

The fact of Bobrikoff winning the Rawson Stakes would tend to show that the black son of Finland—Gossip, has gone on the right way since his arrival on the other side. The cable states that the New Zealander had to be ridden right out to win by a length from Hoax, the time for the mile and a furlong being 1.53, or only three-quarters of a second outside the Australian record held by Perkeo.

Two New Zealand-bred horses in Azurine (Seaton Delaval—Real Blue) and Ellis (Hotchkiss—Edith Cureton) won races at the Kalgoolie meeting, West Australia, recently.

The Victoria Racing Club has decided to increase the added money to the Melbourne Cup by £1,000 to a total of £6,000, and altogether to increase the stakes for next season's events by a total sum of £4,000.

In discussing next year's English Derby prospects, a writer in a London exchange remarks that a lot of people say and affect to believe that Neil Gow will turn out a non-stayer, but what are their grounds? All the races he won last year he won at the finish, not at the start, and his last race for the Imperial Produce Plate at Kempton Park was perhaps one of the most extraordinary ever seen. If Neil Gow had not been a marvellous two-year-old that day he would never have given away the weight and start he did to Sunningdale. If only the start he conceded could be accurately computed it would be found to be next to an impossibility for any horse to accomplish, and in doing it he perhaps did one of the greatest two-year-old performances of all time.

In addition to Cambrian the following horses were shipped to Australia by the Maheno to the West Australian sportsman Mr. Musk:—Hara, 4 yrs, by Soult—Miss Nelson; bay filly, 3yrs, by Soult—Miss Nelson; bay filly, 4yrs, by Menschikoff—Apparition; bay colt, Cuirassimon, 3yrs, by Cuirassier—Miss Simon; bay filly, 2 yrs, by Obligado—Miss Simon; bay mare, Quadroon, 5yrs, by Menschikoff—The Slave, in foal to Monoform; bay filly yearling, Novelstone, by Gladstone—Novelette; bay filly yearling, by Soult—Curacoa; chestnut pony mare Flower Fire, by Firearm—Heather. By the same steamer Mr. George Robinson, of Greenlane, forwarded 16 specially selected Clydesdale colts and fillies.

Cronstadt, the full-brother to All Red, won the Waimate Cup, run on Thursday last. Rose Noble and Lovelorn filled the places. Cronstadt's win will necessitate his putting up a penalty for the Great Easter Handicap.

Full Sail was shipped by the Moe-raki at Lyttelton on Friday, en route for Melbourne.

Owners are reminded that acceptances for the first day's events at the Wairarapa Racing Club's meeting close to-morrow.

C. Jenkins will ride Killindini in the Great Easter Handicap at Riccarton on Monday next.

Jenkinstown, winner of the Liverpool Grand National, has previously completed the course in this event, but has never occupied a place. Jerry M., who ran second, was engaged in last year's event, but as soon as the weights were published, his owner expressed dissatisfaction with the treatment which his horse had received, and in consequence, scratched him.

At the Australian Jockey Club's meeting, which opens on Saturday, Bobrikoff will probably be seen out in the Autumn Stakes, of 1000sovs, one mile and a half. With Alawa amiss and the crack three-year-olds Prince Foote and Malt King in the St. Leger, Bobrikoff will receive strongest opposition from Tarfalgar, Maltine and Pendil.

F. Davis has arrived at Ellerslie with Mr. T. H. Lowry's team, comprising Ambala, Virtue, War Song and Reformist.

The three-year-old Royal Scotland, who was recently purchased in Auckland from Mr. H. R. McKenzie, on behalf of an Indian sportsman, was shipped to Sydney on Monday by the s.s. Wimmera. The same steamer also conveyed a number of youngsters shipped by the Hon. J. D. Ormond.

The attention of horseowners is called to the programme for the Takapuna Jockey Club's Winter meeting, which will be found in this issue.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

OPENS ON SATURDAY NEXT.

