was seen that Rose Pink was placed second and Bradamante third.

Seven was the main for the Electric Handicap, a five furlong flutter. Trentham Rose was made a few pounds better favourite than the aged Birkenhead gelding Samisen, while Tyson carried £2 more than Merton. Considerable delay was caused at the start, but once the tapes were released Tyson shot to the front, with Trentham Rose and Samisen next. This was the order till the field was well down the straight, when Merton came from the back, and by a brilliant effort Hegarty steered the Merriwee gelding into first place, with Tyson next. The time recorded was 1min 2sec—a West Coast record. The favourite (Trentham Rose) after being in a handy position all the way failed at the critical time.

Only four were brought out to contest the Boatman's Handicap, and once more the public were on the right track in entrusting Gallupin with their money. From barrier rise the issue was never in doubt, Gallupin clearing out from the field and winning in the hollowest fashion from Winning Number.

Chudic, after giving a great deal of trouble in the Progress Handicap, got the best of the start and led the field, with Tyne at his quarters. A good race ensued between the pair, Olsen's horsemanship being ultimately responsible for the erratic Finland gelding having his number hoisted. The favourite, Kiltess, was bumped at the start and afterwards did not get a very good passage, otherwise she would have been nearer at the finish.

Over half the total investments in the Welter Handicap were on the imported Henriette, and it was only in the last few strides that the favourite got her nose in front. The Strowan gelding War Tax led the barrier quickly and led till within a furlong from the post,

when, firing badly, he was passed by Henriette and Royal Jack, the favourite eventually getting there by the narrowest of margins.

The results were:—

- TRIAL HANDICAP. Six furlongs.
- 1—E. H. Davis's Rosevear, 8.11 (Hegarty) 1
  - 6—Mr. Ashmead's Epworth, 9.0 (Ludlow) 2
  - 2—F. Higgott's Skedaddle, 8.5 (Brady) 3
- Also started, 5 Pall Mall 8.10, 4 Sisyphus 8.7, 7 Miraculous 8.0, 3 Lady Phyllis 8.0.
- Time, 1min 17sec.

- POINT HANDICAP. Seven furlongs.
- 1—J. Jackson's Kiltess, 8.13 (Brady) 1
  - 4—A. W. Rutherford's Kilrush, 8.8 (Donovan) 2
  - 2—Walsh and Quartermain's Lady Middleton, 9.8 (Olsen) 3
- Also started: 3 Arihia 7.0.
- Time, 1min 30sec.

- INANGAHUA CUP. One mile and a-quarter.
- 2—E. L. Barnes' Red Book, 7.13 (F. Gray) 1
  - 4—H. Whitney's Rose Pink, 9.0 (J. Olsen) 2
  - 1—A. D. Webster's Bradamante, 8.0 (Brady) 3
- Also started: 3 Jeannot 8.0, 5 Xanthos 7.6.

Jeannot passed the post second to Red Book, but the judge's placing was as above. Time, 2min 10sec—West Coast record.

- 5—A. H. Clark's Royal Jack, 8.0 (Wasley) 2
  - 4—Mrs J. D. Wingham's War Tax, 8.10 (Crearer) 3
- Also started: 3 Achilles 9.12, 2 Amity 8.12.
- Time, 1min 31sec.

SECOND DAY.

KILTLESS WINS A DOUBLE.

The same glorious weather continued for the concluding day's meeting, when again there was a fairly good attendance. Fields were again small, which fact was responsible for a falling off in the betting; the turnover for the day was £5236, as against last year's £5531, while for the meeting £10,298 was handled, as compared with £11,013 for the corresponding meeting last year.

Punctually on time, the six carded for the opening event, the County Handicap, were at the post. Bradamante was an odds-on favourite, and although she was racing with Kickapoo all the way, Brady had to ride the mare right out to stave off defeat by the outsider. Benope, who got caught in the tapes at the start and lost considerably thereby finished in third place. The second horse returned his seven supporters a good price.

The Flying Handicap was responsible for the eight acceptors going out. On the strength of their previous day's running Merton and Tyson were the best supported, the former being a £2 better favourite than the latter. An indiffer-

had gone a quarter of a mile. Striding along in good style, Gallupin maintained the lead until the winning post was reached, but, nevertheless, Olsen had to stir him up over the last hundred yards to keep off Lady Phyllis, who ran a good race and finished close up. Pall Mall ran in the rear all the way.

Xanthos was unlucky to lose the Cronadun Handicap. The five starters were racing together turning out of the straight when Winning Number (Thornery) bumped Xanthos, who lost several lengths, and the former lost his rider. The odds-on favourite Achilles was in front till the distance, where Kiltess, who was lying third throughout, came away and took up the running. Here Xanthos put in his claim, but he failed to pass Kiltess, who was a length and a-half ahead of him when the post was passed. Tyne ran into third place.

