

Also started: 5 Crib 11.3 (Lorrigan), 12 Zarkoma 9.12 (W. Robinson), 4 Mod-dite 9.11 (Rae), 7 Marton 9.10 (Flynn), 6 Merrie Lad 9.10 (Tutchen), 3 Nita 9.9 (Kaan), 9 Vascular 9.9 (F. Ellis), 11 Diavolo 9.7 (Burt), 10 Merry Jack 9.7 (A. McDonald).

Won by half a length, heads separating second and third. Time, 6min 28sec. WINTER OATS HANDICAP of 300sovs. One mile.

1—W. Corlett's ch g Sir Agnes, aged, by Boris—Miss Foreshore, 9.3 (H. Gray) 1
2—G. Wrelling's b g Detroit, 9.8 (H. Young) 2
8—J. K. Jackson's br m Kiltess, 9.2 (P. Brady) 3

Also started: 4 Bagdad 9.12 (Ellis), 5 Tressida 9.9 (Clarke), 3 Multaine 9.8 (Sid. Reid), 9 Bairnsdale 9.8 (H. Robinson), 10 Sarah Grand 9.5 (A. McFlinn), 7 Prince Delaware 9.2 (R. Reed), 6 Persian Prince 9.0 (A. Reed).

Won by two lengths, three lengths between second and third. Time, 1min 50 2-5sec.

FINAL HURDLE HANDICAP of 350 sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

2—E. W. Alison's (junr.) b g Thrace, 6yrs, by Poseldon—Cremona, 9.3 (T. Chaplin) 1
1—W. R. Kembal's b g Gladful, 11.12 (Stan. Reid) 2
4—T. Whelch's ch g Styra, 9.0 (H. McSweeney) 3

Also started: 1 Wishful 10.4 (Hagerty) bracketed with Gladful, 3 Colorado 10.8 (A. McDonald), 5 Polydamon 10.3 (H. Burt).

Won by two lengths. Time, 3min 26 1-5sec.

KIA ORA HANDICAP of 150sovs. Six furlongs.

5—D. Kilkelly's br h Fleetham, by Picton—Flete, 4yrs, 9.12 (W. Robinson) 1
8—J. Bull's (junr.) blk g Omahu, 9.2 (A. McDonald) 2
3—J. McKean's b f Piano, 9.9 (R. Reed) 3

Also started: 1 Royal Park 10.4 (H. Robinson), 14 Idyllic 9.10 (Hatch), 4 White 9.10 (O'Shea), 6 Idle Talk 9.7 (H. Young), 18 Pomeroy 9.5 (Nodder), 9 Whakatana 9.4 (Bell), 2 King of the Valley 9.9, inc. 7lb pen. (A. McFlinn), 15 Skeddadle 9.0 (P. Brady), 7 Trickery (A. Reed), 16 Turpenite (Sid. Reid), 10 Occasion 9.0 (C. Price), 17 Sea Foam 9.0 (C. Reed), 13 Moorable 9.0 (Emerson), 12 Liviland 9.0 (Deeley), 13 Probity 9.0 (Bowden), 11 Cadet 9.0 (Gray), 11 War Scot 9.0 (Ryan).

Won by a length. Time, 1min 19 3-5sec.

NEW ZEALAND RACING CONFERENCE.

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posts indicated. We think it desirable that during the winter months clubs should not include in their programme any event starting later than 4 p.m. This matter has been well brought home to the public by the curtailment, and in some instances, total cessation of train services on race days. In spite of the difficulties encountered in reaching race meetings by the public under war conditions, attendance has been well maintained, which goes to show that racing, when properly conducted, induces many thousands of persons to enjoy a healthy outing."

The following remit came before the conference at the request of the stipendiary stewards committee:—"Racecourse detectives shall be appointed by the New Zealand Racing Conference, or by the committee thereof nominated for that purpose, and with such powers and subject to such regulations as from time to time may be conferred or approved by the conference." Most of the speakers considered that there was no necessity for such appointments, and that the various clubs were well able to watch for such abuses, and the motion was lost by 24 votes to 11.

APPOINTMENTS.

The stipendiary stewards committee was reappointed as follows:—Sir George Clifford, Bart., Hon. W. H. Herries, Hon. O. Samuel, Messrs. W. E. Bidwill, E. A. Campbell, P. Miller and O. S. Watkins.

