

did duty as a "kip." Having evidently neglected to make arrangements for one of their number to "keep nit," a raid was easily effected as soon as it was discovered what was going on, and half a dozen of the offenders were subsequently haled before the authorities, when an additional seven days was meted out all round. Apart altogether from the humorous side of the affair, this little incident serves to demonstrate the gigantic undertaking of any Government which lays itself out to eradicate the gambling instinct of those who desire to so indulge. One of the most marked effects of the abolition of gambling dens is the increased attendance at all classes of race meetings, which in itself is sufficient to prove that the desire to gamble will be satisfied irrespective of the medium whereby.

The Cockatoo, who was purchased in New Zealand at the same time as Master Delaval, and transported to India with the Auckland Cup winner, ran second in the first race he contested at the Calcutta meeting.

An accident occurred during the running of the Port Adelaide Cup. The Sir Tristram colt Sir Edwin fell; and when he regained his feet he galloped into a wire fence, with the result that he broke his neck.

Minter, the half-brother, by St. Frusquin, to Spearmin, is touched in the wind. This is the colt for whom Mr. H. Lytham (R. Wootton's patron) gave 1050 guineas as a yearling.

ROTORUA JOCKEY CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING.

The attention of horse owners is called to the advertised programme of the Rotorua Jockey Club's Summer Meeting, which will be found elsewhere in this issue. The meeting, which extends over two days, takes place on February 16 and 17, and as the programme put before owners this year is an attractive one it should be well patronised. As a glance at the programme will show every class of racehorse is well catered for, and owners should experience little difficulty in placing their nominations. On the opening day the principal event is, of course, the Rotorua Cup of 60 sovs., one mile and a-quarter, and on the second day the Arawa Park Handicap of 40 sovs., one mile, will be the star attraction. The other events which go to make up the programme are:—First day: Handicap Hurdles of 25 sovs., one mile and a-half; Malden Handicap of 20 sovs., six furlongs; Waimangu Handicap of 20 sovs., four and a-half furlongs; Hack Handicap of 17 sovs., six furlongs; Whaka Welter of 20 sovs., seven furlongs; Thermal Springs Handicap of 25 sovs., five furlongs. Second day: Second Hurdles of 25 sovs., one mile and three-quarters; President's Handicap of 22 sovs., five furlongs; Tourist Plate of 25 sovs., four and a-quarter furlongs; Second Hack of 12 sovs., six furlongs; Second Welter of 20 sovs., seven furlongs, and Farewell Handicap of 26 sovs., five and a-half furlongs.

Nominations for all events close with Mr. H. H. Hayr, Auckland; or with the secretary, Mr. E. Dyson, Rotorua, on Friday, February 4, at 9 p.m.

ELLERSLIE TRAINING NOTES.

In view of the close proximity of the Takapuna Jockey Club's Meeting, which opens on Saturday week, the tracks at Ellerslie are beginning to bear a very busy appearance, and some fairly interesting work has taken place.

Cymri and Pleiades gave a splendid display over the steeplechase fences in the middle of the course, taking the sod wall, water, stone wall, and double in good style.

TUESDAY.

The first gallop on Tuesday was registered by Advocate, who had Coromandel for a companion over a circuit on the tan, the distance occupying 2.1 3-5.

Rauparaha, alone, covered a circuit on the sand in 2.14.

A circuit on the tan was apportioned to Ngapuka, the son of Soult reaching the post in 1.57 1-5.

There was little to chose between Admiral Soult and Excalibur at the ed of half a mile on the grass in 1.5 1-5.

On the tan, Cambrian, who is moving well, fluttered over a similar distance in 56 3-5sec., but was not asked to do his best.

Epsom Lass and Dunborve, F. Stenning's pair, left half a mile behind on the tan in 52 4-5sec.

Madam Soult moved freely over a couple of furlongs.

Prince Leo was going strong at the end of a circuit on the sand in 2.7 2-5. Waiari, who was not out to break the watch, left six furlongs behind in 1.26 4-5.

Zinnia and Lochbuie were locked together at the end of four furlongs on the sand in 51sec., both finishing well. Lady Frances appeared to be tiring at the conclusion of half a mile on the tan in 54sec.

The veteran Scotty covered a couple of circuits on the sand at three-quarter pace.

