

POVERTY BAY TURF CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

GLEFT WINS TURANGA STAKES.

The Poverty Bay Turf Club had nothing to cavil at in regard to the climatic conditions which prevailed for their summer meeting, and racing patrons turned out in strong force to witness the good sport promised, the attendance at the Makaraka race-course being of a gratifying character when racing was commenced for the day. The fact of the Gisborne R.C.'s summer fixture having been held two days' previously lent additional interest to the Poverty Bay Turf Club's carnival, enthusiasts having a reliable guide in gauging the form of the contestants. The track was in ideal condition for racing, while the well-kept grounds earned deserving appreciation from visitors. The fields were well up to the average, but in two cases the number of starters was responsible for only one dividend being returned, viz., the Hurdle Handicap, in which a quartette of candidates faced the starter, and the Stewards' Handicap, in which the field was limited to a trio. Backers were fairly successful in their calculations, favourites occupying first place on three occasions, running second four times, and third once, thus returning dividends in no less than seven races. Some first-rate finishes were provided, Mr. J. L. Henrys' handicapping being the subject of much eulogistic comment.

Mr. R. B. Lusk occupied the judge's box, and his decisions were given with his customary promptness and accuracy, while Mr. R. E. Harley despatched the fields in a satisfactory manner. Mr. D. R. De Costa, the Club's capable secretary, was untiring in his energies, and the smoothness and enjoyment associated with the day's proceedings was largely due to his excellent management.

The totalisator staff experienced a busy time, no less a sum than £20,516 being handled, as against £17,106 for the 1917 summer gathering, being an increase of £3,410.

Of the thirteen carded for the Cook Handicap, Orawia and Woodrow were the only withdrawals. Vermillion was entrusted with favouritism, Actifid, Black Lace and Platoon being others to receive wide support. Taleteller, who threw her rider, L. Manson, heavily, prior to the start, necessitating another horseman in Dillamore being substituted, was left when the barrier flew up. The favourite quickly assumed command, and P. Brady had no difficulty in maintaining leading position throughout, being closely attended by Actifid, who was two lengths behind Vermillion when the post was reached. A good race ensued for third honours between Lady Kilworth and Black Lace, the latter finishing strongly and defeating her rival by half-a-length.

Of the four contestants who came out for the Handicap Hurdles, Kohinahina was made a warm favourite, with Con better backed than Zeus. The latter pair made the early running, W. McKinnon riding a patient race on Kohinahina, who moved up in the run to the straight entrance, and displacing the leaders had matters all his own way, winning without being extended by a couple of lengths. Zeus was in advance of Con negotiating the last fence, but the latter outpaced the Martian gelding on the flat, and secured second place by a length.

A field of six weighed out for the Telephone Handicap, Lady Kilworth and Karema being the defections. Gazique was elected a staunch favourite, with Sheila and Carlatour both solidly supported. The favourite was badly placed at the start, from which Sheila was quickest to find her feet, and was never headed, winning comfortably by a length from Gazique, who finished very strongly, cutting Carlatour out of second place in the last stride.

The withdrawals of Blackall and Multive reduced the field for the Turanga Stakes Handicap to seven, the Avondale and Great Northern Guineas winner, Vagabond, being preferred by backers to Cleft, despite the latter's convincing victory in the Gisborne Cup a couple of days before. As the field passed the Stewards' stand Multifual had charge from Trials, with Ladogeur, Pursefiller, Cleft, Vagabond, Hythred and Cynic facing in that order. With half the distance covered, Cleft assumed command, with Pursefiller, Multifual and Ladogeur as his nearest attendants. Cleft showed the way into the straight, followed by Ladogeur and Pursefiller, the favourite being in the rear of the field. The last-named, however, put in a phenomenal run

in the race to the judge's box, passing all his opponents with the exception of Cleft, who prevailed by a length. Ladogeur being a couple of lengths away third.

War March was installed favourite for the Maiden Scurry, with Marenga, Multiplane, High Degree and Shoo Fly next best supported of the other eleven runners. Marenga, on whom A. J. McFlynn had the mount, got away from the barrier smartly, and never giving his opponents a chance, won comfortably by a length from the favourite, a length after whom came Sabine.