Jeannot and Benope being scratched for the High Weight Handicap left five to go out. Mr. Rutherford's Henriette was backed very solidly, but she failed to do any better than to run into second berth. Amity was the quickest to find his feet when the tapes lifted, and he led Arihia passing the stand. Going round the bend he increased his advantage, and was well in front when heads were turned for home. Here Donovan brought the favourite along, but she did not have pace enough to pass Amity, who won with a bit to spare. Arihia was third, and War Tax next.

Six were scratched for the final event, the Farewell Handicap, leaving only four to contest the event. Chudic was better backed than either Kiltess or Rosevear, but though the favourite and Rosevear got out from barrier rise Kiltess had them beaten at the business end. In a good finish Kiltess scored her third win at the meeting by half a length, while Rosevear was just beaten out of a place by Te Anau.

The results were:—

- COUNTY HANDICAP. Six furlongs.
- 1—A. D. Webster's Bradamante, 9.0 (Brady) 1
  - 6—C. Ruscoe's Kickapoo, 7.7 (Mayer) 2
  - 3—P. Mitchell's Benope, 7.10 (Olsen) 3
- Also started: 2 Epworth 8.10, 4 Winning Number 8.5, 5 Miraculous 7.7.
- Time, 1min 16sec.

- FLYING HANDICAP. Five furlongs.
- 3—A. W. Rutherford's Samisen, 9.5 (Donovan) 1
  - 7—E. Griffen's Chudic, 9.0 (Lee) 2
  - 5—T. Donnellan's Claverhouse, 7.3 (Ludlow) 3
- Also started: 1 Merton 9.0, 2 Tyson 8.12, 4 Trentham Rose 8.6, 6 Tokorahi 7.8, 8 Hymettius 7.6.
- Time, 1min 1sec.

- REEFTON HANDICAP. One mile.
- 5—J. McDougall's Botanist, 7.10 (Anderson) 1
  - 2—E. L. Barnes' Red Book, 8.12 (F. Gray) 2
  - 6—A. D. Webster's Bradamante, 8.0 (Thorner) 3
- Also started: 4 Rose Pink 9.0, 1 Lady Middleton 8.12, 3 Jeannot 7.13.
- Time, 1min 43sec.

- JUNCTION HANDICAP. Six furlongs and a-half.
- 1—J. Ryall's Gallupin, 9.9 (Olsen) 1
  - 2—J. Roger's Lady Phyllis, 7.7 (Anderson) 2
  - 3—J. Barr's Sisyphus, 7.10 (F. Gray) 3
- Also started: 5 Pall Mall 8.1, 3 Benope 7.10.
- Time, 1min 23 3-5sec.

- CRONADUN HANDICAP. Seven furlongs.
- 3—J. Jackson's Kiltess, 9.3 (Brady) 1
  - 4—W. McNarn's Xanthos (Holmes) 2
  - 2—W. Ashmead's Tyne, 7.8 (Ludlow) 3
- Also started: 1 Achilles 8.7, 5 Winning Number 7.4.
- Time, 1min 29sec.

- HIGH WEIGHT HANDICAP. One mile.
- 3—F. Higgott's Amity, 8.7 (Brady) 1
  - 1—A. W. Rutherford's Henriette, 8.12 (Donovan) 2
  - 2—H. Whitney's Arihia, 8.0 (Olsen) 3
- Also started: 4 War Tax 8.8, 5 Royal Jack 8.5.
- Time, 1min 45sec.

- FAREWELL HANDICAP. Six furlongs.
- 2—J. Jackson's Kiltess, 9.12 (Brady) 1
  - 1—E. Griffen's Chudic, 9.1 (Olsen) 2
  - 4—J. Barr's Te Anau, 7.0 (Manger) 3
- Also started: 3 Rosevear 8.11.

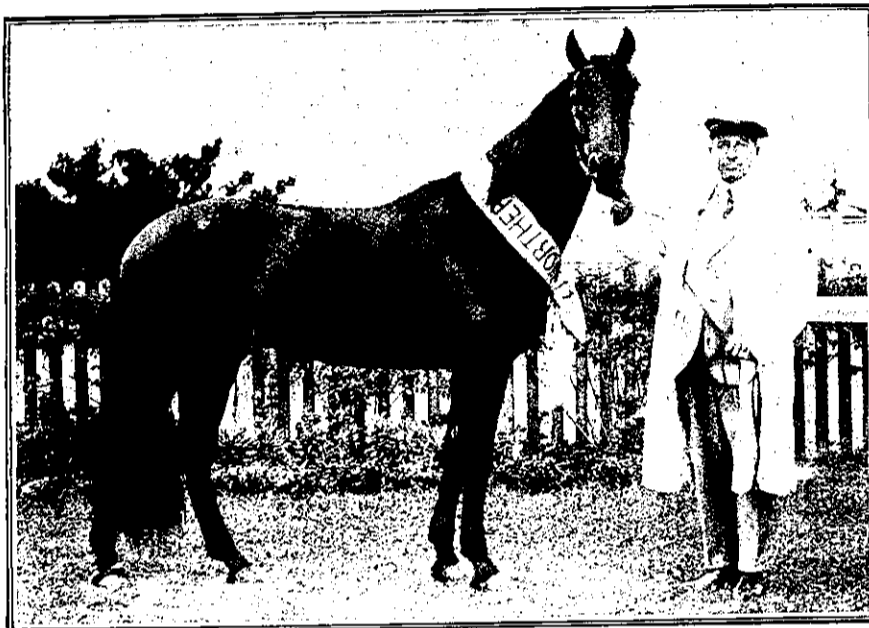
GREYMOUTH JOCKEY CLUB.