Sabre accomplished similar work to Scotty.

ON THE GRASS.

Bonny Fishwife was too good for a mate in a spin over half a mile in 51sec.

From a standing start Captain Soult and Lucille covered the same distance in 52 4-5sec.

Aristocrat was too fleet for Rimlock over seven furlongs in 1.34 4-5.

Rarata, alone, covered a circuit at top.

Walotahi ran right away from Matarere in a burst over three-quarters of a mile.

Castle Blaney settled a companion over six furlongs in 1.20.

Prophet left the seven furlong disc and ran home in 1.33 1-5.

Lieutenant Soult and a Salvadan filly ran half a mile in 52sec., the former finishing in front.

Solus, Princess Soult, and Patricia had a rattling go from the five furlong post, finishing as written in 1.5 2-5.

Lady Dot ran a fast half mile, easily beating Aristos in 49 3-5sec.

Maioira, the latest addition to T. Williams' string, had Miss Stella well gone at the end of five furlongs in 1.5 4-5.

His Highness and a Spalpeen filly ran half a mile in 51 3-5.

Minstrel and Poiters sprinted three furlongs in 37 1-5sec.

Leo got to the end of nine furlongs in 1.56 2-5, moving well.

Waipu slipped over four furlongs in 52 4-5sec.

Norway ran the same distance in 54 3-5sec.

St. Maria was sent a round over the small sticks, giving a good display.

Don Quex and Loch Fyne started for a round over the small sticks, but Don Quex came to grief at the first obstacle, giving O'Brien a severe shaking. Don Quex subsequently came out with Celtic and Hoanga and made no mistake, this time fencing carefully. However, Celtic had the best of the round.

Others out doing useful work were Te Aroha, Tanekaha, Hyperion, Miss Advance, Cavaliero, Lady Patricia, Sea Elf, and Blue Vale.

OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE TO-MORROW.

The first-class programme of events to be decided at the Otahuhu Trotting Club's Summer Meeting, which takes place on February 12, 16, and 19, should have the effect of keeping the Club's secretary, Mr. F. D. Yonge, very busy to-morrow (Friday), when he will receive nominations from those owners who go in for trotting for all events to be decided at this popular gathering. For some time past this particular branch of sport has been making great headway, not only in bringing large fields out to compete, but there has also been noticeable a distinct improvement in the class of trotting horses. Reference to the programme, which will be found advertised in this issue, will show that each and every event is worth winning, the amount of stake money to be distributed over the events showing a marked improvement compared with last year's programme.

On the opening day (Saturday), the chief event is the Otahuhu Trotting Club's Handicap of 100 sovs., run over a two miles course, while the Pony Cup will also be run, the race for lilliputians being worth 70 sovs., and decided over a six and a-half furlongs course. The Special Handicap Trot is worth 60 sovs., and the Class, Sylvia Park, and Electric Trots 50 sovs. each. On the second day there is the Summer of 55 sovs., High-class, and Alexandra, each of 50 sovs., the sum attached to the Novel, Tramway, and Telegraph being in each case 40 sovs. On the concluding day the Criterion Trot of 65 sovs. will hold pride of place, followed by the Onehunga and February; these races being worth 50 sovs. Besides the events mentioned, there is a race each day for ponies—viz., Pony Cup of 70 sovs., Alexandra Handicap of 50 sovs., and Manakau Handicap of 50 sovs. The Cup extends over six and a-half furlongs, but the two other events are each about half a mile.

Nominations for all events close to-morrow (Friday) with the secretary, at 9 p.m.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

CUP DAY ON SATURDAY.

On Saturday sportsmen will have their minds centred on the Wellington Cup, which race will come up for decision on the opening day of the Wellington Racing Club's Summer Meeting. Next to the N.Z. and Auckland Cups, Saturday's race is the chief handicap event decided on the flat in New Zealand, and considerable interest is, therefore, always taken in the result.