Another hot favourite in Multive, who was specially reserved for the event, went under in the Welter Handicap, in which the defections of Sarah Grand, Pursefiller and Master Iney left a field of nine to go to the post. Glucia acted as pace-maker over the first half of the journey, but was then displaced in the lead by Mystic, who later gave place to Hylami, who was first to reach the straight, with Multive the head of the others. A good race to the post saw Hylami defeat the favourite by a length, Zeus, who was making his second appearance after contesting the hurdle race earlier in the day, being a length away third.

The fact of Gazique being produced in the Stewards' Handicap, accounted for the small field of three taking their places at the barrier. The speedy sprinter was a hot favourite, but he was beaten off the mark by both Sheila and Otara, who made the running up to the distance, where McFlynn brought Gazique along with a nicely timed run, and gained the verdict by half a length from Sheila, Otara being three lengths away last.

A septette of starters were saddled up for the Farewell Handicap, Sarah Grand being the popular fancy, with Vermillion, Tavistock, and Colonnade all well backed. The last-named made an effort to win from end to end, but Vermillion had her measure once the straight was entered, and never leaving the issue in doubt came on to win by a couple of lengths from Mr. F. T. Hall's representative, a similar distance after whom came Sarah Grand.

The results were:—

COOK HANDICAP, of 150sovs. Six furlongs.

- 1—G. M. Spencer's blk f Vermillion, 3yrs., All Red—Rose Shield, 8.11 (P. Brady) 1
- 2—A. B. Newman's br f Actifid, 7.9 (H. Watson) 2
- 3—W. S. Davidson's br m Black Lace, 7.12 (A. Reed) 3

Also started: 4 Platoon 7.11 and 4lb. over (L. Hewitt), 5 Gold Shot 8.2 (J. Brady), 6 Hylami 7.11 and 4¼lb. over (E. Manson), 7 Lady Kilworth 7.12 (R. Manson), 8 Te Araroa 7.9 and 5lb. allowance (J. Gordon), 9 Waiaka 7.5 and 3lb. over (R. Reed), 10 Formline 7.0 and 4lb. over (W. McKay), 11 Taleteller 7.2 (Dillamore). Won by two lengths, half a length between second and third. Time, 1min. 15 4-5sec.

HURDLE HANDICAP, of 150sovs. One mile and a-half.

- 1—F. J. Lysnar's gr g Kohinahina, 5yrs., 10.2 (W. McKinnon) 1
- 2—P. Matu's b g Con, 10.7 (Mulcahy) 2
- 3—D. McLeod's b g Zeus, car. 9.4 (R. Thompson) 3

Also started: Nicomar 9.10 (Lorrigan). Won by two lengths. Time, 2min. 49 3-5sec.

TELEPHONE HANDICAP, of 150sovs. Five furlongs.

- 2—A. B. Williams' b m Sheila, 4yrs., Multifid—Erin, 8.0 (R. Reed) 1
- 1—C. J. Bennett's b g Gazique, 10.3 (A. McFlynn) 2
- 3—R. Kerehoma's br m Carlatour, 7.13 (J. Dwyer) 3

Also started: 4 Lady Gazique car. 6.13 (Dillamore), 5 Pao 6.7 (J. Gordon), 6 Rewanga 7.12 (Watson). Won by a length, a nose separating second and third. Time, 1min. 1 4-5sec.

TURANGA STAKES HANDICAP, of 300sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

- 2—F. J. Lysnar's b g Cleft, 5yrs., by Multifid—Cricium, 8.5 (F. C. Porter) 1
- 1—K. S. Williams' Vagabond, 8.9 (R. Reed) 2
- 4—L. McKenzie's b g Ladogeur, 8.13 (A. Reed) 3

Also started: 2 Pursefiller 7.6 (H. Watson), 3 Trials 8.10 (W. McKay), 5 Multifual 9.0 (P. Brady), 6 Cynic 8.10 (McFlynn), 7 Hythred 7.5 (Dillamore). Won by a length, three-quarters of a length between second and third. Time, 2min. 10sec.

MAIDEN SCURRY, of 150sovs. Four and a-half furlongs.

