SOUTHLAND RACING CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

RORKE'S DRIFT WINS SOUTHLAND CUP.

The Southland Racing Club opened their autumn meeting on Wednesday in cold, showery weather, the attendance being fair. The track was somewhat heavy, but some good racing resulted. The totalisator handled fil.939, which is f1227 less than on the opening day last year. The results were:—

Styds.

Won by four lengths, a similar distance between second and third. Time, 3min 46sec.

FLYING HANDICAP of 150sovs.
Six furlongs.
J. Todd's Michaela, 7.4 (R. C.

Russell's Mohawk, 9.4 (J.

Won by a length, a similar distance between second and third. Time, 4min 1 1-5sec.

CONCLUDING DAY.

RORKE'S DRIFT WINS AGAIN.
The meeting was concluded on Thursday in fine weather, an improvement in the attendance taking place in consequence. The racing proved keen, and speculation was of a spirited character, £12,839 being handled, making a total of £21,878 for the meeting, an increase of £4 over last year. The results were:—

.0, length, half a length nd third. Time, 1min

between second and third. 1-5sec.

Also started: 5 Kazan car. 7.4, 4 Miss Finland car. 7.1, 6 Speedometer 7.6.
Won by three lengths, two lengths between second and third. Time, 1min 17sec.

BLUFF HANDICAP of 100sovs.

tance separating se Time, 1min 46 1-5sec.

3—Mr. Muirhead's Awahou, 7.8 (J. Olsen)
2—Mr. Swale's Gunrest, 8.12 (R. Mc-Lellan)

AWARUA HANDICAP of 210sovs. One mile and a distance.
2—Messrs. F. A. and V. N. Price's b g
Rorke's Drift, 9.12 (F. E. Jones) 1
3—Mr. Hymer's Kilbrogan, 7.8 (F.

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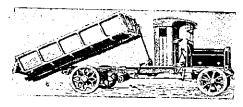
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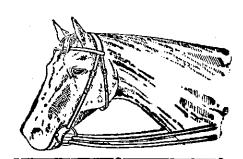
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