

Betting was fairly brisk, the sum of £8760 being handled for the afternoon.

The Kanieri Handicap, which opened the day's sport, provided a field of seven. Speculation on this race was not very brisk, and when the machine closed Jingo and Merton together carried nearly half of the total investments.

Seven went to the post to decide the Stafford Handicap, and of these the bulk of the money invested was on Kiltess, Xanthos and Kilrush, and the trio finished in that order, Kiltess got a good run from the start, while Xanthos was in the rearguard for some distance.

Marven Rose was the only withdrawal from the Borough Trot (one mile). The presence of five Canterbury horses in the race was responsible for spirited betting, and again the public were on the right track, as the favourite had her name hoisted by the judge.

Kilrush, Xanthos and Arihia being scratched for the Hokitika Handicap, left five to be saddled up. Favouritism rested with Lady Middleton, but she ran badly and was lucky to finish in third place.

The Provincial Trot saw a dozen harness up, and, taking his running in the previous trotting event as a guide, the public backed Sweet Cole heavily.

Only one scratching in the High Weight Handicap left eight to line up, but the favourites were never nearer than within a couple of lengths of the ultimate winner.

The Flying Handicap brought out six sprinters, but Killjoy made hacks of her opponents at the business end of the race.

The results were:— KANIERI HANDICAP. Five furlongs and a-half.

- 1—A. Scalmer's Merton, 9.13 (Hegarty) 1
2—War Tax, 8.1 (Lee) 2
3—Lady Phyllis, 7.8 (Anderson) 3

STAFFORD HANDICAP. Seven furlongs.

- 1—J. Jackson's Kiltess, 9.13 (Brady) 1
2—Xanthos, 9.0 (F. Gray) 2
3—Kilrush, 9.0 (Emerson) 3

BOROUGH HANDICAP TROT (Saddle). One mile.

- 1—August and Devereaux's Guess, 11 sec (August, junr.) 1
2—Sweet Cole, 12sec (August, senr.) 2
3—Signoretta, 9sec (Good) 3

HOKITIKA HANDICAP. One mile and a-quarter.

- 2—H. Whitney's Rose Pink, 8.6 (J. Olsen) 1
4—Jeannot, 9.0 (Hegarty) 2
1—Lady Middleton, 8.12 (Emerson) 3

PROVINCIAL HANDICAP TROT (Harness). One mile and a-quarter.

- 4—J. Cromie's Rewanui, 17sec (Cromie) 1
1—Sweet Cole, 15sec (Barry) 2
5—Prince Huon, 15sec (Smith) 3

HIGH WEIGHT HANDICAP. Six furlongs and a-half.

- 5—H. Schwass' Achilles, 8.12 (J. Olsen) 1
2—Divorce, 9.7 (F. Gray) 2
1—Tyne, 8.0 (Emerson) 3

FLYING HANDICAP. Five furlongs.

- 1—D. H. Roberts' Killjoy, 10.3 (Gray) 1
4—Tyson, 9.3 (Emerson) 2
5—Chudic, 8.9 (Lee) 3

CONCLUDING DAY'S RACING.

WESTLAND HANDICAP WON BY XANTHOS.

Very heavy rain fell during the night of Wednesday and also on Thursday morning, making it questionable whether or not racing would be possible, but as the rain stopped just about eleven o'clock, and there was no further rain during the remainder of Thursday afternoon, the meeting was brought to a successful conclusion, when again the attendance was large.

Divorce was made a few pounds better favourite than Merton in the opening event, for which the field numbered seven. Tyson made the pace from the rise of the barrier, but in the straight the favourite drew level, and in the race to the post got there half a length in front of Tyson, who beat Merton by a length for second honours.

Notwithstanding the heavy track and her steadier of 10.2. Kiltess was well supported by her connections in the Goldfields Handicap, run over seven furlongs. Getting a nice position early in the race the Finland mare stayed on long enough to catch the judge's eye.

Jedran and Rita Rye were scratched for the County Handicap Trot (saddle), leaving the good field of 13 to contest the event. The bracketed Marven Rose, Grand Drift and Alita carried over a quarter of the total investments, but the former was the only one prominent during the race.

Nine went out for the two-mile harness trotting race. Of these Annie Black was well supported on the machine, as was Pegasus, who carried 16 less than the Blackchild mare.

Eight were saddled up to decide the issue in the Welter Weight Handicap, and the race was the best of the day. A very even start saw War Tax quickest to get out and he led the field out of the straight.

The final event of the meeting only brought out four competitors, but it was a good betting race. When the machine closed Tyson was the best supported, and he led from the barrier till within a few yards of the post, when Merton got his nose in front, and in a desperate finish the latter won by a neck.

The results were:— WOODSTOCK HANDICAP. Five furlongs and a-half.