- 2—F. T. Hall's br g Marenga, aged, by Multifid—Sarilla, 8.0 (A. J. McFlynn) 1
- 1—A. B. Williams' b c War March, 8.0 (R. Reed) 2
- 6—S. Liddell's b m Sabine (A. Reed) 3

Also started: 3 Multiplane 8.0 (Porter), 4 High Degree 8.0 (H. Watson), 5 Shoo Fly car. 8.2½ (L. Hewitt), 7 Pavilion 8.0 (S. Howard), 8 Puanga 8.0 (P. Brady), 9 Ngawini 8.0 (R. Manson), 10 Bay Ethel car. 8.4½ (E. Manson), 11 Broadway 8.0 (J. Dwyer), 12 Miss Zona 8.0 (J. Brady). Won by a length, a similar distance between second and third. Time, 55 4-5sec.

WELTER HANDICAP, of 150sovs. One mile.

- 4—Lawry and Fraser's b g Hylami, 5yrs., by Hymettus—Humming Bird, 8.1 (R. Manson) 1
- 1—W. Arnold's b g Multive, 8.5 (F. C. Porter) 2
- 8—D. McLeod's b g Zeus, 8.12 (J. Gordon) 3

Also started: 2 Blackall 8.13 (H. Watson), 3 Glucia car. 8.3½ (P. Brady),

5 Castalia 8.6 (R. Reed), 6 Mania 7.11 (J. Dwyer), 9 Multiplane car. 7.9½ (E. Manson), 10 Torchlight car. 7.11 (A. Reed). Won by a length, the same distance between second and third. Time, 1min. 42 1-5sec.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP, of 200sovs. Six furlongs.

- 1—C. J. Bennett's b g Gazique, 5yrs., by Gazique—Pauleen, 9.10 (A. McFlynn) 1
- 2—A. B. Williams' b m Sheila, car. 7.12 (R. Reed) 2
- 3—Hon. W. D. S. MacDonald's ch g Otara, 8.7 (H. Watson) 3

The only starters. Won by half a length, three lengths between second and third. Time, 1min. 14 2-5sec.

FAREWELL HANDICAP, of 150sovs. Six and a-half furlongs.

- 2—G. M. Spencer's blk f Vermillion, 3yrs., by All Red—Rose Shield, car. 6.9 (J. Hockley) 1
- 4—F. T. Hall's br m Colonnade, car. 7.7 (R. Reed) 2
- 1—P. P. Neagle's b m Sarah Grand, 8.8 (P. Brady) 3

Also started: 3 Tavistock 7.8 (E. Manson), 5 Downham 7.6 (H. Watson), 6 Lord Ainslie 7.1 (W. Dillamore), 7 Black Lace car. 6.9 (J. Gordon). Won by two lengths, a similar distance between second and third. Time, 1min. 21 1-5sec.

HAMILTON RACING CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Hamilton R.C. Annual Meeting, held on Saturday, was in every way worthy of such an important centre. The club launched out, making it the most attractive one day fixture in the Auckland province. Owners patronised it as freely as they could, and there was a large muster of horses from racing headquarters at Ellerslie, and they secured the largest number of events, though the Cup went to the Wai-kato owner, trainer and breeder, Mr. R. Hannon, whose luck seems to be dead in just now in annexing Cups, and whose pretty little mare Tinopai carried a 14lb. penalty for winning the Cup at Te Kuiti, paid the best dividend of the meeting, none of which were large, as first and second favourites, and well supported ones, were winning all along the line. Te Kuiti form was well reproduced. Speculation ran to £27,406 on the eight events, a record for the course, which was just a little holding in one or two places, and though nice to gallop on, a bit on the slow side as compared with previous occasions. The starting of Mr. C. O'Connor, who had Mr. A. Vincent assisting, left nothing wanting. Judge Lusk had an easy time, though the racing was good and satisfying to the weight adjuster, Mr. McManamin. There were no enquiries to occupy the time of the stewards. The want of more room in the region of the totalisator was experienced as on former occasions. The secretary, Mr. R. J. Gwynne, must have been highly pleased with the all-round results, as indeed were the executive members of the club. The success of the consistent Blue Cross in the Trial Handicap was well deserved. The Marble Arch—Mahreno representative has run many good races in the past. Carmen Sylva, by Randolph, ran up to track form by getting second, and paid a fine price. Stilts, at the weight, looked to have a good chance of success in the Claudelands Handicap, and galloping freely in the hands of H. Gray he beat Cardrona nicely, the consistent Waiuta getting third. In the Tamahere Stakes, for two and three-year-olds, Gold Kip, who only last month showed winning form, was able to concede Canzonet, the best of his younger rivals, 15lbs. and a beating, Woody Glen, a three-year-old, getting third. The Hamilton Cup was sorted out in favour of Colonel Soult and Sir Ralph, but the first-named, who drew outside place, and who was started from that position, did not run up to the track form he had shown two days previously, and which caused the hopes of his friends to be revived. On the other hand, Sir Ralph gave of his best, as he invariably does, and finished second to Tinopai, who is racing now with much freedom and right up to her best form. Gold Fran had a moderate lot to head in the Waimai Hack Hurdles as things turned out, and easily settled the Advance gelding Prosper, who should win a race in the winter. He should do well over country. The race between the Marble Arch pair, Loyal Arch and British Arch, for the Karamu Welter, was a satisfactory one, and gave Dennis Moraghan a turn which was long due with Loyal Arch, who, it is hoped, may score again ere long, as she must have cost some money to keep going since she won last. Garry Owen again confirmed previous form, and J. Williamson's luck with this and other members of his team continues good. He beat Caballero and a fair field in good style. Cardrona, who has been racing well of late, won the

