

the first-named led Woodhey a length with Maheno, Sedition, Wauchope and Waiari, close up in a bunch. Just before the five furlongs post was reached Woodhey ranged alongside Taimainupo and when they raced across the cutting she was in front with Sedition coming fast on the outside and Santa Rosa emerging from the ruck. Taimainupo was done with at this stage and Woodhey continued to carry the field along across the top stretch with Sedition now running second closely attended by Waiari and Santa Rosa. Woodhey was the first to straighten up for the run home but once the box loomed up in sight the whips came out all round and a grand race home saw Sedition win by a length and a-half from Woodhey who beat the fast finishing Santa Rosa by half a head for second money. Waiari was fourth and then came Ngapuka, Merrivonia and Taimainupo in that order, the last to reach the box being Kauparaha.

Only seven lined up at the post in the Huia Handicap with Kakama in the position of favourite. General Soult was quickest away and he showed the way across the cutting followed by Kakama, Miss Winnie, Ambala and Sea Elf. The positions remained unchanged in the run to the head of the straight but the field then closed up and at the distance, they were all in it. About 50yds. from the post Sir Artegal drew away and won a splendid race by half a length from Sea Elf, with Kakama a neck away third and General Soult fourth the last to finish being Miss Winnie.

Of the five that contested the Autumn Steeplechase, old Cavaliero was picked out as the best of good things, the second choice being First Barrel. The latter led over the first couple of circuits and he was still in front going along the back the last time. Approaching the hill Cavaliero assumed command and it only looked a matter of his standing up to win. However, Red McGregor, who had not been jumping too well, gradually began to overhaul the field and when the fences on top of the hill were negotiated he was running just behind First Barrel in third place. In the run down the hill to the set wall he crept up and was within six lengths of Cavaliero when they landed on the other side and going on he jumped the last hurdle in the straight two lengths behind the favourite. Finishing up with a surprising run, Red McGregor was soon upsides with Cavaliero and the pair fought out a ding-dong finish, the verdict going to Red McGregor by half a length with First Barrel half a dozen lengths away third, Pleiades was fourth and Lock Fyne last.

Wenonah was sent out an odds-on favourite in the Victoria Handicap, for which event 12 two-year-olds faced the starter. This race ended in one of the greatest surprises that have taken place at Ellerslie, the little thought of Echo, a stablemate of the favourite's winning and returning his supporters over half a hundred for their sovereign. Doughboy caused trouble at the post and when they were sent away Wenonah was quickly into prominence only to be supplanted by Echo, who made every post a winning one and turned into the straight with a slight advantage. At the distance the son of Obligado was still having the best of it. Wenonah, Lucille and Duma then put in their claims and a stirring battle to the post saw Echo just get there by a bare half head from Wenonah with Duma only half a head away third and Lucille a head away. It was certainly one of the closest finishes yet witnessed at Ellerslie and of the four mentioned only the judge could select the winner.

The curtain dropped with the Electric Handicap, a five-furlong flutter and Hohungatahi, who was making his first appearance at the meeting was soon in the pride of place in the betting, while Turbine was the next choice, but neither ran into a place in a field of six.

Emblem, was again unruly at the post but she got well away, while Waiata was left. Turbine was quickly in front and with Emblem next followed by Mahinga and Hohungatahi, he carried the field along and turned into the straight two lengths clear of Emblem. Once in a line for home Emblem completely smothered the opposition for pace and ran home a winner by two lengths from Mahinga with Elegance finishing fast half a length away third.

CONCLUDING DAY.

THE OAKS WON BY SEA ELF.

If the weather was wretched on Monday it was worse on Tuesday, when the meeting was brought to a conclusion, and it may safely be said

that not for some years has the A.R.C. experienced such unfavourable weather for an Easter gathering. However the officials worked hard to cater for all present and praise is due to one and all. The last race was run in a heavy shower and semi-darkness and it was almost impossible to distinguish the horses.

Business on the totalisator not only showed a falling off for the day, but for the whole meeting. The sum of £9538 10s was handled, as against £13,324 10s on the corresponding day of last year, a decrease of £3786, while for the three days £34,348 10s was handled, a decrease of £8646 compared with 1909. In addition twenty-six bookmakers were licensed at £20 10s, returning £533 in fees, as against 25 bookmakers on the same day last year, and making for the gathering £2029 10s in fees, compared with £1660 10s last autumn, an increase of £369.

THE RACING.

The curtain was raised with the Maiden Hurdles and Wellcast, who had Julian in the saddle, was quickly pounced upon by backers as the one to trust with their coin. Rangihaeta was quickest over the first obstacle and he led past the stand the first time, closely attended by Kaitangata, Mozart, Pukenui and Wellcast. In the run along the back Kaitangata closed on Rangihaeta and the pair were together at the five furlongs' post. Rangihaeta came to grief at the hurdle by the half-mile post, leaving Kaitangata in front just clear of Wellcast, but the latter had taken command before they started to run across the top stretch and he was the first to turn for home, followed by Kaitangata and Flying Cloud, with Freevata next. Landing over the final fence safely Wellcast had very little difficulty in holding off the opposition and he ran in a comfortable winner by three lengths from Freevata, with Pukenui three-quarters of a length away.