- 1—O. Cameron's Divorce, 9.3 (Gray) 1
2—Tyson, 9.4 (Reed) 2
5—Merton, 10.6 (Hegarty) 3

COUNTY HANDICAP TROT (Saddle). One mile.

- 6—H. W. Thompson, Trojan, 10sec (Mercy) 1
1—Marven Rose, 11sec (Edwards) 2
9—Little Rose, 11sec (Brady) 3

GOLDFIELDS HANDICAP. Seven furlongs.

- 2—J. Jackson's Kiltess, 10.2 (Brady) 1
5—Caraid Dileas, 7.0 (Anderson) 2
6—Arihia, 7.0 (Mancer) 3

CENTURY HANDICAP TROT (Harness). Two miles.

- 7—T. Haile's Topsy Wallace, 23sec (Haile) 1
1—Annie Black, 23sec (August) 2
6—Bernie L., 13sec (Lynch) 3

Pegasus 12sec, 4 Rewanui 19sec, 5 Inquisitive 20sec, 3 Belgian 23sec, 3 Thora 25sec.

WELTER WEIGHT HANDICAP. Six furlongs and a-half.

- 2—A. D. Webster's Bradamante, 8.9 (Olsen) 1
5—Claverhouse, 8.5 (Beard) 2
7—Winning Number, 8.0 (Wasley) 3

FINAL HANDICAP. Five furlongs.

- 2—A. Scalmer's Merton, 10.8 (Hegarty) 1
1—Tyson, 9.4 (Gray) 2
4—Hymettius, 7.1 (Reed) 3

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

The Wellington Racing Club's summer meeting comes up for decision on Saturday and Monday, and the good all-round acceptances suggest a highly successful fixture. The fields should be well up to the best averages of previous years, and the class of horses down to compete in the handicap races includes many of the best in commission, both in the open and hack sections, while the two-year-olds include a fair number of the useful order.

WELLINGTON CUP, one mile and a-half.—Chortle 9.4, Teka 8.5, Multiply 8.5, Adjutant 8.4, Devotion 8.1, Square Deal 8.0, Snub 7.13, Red Ribbon 7.11, Vagabond 7.10, Nobleman 7.9, Johnny Walker 7.6, Miss de Val 7.5, Multipical 7.3.

TRENTHAM APPRENTICE HANDICAP, one mile.—Subterfuge 8.10, Majestikoff 8.4, Kimbolton 8.1, Rajput 8.0, Mamac 7.12, Battle Song 7.12, The Golfer 7.7, Missouri 7.3, Matilda 7.2, Pervolo 7.0, Fabisco 7.0, Imaribbon 6.12, Arihia 6.12, Royal Battery 6.12.

NURSERY HANDICAP, four furlongs.—Killowen 8.6, Cherry Mart 7.11, Demos 7.8, Piraeus 7.8, Heathercote 7.7, Philomela 7.6, Chanry 7.4, Rebekah 7.4, Cyresian 7.4, Lionskin 7.4, Restful 7.4, Eleus 7.3, Missand 7.0, Cotillion 7.0, War March 6.12, Aerial 6.10, Stirrup Cup 6.10.

ANNIVERSARY WELTER HANDICAP, one mile.—Multipical 9.8, Comely 9.0, Brambletye 9.2, Gold Sout 9.2, Wishful 9.2, Silver Tongue 8.13, Prince Delaware 8.8, Sweet Tipperary 8.8, Glenroy 8.5, Probation 8.2, Mascot 8.0, Pariform 8.0, Bonny Maid 8.0, Sir Agnes 8.0.

RUAPEHU HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Polynesia 9.0, Belair 8.13, Lovesick 8.10, Cooring 8.6, Matty 8.4, Whakatana 8.1, Mill Queen 7.13, Nomac 7.12, Robur 7.12, Galore 7.10, Post Haste 7.8, Consultation 7.7, Blighty 7.5, Trickery 7.4, Association 7.3, Engari 7.2, Blue Gown 6.12, Occasion 6.12, Imaribbon 6.12, Californian 6.12, Turpenite 6.12, Miss Margaret 6.12.

TELEGRAPH HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Egypt 8.13, Lady General 8.6, Nanna 8.4, Koesian 8.3, Nystad 8.2, Vagabond 8.2, Lady Black 7.12, Parisian Diamond 7.11, Simonides 7.11, Wrestler 7.8, Robert Bell 7.5, Elocution 7.5, Ayah 7.4, Crowhurst 7.2, Waimatao 7.2, Sheila 6.7.

WELLINGTON STAKES. Five furlongs.

