Betting was fairly brisk, the sum of 18760 being handled for the afternoon. Is760 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. The barrier rise saw War Tax quickest away, followed by the favourite and Hymettius, and this was the order until the straight was entered. Here Merton came from the ruck and in a brilliant finish just got up in time to win by a long neck from War Tax. Lady Phyllis finished half a length further back, followed by Miraculous.

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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 flushed in that order, Kiltess got a good run from the start, while Xanthos was in the rearguard for some distance. The run home saw the latter come very fast, but he could not overtake Kiltess, who won by a long neck. Kilrush was close up, third.

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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. Sweet Cole and Guess (favourite) were always at the head of affairs, the latter eventually winning by half a length from the former, with Signoretta third, followed by Energy and Flossie Dillon. In this event it was almost impossible to discern the competitors owing to the dense dust.

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. An even start saw Rose Pink the first to break the line, and, passing the stand, the Kilbroney filly was leading the field from Jeannot and Red Book. No change took place until a chain or so from the post, when Lady Middleton put in her run, but she got no nearer than third. Staying on well, Rose Pink two comfortably by two lengths from the consistent Jeannot. Red Book was fourth. The time recorded for the race, viz., 2min 8 4-5sec, is a West Coast record.

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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. Again the dust nuisance made it impossible to distinguish the horses other than the leaders at any stage of the journey. When the post was reached Rewanui, on the limit, was in first place, with the favourite second and Prince Huon third. Shortly after the start Bessie Wood fell. Wood fell.

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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. Achilledes, an outsider, led from the rise of the barrier and gave nothing else a chance, winning easily by two lengths from Divorce and Tyne. Bradamante was fourth. Favouritism rested with Tyne, Divorce and Bradamante, in that order.

The Flying Handicap brought out six sprinters, but Killjoy made hacks of lier opponents at the business end of the race. Tyson flew out on the barrier lifting, and, with Chudic, was in front till half-way down the straight, where Killboy came through and wonvery easily. very easily.
The results were:

KANIERI HANDICAP. Five furlongs and a-half.

Scalmer's Merton, 9.13 (Heg-

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) 2
Also started: 4 Achilledes 90 (Hegarty), 5 Claverhouse 8.5 (Beard), 6 Winning Number 7.0 (Reed), 7 Arihia 7.0 (Mancer). Time, 1min 30sec.

BOROUGH HANDICAP TROT (Saddle). One mile.

Time, 2min 29 4-5sec.

HOKITIKA HANDICAP. One mile and a-quarter.

2-H. Whitney's Rose Pink, 8.6 (J.

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5-H. Schwass' Achilledes, S.12 (J.

cer). Time, 1min 24 4-5sec.

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
Also started: 2 Samisen 10.6 (Donovan), 3 Trentham Rose 10.2 (Olsen), 6
Hymettus 7.4 (Reed),
Time, 1min 3sec.

WESTLAND HAND!CAP 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. In spite of the downpour, the track was not so bad as was expected, and the surprise was the fast time recorded in the mile trot. The galloping track was rendered several seconds slower than on the previous day, but this did not detract from the good racing witnessed. For the meeting the sum of £16,314 was the turnover for the totalisator, as against £22,950 for 16 races in 1917 (Jubilee meeting) and £15,640 in 1916.

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. Skedaddle was next to finish.

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. Caraid Dileas, who ran a good race, was unlucky to lose, as he did not get the best of the passage. Only a neck separated the pair, while Arihia was very close up third, with Tyne and Kilrush (the favourite) together in fourth place.

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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 aquarter of the total investments, but the former was the only one prominent during the race. Leaving smartly, the Harold Dillon—Rose Shield gelding Trojan gave nothing else a look in, winning easily from Marven Rose, Little Kose and Sweet Cole in that order. On a protest being lodged, the rider of the winner was fined 5s., the grounds being the committing a breach of the rules in that he weighed in with his whip.

The pen reduced the field for the Westland Handicap to eight, but only three of these were ever in the hunt. Achilledes led for a furlong, when Daytime took up the running. Xanthos, who was lying in fourth place passing the stand, Improved his position along the back stretch, and at the distance he had the measure of Daytime. Galloping on well, the chestnut colt won with ease by four lengths. Daytime, a very warm favourite, tired badly and only beat Achilledes by a long neck for second place. Bradamante finished next, with

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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 f6 less than the Blackchild mare. Pegasus was very dirty at the mark and would not leave, taking no part whatever in the race. The usually erratic Topsy Wallace went off smartly and although Bernie L. headed her at one part of the journey it was only momentary and she stayed on to win by six lengths. Bernie L., who was driven a badly judged race, was unable to retain second place, being beaten for that position by the favourite by a length.

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 field bunched along the back, with Bradamante, Winning Number and Claverhouse close up to the leader. In the run home the latter put in a great run, but Bradamante got there first, winning by half a length, Winning Number was a neck further back, followed by War Tax, all the others being close up.