The report of the dates committee in regard to the dates of race meetings for the 1918-19 season was adopted, and the committee was re-elected as follows:—Hon. E. W. Alison, Messrs. W. E. Bidwill, E. Goodbehere, P. Hunter, H. Lowry and P. Miller.

The Hon. E. Mitchelson moved the re-election of Sir George Clifford as president. He said that all were indebted to Sir George Clifford for his good work in the interests of racing. The Hon. O. Samuel seconded the motion. Every year, he said, increased their appreciation of his great services and of his exceptional qualifications for the position. He was a man universally respected. The motion was carried amidst applause. Sir George Clifford said that he would not have been able to do the work but for the excellent assistance of the secretary (Mr. H. R. Sellars). The conference passed a motion thanking the president for the zealous manner in which he had carried out his duties.

Mr. Arnaud McKellar was reappointed auditor, while the Hon. O. Samuel was elected a trustee in place of the late Hon. J. D. Ormond.

AMENDMENTS TO RULES.

The following motion from the Taranaki District Clubs was carried:—"That a 'district committee' is to mean a committee consisting of the chairman and five members of the committee of the metropolitan club to be elected by the committee of the metropolitan club and of five delegates to be elected by the totalisator clubs in the metropolitan area. The chairman of the committee of the metropolitan club shall be ex officio chairman of the district committee. Five to form a quorum."

Mr. W. F. M. Buckley's motion that no person who is the paid official of any club shall be eligible for election as a delegate to the district committee was lost. Another motion by the same gentleman to the effect that: "The programme of every meeting at which the totalisator is used, or at which the total amount to be given in stakes exceeds £100 per diem from September 1 to June 6 inclusive shall include two flat races per diem of not less than one mile. The programme of every meeting from June 7 to August 31 inclusive shall include at least one maiden or hack steeplechase, and if such programme includes one or more flat races, there shall be one flat race of not less than one mile and a-quarter," was heavily defeated.

Hon. E. W. Alison's motion to validate acceptances, etc., "where entries, acceptances or declaration of forfeits having been made by telegram lodged with a telegraph office at least two hours before the advertised time have, through any cause, been delayed in delivery to the place advertised for receiving such entries, acceptances and declaration of forfeit," was lost. Mr. E. Goodbehere (Wanganui District Clubs) in discussing the motion maintained that there was no need for things to be left till the last moment, while the president said that in order to guard

against possible fraud a definite hour was needed.

Sir George Clifford moved that the following new rule be introduced, but the motion was lost:—"All horses in which the same owner has any interest shall be bracketed on the totalisator, and owners of such horses shall give notice to the secretary of the club not later than the hour of acceptance or final payment. If notice is not so given the owner shall be fined by the stewards in a sum of not less than 5sovs, and not exceeding 100sovs; and also shall be liable for any loss occasioned directly or indirectly through omission to give such notice. For the purposes of this rule a husband shall be deemed to have an interest in any horse in which his wife has an interest. Executors of the will of a deceased owner who have no personal financial interest in horses under their control as such executors shall not be under obligation to bracket such horses with horses privately owned by themselves."

The following motion by the Hon. O. Samuel was carried: "Every license issued by a district committee shall, subject to suspension or cancellation, entitle the person therein named as trainer or jockey to train or ride (as the case may be) during the term mentioned in the license." The mover said that the question had arisen through the issuing by the Taranaki Club of a license to a certain prominent jockey. Doubt existed for a while whether the license issued was valid, and therefore whether a stake won by a horse ridden by a jockey holding such a doubtful "license" could be withheld. The object of the motion was to make the position clear.

The Dunedin Jockey Club moved an amendment to an existing rule that the minimum weight to be carried by any horse in any handicap flat race shall be 7.0 (instead of 6.7). The motion was lost.

The following addition to rules was moved by the Hon. O. Samuel and carried: "Any district committee may appeal to the conference from any determination of any other district committee in pursuance of which a license is granted:—

The following amended rule was agreed to: "Races in which any horse is debarred from entry by reason of his winnings having amounted to a specified amount are hack races, and the word 'hack' used in the title of any race shall be deemed to indicate that it is a hack race."