- Jas. Armstrong's ch g The Speaker, by Demosthenes—Chatterer
D. Copperfield's b c Oliver Twist, by Marble Arch—Integrity
Sir Geo. Clifford's ch c Gamecock, by San Francisco—Brave Heart

T. H. Lowry's b c Killhope, by Kilbroney—Angele

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J. Walker's b c Wawata, by Nautiform—Ikaroa

G. D. Greenwood's b f Lovesick, by Martian—Lovelorn

Rangi Kerehoma's ch f, by California—Winning Post

Rangi Kerehoma's ch g, by California—Belle Agnes

Rangi Kerehoma's ch f Metallum, by All Black—Winning Post

T. H. Lowry's ch c Finmark, by Finland—Warscare

C. F. Vallance's br f Chimera, by Finland—Landrail

J. T. Murphy's br c, by Birkenhead—Prologue

W. R. Kamball's ch c Hymestra, by Hymettius—Straga

H. Patterson's b c, by Menschikoff—Lady Melton

Mrs. H. Patterson's b c, by Menschikoff—Soul Athol

E. Murphy's blk c, by Rokeby—Elysian

Lance Wood's br c Risingham, by Rokeby—Rose Red

J. W. White's ch f, by Rokeby—Miss Dalrymple

E. Short's br c Demos, by Demosthenes—Jeanne d'Arc

Gerald L. Stead's Almoner

J. T. Murphy's b g Brackenfield, by Noniform—Gargaron

H. E. Troutbeck's br c Simonides, by Demosthenes—Gold Thread

H. E. Troutbeck's blk f Elocution, by Demosthenes—Rangiao

H. E. Troutbeck's b g Silver Tongue, by Demosthenes—Gold Powder

H. E. Troutbeck's b f, by Demosthenes—Stressa

H. E. Troutbeck's b c Demagogue, by Demosthenes—Gold Bound

H. E. Troutbeck's b f Piraeus, by Demosthenes—Formula

TE KUITI RACING CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The next country fixture of importance in the Auckland province to claim the attention of racegoers is the Te Kuiti Racing Club's annual meeting, which takes place at Te Kuiti on Saturday, February 9. This up-to-date King Country race gathering is deservedly popular with northern enthusiasts, who can be relied upon to extend the approaching meeting their usual wide patronage.

EGMONT RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

The Egmont Racing Club's summer meeting, which takes place at Hawera on February 13 and 14, is responsible for considerable activity among trainers, who should not overlook the fact that nominations for this old-established race gathering are due on Friday evening next (January 18), at 9 p.m.

GREAT NORTHLAND FAIR. WAIPAPAKAURI RACING CLUB.

(Registered under the Rules of the N.Z. Racing Conference.)

ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

To be held on the Waipapakauri Racecourse on

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 1918.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS.

- 1. MAIDEN PLATE of 10sovs; second horse to receive 2sovs from stake. Open to all horses which have never won a race exceeding the value of 5sovs up to time of starting. Distance, six furlongs. Nomination 5s., acceptance 5s.
2. FLYING HANDICAP of 25sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. Distance, six furlongs. Nomination 12s. 6d., acceptance 12s. 6d.
3. PUBLICANS' PURSE of 20sovs; second horse to receive 3sovs from stake. Distance, seven furlongs. Nomination 10s., acceptance 10s.
4. SETTLERS' HACK HANDICAP of 10 sovs; second horse to receive 2sovs from stake. Open to any horse that has never won more than 5sovs in any one race. Distance, six furlongs. Nomination 5s., acceptance 5s.
5. WAIPAPAKAURI CUP of 55sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from stake. Distance, one mile and a-half. Nomination 27s. 6d., acceptance 27s. 6d.
6. SHORTS HANDICAP of 25sovs; second horse to receive 4sovs from stake. Distance, five furlongs. Nomination 12s. 6d., acceptance 12s. 6d.

NOMINATIONS for all events close with the Secretary, or as per Rule 8, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1918.

HANDICAPS will be declared on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

ACCEPTANCES close with the Secretary, or as per Rule 8, on FRIDAY, MARCH 1, at 9 p.m.

The Committee reserve the right to alter the order in which events may be run prior to date of nominations.

Special concessions arranged for the passages of all visiting horses, trainers and riders. Apply to Secretary, Box 42, Kaitaia, or H. Hayr and Co., Auckland.

Special arrangements for stabling and accommodation have also been made, and will be reserved on application to the Secretary, who will also give all information re steamers and best route to be taken.

E. J. SAMUEL,

Secretary. Box 42, Kaitaia.

Desert Gold's winnings to date amount to £17,015, and she is, let us hope, going to win some more for patriotic purposes. She is to race in Australia for the benefit of wounded soldiers. She is sure to have some big levees when she appears in public on Australian racecourses. A good slice of her winnings has already been devoted to the patriotic funds.