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.

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WOODSTOCK HANDICAP. Five fur-longs and a-half.

(Thorner).
Time, 1min 14sec.

GOLDFIELDS HANDICAP. furlongs.

2—J. Jackson's Kiltess, 10.2 (Brady) 1
5—Caraid Dileas, 7.0 (Anderson) ... 2
6—Arihia, 7 0 (Mancer) ... 3
Also started: 3 Achilledes 9.3 (Olsen).
1 Kilrush 8.7 (Emerson), 4 Tync 7.0
(Reed), 7 Miraculous 7.0 (Ludlow).
Time, 1min 35 1-5sec.

COUNTY HANDICAP TROT (Saddle).
One mile.

WESTLAND HANDICAP. One mile.

CENTURY HANDICAP TROT (Harness). Two miles.

Pegasus 12sec, 4 Rewanui 19sec, 5 Inquisitive 20sec, 3 Belgian 23sec, 8 Thora 25sec.
Time, 5min 17sec.

WELTER WEIGHT HANDICAP. Six furlongs and a-half.

(Thorner).
Time, Imin 28 2-5sec.

FINAL HANDICAP. Five furlongs.

—A. Scalmer's Merton, 10.8 (Hegarty)

—Tyson, 9.4 (Gray)

—Hymettius, 7.1 (Reed)

Also started: 3 Chudic \$.9 (Olsen).

Time, 1min 7 1-5sec.

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-yearolds include a fair number of the useful order. The following are the acceptances and payments for races closed to-date:-

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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, Multicipal 7.3.

TRENTHAM APPRENTICE HANDICAP, one mile.—Subterfuge 8.10, Majestikoff 8.4, Kimbolton 8.1, Rajput 8.0, Momac 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, Chantry 7.4, Rebekah 7.4, Cyresian 7.4, Lionskin 7.4, Restfui 7.4, Eleus 7.3, Missland 7.0, Cotillion 7.0, War March 6.12, Asterial 6.10, Stirrup Cup 6.10.

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ANNIVERSARY WELTER HANDI-CAP, one mile.—Multicipal 9.8, Comely 9.9, Brambletye 9.2, Gold Soult 9.2, Wishful 9.2, Silver Tongue 8.13, Prince Delaware 8.8, Sweet Tipperary 8.8, Glenroy 8.5, Probation 8.2, Mascot S.0, Pariform 8.0, Bonny Maid 8.0, Sir Agnes 8.0, RUAPEHU HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Polynesian 9.0, Belair 8.13, Lovesick 8.10, Cooing 8.6, Matty 8.4, Whakatina 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.

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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.

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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
W. E. Herbert's b f Po-Peep, by Bezonian—Shepherdess
T. H. Lowry's b c Kilhone by Kil-

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T. H. Lowry's b c Kilhope, by Kilbroney—Angele
T. H. Lowry's b c Killowen, by Kilbroney—Success
J. Walker's b c Wawata, by Nautiform
—Tkarce

-Ikaroa

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C. 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—
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Hymettus—Straga
H. Patterson's b c, by Menschikoff—
Lady Melton
Mrs. H. Patterson's b c, by Menschikoff
—Soult 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
Loniform—Gargaron
H. E. Troutbeck's br c Simonides, by
Demosthenes—Gold Thread
H. E. Troutbeck's bg Silver Tongue,
by Demosthenes—Gold Powder
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patrictic purposes. She is to race in Austral'a 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.

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. After the Takapuna meeting many Ellerslie trainers will be taking advantage of the opportunity to race their charges at Te Kuiti the following week, and the fact should not be overlooked that nominations for all events close with the secretary, Mr. J. H. Trinnear, Te Kuiti, or with Messrs. Blomfield and Co., Auckland, on Friday evening next (January 18), at 9 p.m. Chief interest is centred in the Te Kuiti Cup, of 300sovs., one mile and a-quarter, which should attract a good field. With the exception of the Maiden Handicap, of 75sovs., all the seven other events range in value from 100sovs. upwards, so that the Te Kuiti Racing Club have given the smaller owner every encouragement to undertake a trip to the gathering with the prospect of annexing a stake that will place him on the right side of the ledger.

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. The two days' programme is one of the best offered in the North Island, the Egmont Cup, of 600sovs., one mile and a-half, which annually creates a great deal of attention among owners, being the p'ece de resistance at the meeting. The Egmont Stakes, for which a highly satisfactory entry has been received, and the Hawera Stakes, in which a representative field is also engaged, are among the attractions to be decided at the fixture. The handicap events, as will be noted on perusing the programme which appears elsewhere, are all liberally endowed, and should not escape the notice of trainers, who should freely nominate their representatives on Friday evening

GREAT NORTHLAND

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.

First Race to Start 12.35 p.m.

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. WAIPAPAKAHRI CHP of 55sovs: First Race to Start 12.35 p.m.

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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

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, Kaitala, 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.