Despite the fact that Auckland is without a representative, and the withdrawal of the crack Bobrikoff has robbed the event of a good deal of interest, the result will be eagerly awaited. With Bobrikoff's withdrawal, All Red is left at the head of the list with the steadier of 9.11, but this will not keep him out of the betting, and he is certain to have a strong following. Husbandman follows with 8.6, a very handy weight for a four-year-old who has both the C.J.C. and Great Northern Derby down against him. However, he has been cutting up badly for some time, but he must have improved considerably when he is preferred to his stablemate, Taskmaster, who undoubtedly had a chance with 7.12. Husbandman ran third in the event last year with 8.6—a similar impost to that which he has to carry on Saturday. Roosevelt, 8.4, is a good and honest little horse, but a trifle unlucky. His performance in the Grandstand Handicap at Ellerslie was full of merit. Ringdove, 8.3, won the Wairarapa Cup, and is given credit for a good performance. Downfall, 8.2, and Diabolo, 8.1, will each have plenty of supporters, but Merrivonia, 8.0, should be very nearly favourite. This mare has registered some sterling performances lately, and can be relied upon to make a bold bid for the honours. Waipaku, Crucinella, and Sir Antrim have each been showing good form, while Muskerry, 7.6, ran second last year with 5lb. less to carry. Lady Medallist is the third candidate from Prosser's stable, and the betting market would point to her being the most fancied of the trio. She will be ridden by J. Buchanan, who, it will be admitted, rides a splendid race over a distance. One thing is certain, and that is that the handicapper, Mr. J. H. Pollock, is responsible for good work, and an interesting contest may be looked forward to.

Fifteen of the best sprinters figure in the Telegraph Handicap, the second "leg" of the double, and judging by the number of horses supported in doubles the issue in this race also is regarded as open. Armlet, Kilindini, and Full Sail have received most attention from backers, but one who should prove a nuisance is Multiple.

The following prices were on offer on the Cup in Auckland yesterday:—14 All Red, 12 Husbandman, 10 Roosevelt, 12 Ringdove, 14 Downfall, 10 Diabolo, 10 Merrivonia, 20 Waipaku, 10 Crucinella, 12 Sir Antrim, 14 Paisano, 20 Muskerry, 33 Moloch, 10 Lady Medallist, 20 Equitas, 25 Bollin, 50 Kopu, 33 Osiris, 50 Chauvelin.

The acceptances are as follow:—

TRENTHAM WELTER HANDICAP, one mile.—Hilarian 9.3, Guinaforte 9.3, Taura 9.1, Separator 8.13, Marengo 8.8, Subdue 8.0, Luis 8.0.

ANNIVERSARY WELTER HANDICAP, one mile.—Sharpshooter 9.8, Taitoko 9.8, Effort 9.6, Wimmera 8.12, Swimming Belt 8.12, Mataari 8.7, Polyanthus 8.7, Montreal 8.4, Miscast 8.3, Chauvelin 8.0, Glen 8.0.

ELECTRIC HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Gold Lace 9.12, Naumai 9.7, Broadsword 8.6, Gipsy Belle 7.12, Federal 7.9, Lace Collar 7.7, Silkweb 7.7, Boanerges 7.2, Sea Queen 7.2, Bally Shannon 7.2, Warlock 7.0, Waiaata 6.13, Ideate 6.7.

NURSERY HANDICAP, four furlongs.—Kohinoor 8.13, Saxifrage 8.1, Tribulation 8.0, Crown Derby 7.8, Achray 7.8, Lady Reina 7.5, Formless 7.5, Long Step 6.10, Odessa 6.10, Sonite 6.10.

RUAPEHU HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Splash 8.9, Jena 7.11, Te Roti 7.11, Tonga 7.10, Faunus 7.9, Kina 7.9, Ukraine 7.7, Succession 7.5, Pakap 6.9.

WELLINGTON CUP of 1000sovs. one mile and a-half.—All Red 9.11, Husbandman 9.6, Roosevelt 8.4, Ringdove 8.3, Downfall 8.2, Diabolo 8.1, Merrivonia 8.0, Waipaku 7.12, Crucinella 7.12, Sir Antrim 7.9, Paisano 7.8, Muskerry 7.6, Moloch 7.5, Lady Medallist 7.5, Equitas 7.2, Bollin 7.0, Kopu 7.0, Osiris 6.7, Chauvelin 6.7.