After doing the "small" meetings around Auckland, sportsmen will have to turn their attention to Ellerslie on Saturday next, when the Auckland Racing Club will inaugurate their autumn meeting. The weather during the past couple of weeks has been exceptionally fine, and it was feared that the pretty Ellerslie course would not be seen at its best, but early in the present week rain fell fairly heavily, and this will have a most beneficial effect upon the course and gardens, which always present a bright appearance. At the time of writing everything points to the club being favoured with fine weather, and should that be the case, a large assemblage may confidently be looked forward to on Saturday, while on Easter Monday perhaps a record gathering may have to be chronicled. The fields for the various events on the programme are highly satisfactory, and as the winners appear to be well concealed by the handicapper (Mr. G. Morse), a first-class day's sport may be expected. The first event will start at 12 noon, and special services will be run by both the railways and Tramways Company to convey patrons to and from the course.

The first day's programme is as follows:—

TRADESMEN'S HANDICAP, one mile and a-quarter.—Waimangu 8.7, Waitapu 7.10, Manapouri 7.6, Rauparaha 7.4, Madam Soult 7.4, Ambrosian 7.1, Miss Advance 6.12, Regain 6.12, Freevata 6.10, Reformist 6.10, Fuss 6.7, Avoca 6.7.

A dozen have accepted for the opening event, the Tradesmen's Handicap, and the race looks like providing a good contest. Amongst those who have been responsible for some taking gallops are Regain, Waimangu and Madam Soult.

BRIGHTON HURDLE RACE.—Shrapnel 11.4, Waione 10.13, Reservoir 10.9, Te Arai 10.6, Scotty 10.6, Lady Patricia 10.6, Dunborve 10.0, Armagh 9.3, Luscombe 9.0, King 9.0, Golden Glow 9.0, Breastplate 9.0, Sabre 9.0, Prophet 9.0.

The first "leg" of the double, the Brighton Hurdles, comes next, and a good deal of interest will be centred in the result. Lady Patricia has been responsible for good work, but she may not start, as she claims an engagement in the Nelson Handicap. However, should she start she will probably be favourite. Of the others, Shrapnel, Prophet and Dunborve are very well.

GORE BROWN HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Admiral Soult 9.0, Elegance 8.8, Impulsive 8.7, Blue Garment 7.12, Lady Frances 7.10, Emblem 7.10, Aristos 7.9, Kill-syth 7.9, Haku 7.4, Captain Soult 7.3, Spectre 7.1, Penwarden 7.0, Soultoria 7.0, Lady Betty 7.0, Nellus 7.0.

There will probably be a large field at the post in this event, which looks very open. Lady Betty, Impulsive, and Admiral Soult are all striding along well in their work.

EASTER HANDICAP, one mile.—Equitas 8.9, Salute 8.5, Merrivonia 8.0, Uranium 8.0, Advocate 7.13, Maheno 7.13, Wajari 7.13, Ngapuka 7.12, Woodhey 7.12, Wauchope 7.11, Tamainupo 7.11, Dawn 7.10, Santa Rosa 7.9, Clemora (including 3lb penalty) 7.8, Devonport 6.12, First Wairiki 6.10, Elegance 6.8, Ambala 6.8.

The attraction of the programme, the Easter Handicap, will next receive attention at the hands of backers, and on paper it looks as though they have a severe task in front of them to select the winner. Equitas, if produced, will be favourite, and if as well as at Wellington, when she won the double, will certainly take some beating. Salute will carry a ton of money, and in supporting the Waikato mare, backers have certainly good grounds to do so. That she is one of the best in the Dominion over six furlongs, she has proved without a doubt, and the manner in which she has finished up her task over the distance named would suggest that a mile would not trouble her much. Merrivonia and Uranium should each run a good mile, especially the latter, who may be out in front forcing the pace. Advocate would be better suited by a longer journey, and Maheno is a bit slow to begin. At the same time nothing is doing better than the daughter of Soult on the tracks. Wajari may find a mile beyond him, and Ngapuka may not be at his best over a mile. Woodhey and Wauchope can both run a mile in good style, and should be taking a hand over the last furlong. Tamainupo is very well just now, and the son of Soult may go one better than he did last year, when he finished third. Of the others, Santa Rosa and First Wairiki may put up a good fight. Taken all round there is every indication of a good race, and if Salute, Uranium and Equitas go to the post, the

contest between this trio alone should be worth seeing.