Farewell Handicap, like the useful horse he is, and had Flying Gowrie as his nearest attendant. Results:—

TRIAL HACK HANDICAP, of 200sovs. One mile.

- 2—W. Colebourne's b g Blue Cross, 4yrs., by Marble Arch—Mahreno, 8.1 (R. Reed) 1
- 7—Jones and Donovan's br f Carmen Sylva, 3yrs., 7.12 (Ferguson) 2
- 1—W. and V. Casey's br g Demotic, 3yrs., 8.13 (Deeley) 3

Also started: 6 Keystone 9.7 (W. Young), 4 Step 9.6 (Gray), 8 Carbine 8.13 (Goldfinch), 12 Novation 8.6½ inc. 1¼lb. over (Roach), 16 Miss Avalanche 8.3 inc. 1lb. over (Warner), 11 Pre-eminent 7.12 (Preston), 13 Billy Wiggs 7.10 (Rice), 9 Silver Lode 7.13½ inc. 2¼lb. over (C. Price), 14 First Call 7.10 (Stockley), 15 Lady Iona 8.8½ 15¼lb. over (Henderson), 5 Royal Reign 8.0½lb. inc. 7¼lb. over (Means), 10 Sylvaroa 7.13½ inc. 6¼lb. over (H. Young), 3 Debutante 7.9 inc. 2lb. over (Mullins). Won by a length and a-half, a length between second and third. Pre-eminent was fourth. Time, 1min. 44 3-5sec.

CLAUDELANDS HANDICAP of 200sovs. Six furlongs.

- 1—J. Teague's ch g Stilts, 5yrs., by General Soult—Maid of the Forest, 8.2, inc. 2lb. over (Gray) 1
- 2—A. W. Beveridge's ch g Cardrona, aged, 9.3 (J. O'Shea) 2
- 3—W. K. Morrison's ch m Waiuta, 4yrs., 8.6 (Robinson) 3

Also started: 4 Glad Tidings 8.4 (Warner), 5 Memorial 6.7 (M. D. O'Shea). Won by a length, three-parts of a length separating second and third. Glad Tidings was fourth. Time, 1min. 16sec.

TAMAHERE STAKES HANDICAP, of 200sovs. Six furlongs.

- 3—H. S. Keesing's ch g Gold Kip, 3yrs., by St. Amans—Fraulein, 9.5 (Goldfinch) 1
- 1—W. Horner's b c Canzonet, 2yrs., 8.3 (J. O'Shea) 2
- 4—W. Thompson's br f Miss Leslie, 7.12 (H. Young) 3

Also started: 2 Woody Glen 9.3 (Robinson), 5 Shining Light 8.8 (McFlynn), 9 Monatour 7.8 (Preston), 7 Kawaha 7.6½ inc. 1¼lb. over (R. Reed), 8 Koiwi 7.1½ inc. 6¼lb. over (Ferguson), 6 Ruatara 8.2 inc. 18lb. over (Gray). Won by a neck, a head between second and third. Shining Light was fourth. Time, 1min. 18sec.