The following new rules were proposed and lost:—

"That the crouch seat be forbidden in hurdle races and steeplechases and all riders to have their stirrups lengthened to the satisfaction of the stipendiary stewards."

"If the stewards or any person specially deputed by the stewards for the purpose, find that the stirrup leathers of any jockey (by reason of their undue shortness) render the jockey unable sufficiently to control his horse in hurdle races or steeplechases without endangering himself and other jockeys or horses in the race, the stewards, or person so deputed, may require the stirrup leathers to be lengthened."

A new rule which was approved was: "If it be intended to run a horse in shoes heavier than racing plates the owner or trainer of such horse must report the fact to the stewards prior to weighing out."

The following proposed amendment and new rules respectively were approved:—

"If no dividend winning ticket be taken in any race, or if any race be declared void, the amount paid on the purchase of each ticket for that race shall be refunded on production and delivery of the ticket, less the usual commission."

"If no dividend winning ticket is taken on the first horse, the dividend shall be paid on the second horse only. If no dividend winning ticket is taken on the second horse the dividend shall be paid on the first horse only."

Another new rule which was adopted was:—"Every club during the month of August of each year, shall forward to the secretary of the conference an audited balance sheet, showing the receipts and expenditure of the club during the previous racing year."

The conference decided to take no action in regard to the application to remove the balance of the disqualification imposed on a jockey named F. Langstone by the Westland Club.

It was reported that the following clubs had been given permission for a less sum to be given in stakes than the net amount derived from the totalisator in the season 1916-17:—Takapuna, Taumarunui, Waipa, Opanake and Dannevirke.

HAWKE'S BAY NOTES.

(From Our Correspondent.)

Dry Up Resumes Work—Local Representatives Fare Well at Trentham—A Handsome Two-year-old Colt—Multiply and Eligible Benefiting From Spell—Lord Laddo Placed on Easy List.

NAPIER, Monday.

V. H. Collelo has got in hand a half-brother by Sir Laddo to Sir Fisher. When his time arrives to take part in the business he will run in the interests of Mr. E. J. White, of Porangahau.

Dry Up (Demosthenes—Drought) is again in work at Napier Park. This rising three-year-old half-brother to Wishful is an exceedingly nice, even stamp of a horse, who on looks should assuredly pay his way.

Matatane is the name that has been chosen for the two-year-old half-sister to Sauli and Parisian Diamond, by Merry Moment. She is the property of Mr. H. M. Campbell, and is receiving her education at the hands of Trainer W. Stone, at Hastings.

Local backers, who came at the district horses competing at Trentham on Wednesday, got out of the wood, and as a result showed a slight profit, for had a ticket been purchased on each equine trained in the "Bay" a profit of about three pounds would have figured on the balance-sheet.

Barcarolle, Mulatto and Sheila are in the private sale list.

The reported sale of Impediment to Mr. W. R. Kembal, of the Wairarapa, for 1300 guineas, was all so much hot air, for the well-performed daughter of Demosthenes and Kautuku is still requiring a buyer.

The rising two-year-old son of Demosthenes and Hard Wood, who is the property of Mr. C. E. Twist, of Greenmeadows, is growing into a beautifully-moulded colt, and his movements are indicative of speed of a high grade. His dam is a daughter of Birkenhead and Dryad, who claims half-sisterhood to Reliance and other good bygone turf performers.

Bon Reve and Sir Agnes, who scored at Trentham on Saturday, were sent through from Wellington as the right things to be on, and consequently backers profited accordingly.

Multiply and Eligible are improving with the holiday that is being their portion. At present the pair are enjoying their fling on their owner's (Mr. T. E. Whelch) station at Wanstead.

Mr. W. H. Gaisford, of Oringi, the well-known owner, has been passed as fit, and he shortly leaves for camp. Mr. Gaisford is vice-president of the Waipukurau Jockey Club, who also have another representative in Mr. P. E. Wall, a steward of the club, in camp.

The locally-owned St. Elmn occupied the same position in the July Steeplechase at Trentham on Saturday as he had filled last season in the same event, when he acted as runner-up to Master Strowan.