FIRST DAY.

JEANNOT WINS THE CUP.

Glorious weather prevailed for the opening day of the midsummer meeting of the above club, which was held on the Omoto course on Thursday. Its recent flooding was responsible for the track being somewhat holding, but this did not prevent some good racing being witnessed during the afternoon. The Omoto course adjoins the Grey-Reefton railway line, the Omoto railway station being alongside the course entrance, but owing to the nonsensical attitude adopted by the authorities no trains were allowed to stop at Omoto either to or from Greymouth, so the club's patrons had perforce to travel by trap or car, which method on this particularly dangerous road was a risky undertaking. An instance of the farcical regulations governing the railway is forthcoming in connection with this meeting. It has been stated that about a dozen officials are required to run special trains on race days, while on Thursday there were nearly that number of the Government employees preventing people from walking along the railway line to and from the course. Despite the drawbacks in the manner of conveyance, the attendance was very large when racing commenced. In five of the seven events six or more competed, and close finishes were the order of the day. The Cup race was robbed of a good deal of interest by Partisan (the favourite) falling soon after the start, nevertheless, Jeannot's win was a very popular one, the old Charlemagne II, gelding having won the Cup in 1915, while filling a place in the succeeding years. In the Petrie Handicap, won by Kiljoy, a complaint was lodged by Brady, rider of the runner-up (Kiltess) on the grounds of interference by the winner, but after consideration the Judicial Committee did not alter the judge's placing. The totalisator staff handled £874 10s. for seven events, as against the previous year's £9698 (eight races).

Half a dozen went out to contest the Trial Plate, and of these Tyson and Claverhouse carried most support. When the field got away Tyson was



WINNER OF THE GREAT NORTHERN TROTTERING DERBY (1½ MILES) AT THE AUCKLAND T.C.'S SUMMER MEETING—Mr. "F. J. Remington's" b c PRESIDENT WILSON, 3yrs., by Wildwood Junior—Wattle, after being decorated with the blue riband.



Mr. J. Bull jun.'s COLORADO (A. McDonald), returning to scale after his meritorious victory in the Te Matai Hurdles (1½ miles) on the concluding day of the Manawatu R.C.'s summer meeting, in which event he carried 12.3.

- ELECTRIC HANDICAP. Five furlongs.
- 4—H. Scalmer's Merton, 8.5 (Hegarty) 1
  - 3—Walsh and Quartermain's Tyson, 8.8 (Brady) 2
  - 2—A. W. Rutherford's Samisen, 9.4 (Donovan) 3
- Also started: 1 Trentham Rose 8.6, 5 Hymettius 7.8, 6 Te Anau 7.0, 7 Kickapoo 7.0.
- Time, 1min 2sec.

- BOATMAN'S HANDICAP. Six furlongs and a-half.
- 1—J. Ryall's Gallupin, 8.5 (Olsen) 1
  - 3—F. C. Barber's Winning Number, 7.7 (Wasley) 2
  - 4—H. Whitney's Pall Mall, 7.10 (Manson) 3
- Also started: 2 Amity 9.12.
- Time, 1min 24sec.

- PROGRESS HANDICAP. Six furlongs.
- 3—E. Griffen's Chudic, 8.5 (Olsen) 1
  - 2—Mr. Ashmead's Tyne, 7.9 (Ludlow) 2
  - 5—J. Barr's Tokorahi, 7.5 (Holmes) 3
- Also started: 1 Kiltess 9.0, 4 Botanist 8.5.
- Time, 1min 16sec.

- MIDLAND WELTER HANDICAP. Seven furlongs.
- 1—A. W. Rutherford's Henriette, 8.2 (Donovan) 1

ent start, saw Samisen out in front before the field had gone very far, with Merton and Tyson next and the others bunched. This order was maintained till the straight was reached, where Chudic and Claverhouse put in their runs. Samisen had the race in keeping and won easily from the fast-finishing Chudic. Claverhouse was third, and Tyson fourth. The winner's time (1min 1sec) beat Merton's record on the previous day.

Three being withdrawn from the Reefton Handicap left half a dozen to be saddled. According to the totalisator, Lady Middleton had only to go out to win, but in the race she ran very disappointingly and finished last. Botanist got out in front from barrier rise, while Bradamante got the worst of the start. Racing past the stand, Botanist was leading from Red Book, Rose Pink, Jeannot, Lady Middleton and Bradamante, in that order. In the next half mile Bradamante improved her position, but she could not overtake either Botanist or Red Book, who finished first and second respectively.

Gallupin was backed down to a very small price in the Junction Handicap, in which there were five starters. The second choice, Lady Phyllis, was quickest out of the tapes, but the favourite worked his way to the front before they