EDEN HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Maioira 8.0, Miss Winnie 8.0, Devonport 7.10, Tattoo 7.8, Wild West 7.8, Coromandel 7.7, Auldearn 7.5, Haldane 7.4, Dazzling 7.4, General Soult 7.3, Electrakoff 7.2, Jena 7.2, Dogger Bank 7.1, Ambrosian 7.0, Miss Advance 6.11, Michaeloff 6.11, Zinnia 6.9.

There is a large field engaged in this event, and of the number engaged, Colomandel, General Soult and Miss Winnie should run out the seven furlongs.

ELLERSLIE HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Apellon 8.13, War Song 8.12, Antoinette 8.5, Goldfinder 8.3, Solus 7.13, Wenonah 7.12, Princess Soult 7.4, Birkdale 7.3, Master Wairiki 7.3, Virtue 7.2, Lady Kilcheran 7.2, Doughboy 7.0, Hamadryad 6.13, Miss Ada 6.12, Veitalia 6.12, Wee Olga 6.12, His Highness 6.12, Duma 6.12.

After his showing at Napier Park Birkdale will probably be the only one inquired after in this event, but Solus and Goldfinder should command support.

NELSON HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Admiral Soult 8.12, Sea Elf 8.9, Prince Leo 8.8, Michaeloff 8.2, Epsom Lass 8.1, All's Well 7.12, Lady Patricia 7.11, Waio-tahi (including 5lb penalty) 7.10, Fuss 7.10, Lloyds (including 5lb penalty) 7.9, Parawai 7.4, Flatfish 7.4, Spectre 6.13, Penfold 6.12, Monocle 6.12.

Amongst those engaged in the Nelson Handicap who are going well on the track are All's Well, Sea Elf and Admiral Soult.

TRAMWAY HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Sir Artegal 8.11, Hohungatahi 8.9, Tarina 8.4, Waiaata (including 5lb penalty) 8.4, Mahinga 7.13, Hyperion 7.10, Turbine 7.9, Palrawaatu 6.13.

The programme will be closed with the Tramway Handicap in which Waiaata and Hohungatahi claim an engagement.

SECOND DAY.

On Monday the Club will continue the meeting, the principal events to be decided being the Great Northern Champagne Stakes and Autumn Steeplechase, for which the following horses have accepted:—

THE GREAT NORTHERN CHAMPAGNE STAKES of 650sovs. For two-year-olds. Six furlongs.

Mr. F. W. Arnold's b f Antoinette, by Soult—Miss Annie
Mr. J. Cavanagh's ch f Wenonah, by Spalpeen—Waimangu
Mr. W. S. Davidson's br c Goldfinder, by San Fran—Dazzle
Mr. W. Gall's ch g Solus, by Salvadan—Solitary
Mr. A. Hanson's b f Princess Soult, by Soult—Princess Alice
Mr. T. H. Lowry's b c War Song, by Royal Fusilier—Cantatrice
Mr. T. H. Lowry's b c Virtue, by St. Ambrose—St. Regis
Mr. F. J. McManamin's br c Apellon, by Monoform—Latona
Hon. J. D. Ormond's br c Birkdale, by Birkenhead—Thame
Mr. T. J. B. Stewart's br f Wee Olga, by Merriwee—St. Olga
Mr. Frank E. Ross's br c King Soult, by Soult—Lady Musket

With eleven two-year-olds engaged there seems every prospect of a good race. Should he win the Ellerslie Handicap on Saturday, Birkdale will probably be made favourite, but King Soult would only want to be himself and the Hon. J. D. Ormond's colt would have to put his best foot forward.

AUTUMN STEEPLCHASE.—Te Arai 11.8, Loch Fyne 11.7, Leo 10.0, Armagh 9.12, Mozart 9.12, First Barrel 9.10, Red McGregor 9.9, Flying Cloud 9.8, Cavallero 9.8, Pharos 9.7, Pleiades 9.7.

With the exception of Te Arai and Loch Fyne, the class in this race is very poor. Pharos arrived from the South to fulfil his engagement and Pleiades will run a good race.

HELLENSVILLE RACING CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING.