Lord Laddo, the full-brother to Nobleman, who had been demonstrating that he could fence fast and clever in his schooling exercises over the obstacles, has gone amiss, and has been turned out to recuperate. His owner, Mr. Keith White, of Porangahau, has been drawn in the ballot.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

The following is a list of the nominations of office-bearers of the Auckland Racing Club for the season 1918-19:—President, Hon. E. Mitchelson; vice-president, H. T. Gorrie; committee (five to be elected): S. Bradley, Fred. Earl, Sir Robert D. S. Lockhart, M. M. McCallum, Oliver Nicholson, H. O. Nolan; stewards (three to be elected): J. D. Jones, Sir Robert D. S. Lockhart, M. J. Lynch, A. L. Raven, G. A. Wynyard.

LAND TRANSFER ACT NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the several parcels of land hereinafter described will be brought under the provisions of the Land Transfer Act, unless caveat be lodged forbidding the same on or before 12th August, 1918.

6208—ELLEN CONWAY—Lot 157, of Allot. 21, Section 8, Suburbs of Auckland, containing 12 perches, fronting Sheehan Street, Ponsonby; occupied by Applicant. Plan 11469.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 8th day of July, 1918, at the Lands Registry Office, Auckland.

THOS. HALL,
District Land Registrar.

ELLERSLIE ITEMS

Bedford, Penniless and Hopfield are circling the tracks in their best form. It seemed a pity that one of the trio did not have a flutter at the Wellington winter fixture.

The one-time brilliant pony mare, Mahinga, has gone the way of all horse flesh. She was recently found dead at Remuera. The mare won in Australia at the Kensington meeting, besides capturing races in the Dominion. She was owned and raced by Mr. Webber.

Transfer, the little hunter, was recently sold by Mr. R. Dunn, of Papakura, to the Timaru sportsman, Mr. Murdoch Kerr, an enthusiastic hunting man.

F. Stenning has Lady Bunyan, a big-framed half sister to Ulster in work. The mare is one of the lean kind and will take a lot of building up. Her two stable companions, Aircraft and Arch Lassie, are of different conformation and colour. They are both doing well.

The chestnut colt in W. Moberley's care, by Earliston—Hair Net, has been named Sandy McDonald. Modderley also has a filly by Eudorus from Marie Belle, Lady Huna, a well developed juvenile, and a local-bred filly Irene Bruce of his own well forward.

Mr. James Hill has a couple of Marble Arch youngsters from Marie Regina. They are a shapely pair, but are still in the green state, but are well grown.

J. Chaafe seems to have the most forward rising two-year-old at Ellerslie, by General Latour—Elicia. This young gentleman, Prince Charleroi, is handling himself nicely in his sprinting essays, showing brilliancy and pace over short courses.

The Maniapoto gelding Fisher is included among the afternoon division, and is rounding up into solid shape.

The barrier shy Turangapito was given a good try out at the tapes last week by W. Sharpe, both with and without a rider. He is the most hardened case at headquarters in this direction.

Mr. W. Kemp is handling a good sort of a rising two-year-old gelding by Marble Arch—Miss Ethel, a half brother to both Lady Bruce and Miss Bruce. The youngster is well grown and solid without showing any grassiness. He is named Emerald Hill.

E. Pope's filly Gold Plane, by Merry Moments—Radium, who was a squibby little thing a few months ago, has developed into a shapely juvenile. She appears fast on the tracks.

The staff of men on the improvements at Alexandra Park are making good progress with the loose boxes and the steps in front of the grandstand. They are calculated to accommodate between 1000 and 1500 inclusive of the grandstand proper.

The Thames Jockey Club have made a common sense move in putting back their annual date in December and in coming in at the end of the country circuit, a few days after the Paeroa meeting on March 22. The Thames Jockey Club was up against a stone wall clashing with a powerful metropolitan club like the Auckland Racing Club, the leading club of the Dominion. The writer ventures to predict a change of fortune in the next fixture of the Thames Jockey Club. A meeting early in October would have been a good move this year.

Ellerslie-trained Thrace, Papatoetoe-trained King of the Valley and the Avondale-trained Royal Prince were Auckland-owned winners at the Wellington meeting. King of the Valley was sold after the meeting for 150 guineas.

The promising young hurdler Hibernia, a brother to the useful hurdler Tararu Jack (now racing in Sydney), fell on the roads, and A. Julian thinks has broken some ribs.