TELEGRAPH HANDICAP of 400sovs. six furlongs.—Tumut 9.4, Armlet 9.3, Kilindini 8.1, Equitas 7.13, Woodhey 7.9, Sunbonnet 7.8, Ballarat 7.7, Full Sail 7.7, Gipsy Belle 7.5, Mon Ami 7.3, Multiple 7.2, Simplex 6.13, V1 6.13, White Cockade 6.10, Waiaata 6.7.

FINAL PAYMENTS.

WELLINGTON STAKES of 500sovs. five furlongs.—Ladron, Sir Solo, Sir Laddo, Wepener filly, Tetikura, Tribulation, Obligado, Te Huinga filly, Eton, Cyrenienne colt, Eton-Cyruse, filly, Tenterhook, Counterme, Madam Madcap, Knight Errant, Goldander, Kilindini, Conqueror, Lady Principal colt, Sea Queen, Killaloe, Madhura, Lady Reina, St. Lawrence, Tawhaki, Jean, Kina, Lady Medallist, Danube, Longstep, Soult-Tauhei colt, Boanerges, Kohinoor, Formless, Formby.

INTER-PROVINCIAL

CANTERBURY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CHRISTCHURCH, Jan. 18.

Sir George Clifford will have ten horses racing at the Trentham Meeting.

Armlet is a strong favourite in Christchurch for the Telegraph Handicap.

The people behind a niddy called Guianforte will probably have a big punt at Trentham.

Crucinella is being backed from the right quarter for the Wellington Cup, and Equitas is receiving similar support for the Telegraph Handicap.

G. E. Pine and E. Redmond have been granted trainers' licenses by the C.J.C.

Formless is a likely winner at the Wellington Meeting. He is bred on the right lines, and is reported to be a quick beginner and very smart over a short course.

N. Bertram's horses, Inchbonny and Eaglestone, are now in Redmond's stable.

Grand Slam will be tried over hurdles. His dam, Scotia, one of the Mangatarata matrons, was sold last week for 50 guineas.

Mr. C. G. Dalgety has sold the two-year-old filly Martyre, by Martian—Nantes, to S. Nettlefold, who will shortly send her over to J. Price's stable in Victoria.

Parazon has arrived at Riccarton, and will be trained by D. J. Price for future engagements.

Adria, who was left at the post in the Pahiatua Cup, was always noted for her bad behaviour at the post. She is even worse than Terrapin and Signalman were at the barrier. It is somewhat surprising she is kept in training.

The hurdle racer Snip has been taken in hand for the winter campaign. He is a member of D. Moraghan's team.

Count Witte is again in active work. G. A. Pine, who has just been granted a trainer's license, has charge of this big son of Stepniak.

Neither Los Angeles or Wet Day are doing too well, and it will be some time before they are fit to race again.

Husbandman is reported to be the fittest member of Cutts' team engaged at Wellington. If this is so, he will be hard to beat in the Wellington Cup. Ringdove and the two-year-old, Crown Derby, will comprise Messrs. Stead Bros.' team at the Wellington Meeting.

F. P. Claridge is gradually getting together a big team. He has Grand Slam, Sea Dog, Evenlode, Narrangarie and Obligate, all more or less suffering from various ailments at present, in active work, but whether he will be successful in getting them fit enough to win a race I cannot say.

WELLINGTON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WELLINGTON, Jan. 16.

Everything points to the Wellington Racing Club's Summer Meeting being a most successful one, as almost every owner of note in the Dominion will have horses assisting at the meeting. The Cup race promises to provide a most interesting contest, and the inter-provincial nature of the field necessarily lends considerable interest to the event.

The absence of D. Moraghan's horses (Master Soult and Elysian) and the non-acceptance of Advocate and Ngapuka, a pair that were described on all sides as most favourably weighted, will leave Auckland without a representative in the Cup.

Advocate, according to local metalicians, received staunch support at the hands of shrewd Auckland backers, and the absence of the Auckland horse is attributed to the bad state of the Ellerslie tracks, which, it is said, played havoc with a number of horses that took part at the A.R.C. Meeting.

Horse owners should really receive every attention at the hands of racing clubs, and the training track should, regardless of cost, be kept in a condition that would obviate the possibility of valuable horses being laid aside through the hardness of the ground upon which they are asked to gallop. Racecourses and training tracks have only to be thoroughly watered to prevent horses galloping on them suffering from shin soreness and jars. Obviously, without the liberal patronage