The Helensville Racing Club's annual meeting was held at Helensville on Saturday, when a fair crowd, including a number of visitors from Auckland, assembled at the Makiri course to witness the racing, which was of an interesting character. Speculation was very brisk, no less than thirteen bookmakers plying the calling. The secretary (Mr. J. Hand) and committee are to be congratulated on their efforts, all arrangements being carried out in a thoroughly satisfactory manner.

The racing resulted as follows:—

LOCAL HACK HURDLE RACE, minimum weight about 12st. About 1½ miles.

Dinkum 1
Irish Birdcatcher 2

Also started: Queenie, Dufty, Warpaint and Ranji.

Dinkum was favourite and won easily. This race calls to memory some of the good old contests held at Oake a few years ago. Queenie ran off after going a couple of furlongs. Dufty failed to negotiate the obstacles and had two good spills before quitting. Ranji and Warpaint were racing level in an exciting finish for second place.

when the former slewed across the course into Warpaint, both coming down.

HELLENSVILLE HANDICAP, 1¼ miles.

Lloyds, 8.0 1
Tui Kitua, 7.12 2
Pukenui, 9.2 3

Also started: Wellcast.
Pukenui jumped out from the start, but Lloyds soon assumed command, eventually winning by half a length from Tui Kitua. Lloyds was a hot favourite.

MAIDEN HANDICAP. About one mile.

Taka, 8.3 1
Mozart, 9.5 2
Tommy Piakau, 8.8 3

Also started: Makatu, Khartoum, Ranji, Queenie, Takatahi, Trixie, Miss Rena, The Little Flyer.

Taka, Tommy Piakau and Mozart got the best of a fairly even start. The former made the running all the way, finishing up an easy winner from Mozart. The rest struggling home at intervals. A protest was lodged against Taka on the ground that he had won a race at the Remuera Polo sports. The bookmakers were ordered to pay out on Taka, but the stakes were impounded.

HOT SPRINGS HANDICAP. Seven furlongs.

Don Quex, 8.5 1
Nimrod, 7.12 2
Maroon and Black, 8.5 3

The only starters. Maroon and Black was favourite. Don Quex led all the way and finished up an easy winner from Nimrod, who was two lengths in front of Maroon and Black.

MAORI RACE (Post entries). About one mile.

Takatahi 1
Makatu 2
Irish Birdcatcher 3

Only three contested. Takatahi won by over twenty lengths, a length separating second and third.

FLYING HANDICAP, six furlongs.

Don Quex, 8.3 1
Taka, 7.5 2
Wellcast, 9.0 3

Also started: Rob the Ranter, Khartoum, Maroon and Black, Miss Rena. Don Quex jumped off in front at the start and keeping the opposition at bay won by a length from Taka. A length and a half separated second and third horses. Rob the Ranter was made an odds on favourite, but caused his backers considerable disappointment, never being prominent at any stage of the race. His rider (J. Pope) was asked for an explanation and on his statement being made the stewards adjourned the matter.

PUBLICANS' PURSE. About one mile.

Tui Kitua, 7.1 1
Lloyds, 8.2 2
Nimrod, 7.3 3

Also started: Dinkum, Takatahi. Dinkum was the first to show out, but was soon overhauled by Tui Kitua and Lloyds. After a good struggle at the finish Tui Kitua managed to win by a long neck. Lloyds was an odds on favourite.

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CANTERBURY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Tyrant, a grey gelding by the Government sire Tyranny, has been having an uninterrupted run of luck at country meetings this season. He won two races at Oxford last week, and is a likely candidate for big hurdle honours in the near future.

Shillelagh, a son of Single-stick II, won the Oxford Cup very comfortably and is just the sort of horse to do well over hurdles.

There has been some brisk betting over the double, Great Easter and Autumn, during the past few days. Penates, Killindini and Broadword are the favourite selection for the seven furlong race, while Jugoda, Gold Lace and Osiris have caught the eye of backers for the mile and a-half event.

The progeny of Stepniak had a great innings at Waimate last week. Cute won two events, Stepmaid, a full sister to Volodia, won the president's Handicap and Constadt, the full brother to All Red and Munjeet, annexed the cup.

St. Aidan, who was tried at the hurdles last season but failed to dis-