HAMILTON CUP HANDICAP, of 500sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

- 5—R. Hannon's br m Tinopai, aged, by Stepniak—Mignon, 8.8 (Robinson) 1
- 1—R. G. Reid's br h Sir Ralph, 4yrs., 7.7 inc. 5lb. over (R. Reed) 2
- 7—C. Macchell's b g Melchikoff, 6yrs., 7.11 (H. Young) 3

Also started: 6 Mullingar 9.0 (Deeley), 2 Colonel Soult 8.4 (J. O'Shea), 9 Munster 7.13 (C. Price), 4 Glenspire 7.13 (Goldfinch), 3 Royal Irish 8.0½ inc. 1¼lb. over (Gray), 11 Lightning 7.7 (M. D. O'Shea), 8 Te Papapa 7.8 inc. 6lb. over (Chaplin), 10 Signo 6.8 inc. 1lb. over (Harvey). Won easily by two and a-half lengths, a length between second and third. Royal Irish was fourth and Signo next. Time, 2min. 9 3-5sec.

WAIMAI HACK HURDLES, of 200sovs. One mile and a-half and 85yds.

- 3—E. Pope's blk g Gold Fran, 6yrs., by San Fran—Fairy Gold, 10.8 (Henderson) 1
- 1—W. H. Paterson's b g Prosper, aged, 9.0 (Keapa) 2
- 6—J. D. Kemp's ch g Plenipotent, aged, 10.3 (Tapp) 3

Also started: 4 Yankee Doodle 10.13 (T. Scott), 5 Coleraine 10.10 (E. Rae), 9 The Celt 10.8 (Chaplin), 2 Carbine 10.8 (Flynn), 11 Saloon 9.5 (Jellings), 7 Sylvan Knight 9.0 (McRandall), 8 John Bunny 9.0 (Roach), 10 Welshman 9.0 (Coleman). Won by two lengths. Time, 2min. 58 3-5sec.

KARAMU WELTER HANDICAP, of 200sovs. One mile.

- 2—D. P. Moraghan's b m Loyal Arch, 5yrs., by Marble Arch—Lady Minnie, 8.4 (J. O'Shea) 1
- 1—J. D. Kemp's br g British Arch, 5yrs., 9.5 (Robinson) 2
- 4—W. K. Morrison's ch m Waiuta, 4yrs., 9.8 (W. Young) 3

Also started: 5 Jack Delaval 9.1 (Deeley), 6 Analogue 9.1 (Warner), 3 Pendoon 8.12 (McFlynn), 7 Seaweed 8.0 (Goldfinch). Won by a length, half a length between second and third. Pendoon was fourth. Time, 1min. 44 1-5sec.

HAUTAPU HACK HANDICAP, of 200sovs. Six furlongs.

- 1—J. Williamson's ch g Garryowen, 5yrs., by Salvadan—Vane, 9.3 (Gray) 1
- 2—R. J. Graham's ch g Caballero, 4yrs., 9.5 (Robinson) 2
- 3—J. McNicol's b g Woody Glen, 9.2 (J. O'Shea) 3

Also started: 8 Last Call 9.12 (Goldfinch), 5 Lady Paula 9.8 (Deeley), 6 Monodon 9.7 (W. Young), 11 Bezmar 8.6 (C. Price), 7 Dunganon 7.13 (R. Reed), 13 Octobre 7.12½ inc. 1¼lb. over (Schmidt), 14 Bunoff 7.13 inc. 2lb. over (Mullins), 4 Ritasea 7.7 (Ferguson), 9 Sylvaroa 7.12 inc. 5lb. over (H. Young), 10 Persian Prince 7.9 inc. 9lb. over (Chaplin), 12 Erinagh 7.7 (Williams). Won by a length, a similar distance between second and third. Time, 1min. 17sec.

FAREWELL HANDICAP, of 300sovs. Five furlongs.

- 2—A. W. Beveridge's ch g Cardrona, aged, by Lupin—Nator mare, 9.5 (J. O'Shea) 1
- 3—P. V. Norman's ch m Flying Gowrie, 4yrs., 7.7 inc. 7lb. over (R. Reed) 2
- 4—R. E. Wright's br g Glenspire, aged, 8.13 (Deeley) 3

Also started: 1 Ring Lupin 9.2 (Gray), 6 Glad Tidings 8.9 (Warner), 7 Malaya 7.3 inc. 10lb. over (Ferguson), 5 Bivouac 6.10 inc. 3lb. over (Cotton). Won by a length, the same distance between second and third. Time, 1min. 3sec.

Mr. G. L. Stead has no reason to regret having patronised the Taranaki and Egmont meetings, as he got a fair amount of stake money with his horses.