Poitiers was made favourite in the Onslow Stakes and Lucille also carried money. From a good start Solus was the quickest into his stride, but he was quickly joined by Poitiers, Lucille and Doughboy, and there was very little between them till just before entering the straight when Solus began to drop back. Poitiers, Lucille and Doughboy entered the straight together, but at the distance Poitiers had the opposition beaten and he won by three-quarters of a length from Lucille, with Wee Olga a neck away third. Solus, Duma and Doughboy were close up.

Only five fillies went out to contest the Oaks, none of whom had any pretensions to staying. Ambrosian was made favourite, but after making the running to the head of the straight she retired, eventually finishing last. It was a slow race and the field ran well together with the exception of Ambala, Wilson keeping her too far back considering the pace they were going. Kakama, Elegance and Ambrosian entered the straight in line just clear of Sea Elf, but at the distance the last-named drew level, and coming away won by three lengths from Ambala who finished well and beat Kakama a head for second place. Elegance was next and Ambrosian last.

The whole of the seven acceptors went to the post in the Autumn Handicap, and backers estimated Ngapuka's chance highly, with the result that he was made a strong favourite. The next best backed were Equitas and Sedition. The field moved off to a splendid start, but they had not gone 30 yards before Rauparaha and Sedition got chopped out and they lost several lengths. Equitas set out to make the running and she raced past the stand three lengths out from Waiari and Michaeloff, then a length away came Santa Rosa, with Sedition and Rauparaha a long way back. Waiari closed up a bit in the run along the back and at the five furlong post the pair were almost on terms, while Sedition had worked his way up amongst the field and was going strong. Running across the cutting the field with the exception of Rauparaha was well bunched, and all were in it when they started to run across the top stretch. Santa Rosa and Sedition then drew out and the former had slightly the best of it when heads were in a line for home. At the distance Sedition and Ngapuka challenged and a great race to the box saw Sedition score by a neck with Ngapuka only half a length away.

Shrapnel was accorded most support in the St. Helier's Hurdles, but he never looked dangerous at any part of the journey. Prophet was early in the lead and he stayed there

throughout, winning with the greatest of ease by six lengths from Tui Cakobau, who defeated Dunborve by a length for second money. Castadrift was running second till three furlongs from home, but he was jumping badly, while Reservoir was content to run in the rear throughout.

Sir Artegal counted sufficient admirers to send him out favourite in the Buckland Handicap, with Taimainupo next choice. It was a splendid start and the field raced in a line for half a furlong when General Soult showed out in front, closely followed by Sir Artegal and Taimainupo, with the remainder close handy. General Soult continued to carry the field along and he was the first to round the bend. Once heads were fairly in a line for home Sir Artegal ranged alongside General Soult, while Buchanan brought Maheno along and a great race to the post ensued, Sir Artegal landing the stake by half a length from General Soult and Maheno, who ran a dead heat for second place. Waiata and Jena were the last to finish.

A dozen went out to contest the Tourist Handicap for which Soultoria was made favourite. Effulgence caused a long delay at the post and when the tapes went up Haku was quickly into his stride and he raced along just in front of Lady Frances with a bunched lot close up. Haku was the first to enter the straight and he led till the distance was reached when Lady Frances headed him and stalling off a strong challenge on the part of Soultoria she won by a length and a half, with Impulsive only a neck away third and All's Well fourth.

The meeting closed with the Auckland Welter 16 horses going to the post. The race was run in semi-darkness and it was impossible to distinguish the colours of the riders. Tatoo ran in front till the five furlong post, when he began to drop back and Dawn took command and from this out he had matters all his own way, winning in a canter by two lengths from Waimangu, who was a length in front of Explosive. Waitapu and Zinnia were the last to finish.

The following are the details of the racing:—

FIRST DAY.

THE TRADESMEN'S HANDICAP of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. One mile and a-quarter.

- 7—Mr. A. J. Edwards' b g Manapouri, 6yrs, by Soult—Fairytale, 7.6 (Buchanan) ..... 1
- 4—Mr. J. Muir's ch g Rauparaha, aged, 7.4 (B. Oliver) ..... 2
- 3—Mr. W. J. Barleyman's b m Miss Advance, 7.0 (C. Brown) ..... 3
- Also started: 1. Waimangu, 8.7; 5. Waitapu, 7.10; 6. Ambrosian, 7.4; 2. Regain, 6.12; 9. Freevata, 6.10; 8. Reformist, 6.10; 10. Avoca, 6.7.
- Won by a neck. Time, 2m. 10 2-5s.

THE BRIGHTON HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Two miles.

- 3—Mr. V. Bolger's br g Prophet, 5yrs, by St. Paul—Tawhiti, 9.0 (C. Cress) 1
- 4—Mr. W. S. Davidson's ch g Reservoir, aged, 10.9 (Jones) ..... 2
- 1—Mr. G. Dunnet's b g Dunborve, 10.0 (Julian) ..... 3
- Also started: 5. Te Ara, 10.6; 2. Lady Patricia, 10.6.
- Won by a head. Time, 3m. 51s.

THE GORE BROWNE HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. Six furlongs.

- 1—Mr. J. Muir's blk g Blue Garment, by Bluelight—Seamstress, 7.12 (B. Oliver) ..... 1
- 3—Mr. K. Heaton's br m Lady Frances, 6yrs, 7.10 (L. Wilson) ..... 2
- 7—Mr. J. McNicol's br g Haku, 5yrs, 7.4 (R. W. Brown) ..... 3
- Also started: 4. Impulsive, 8.7; 2. Emblem, 7.10; 8. Aristos, 7.9; 12. Kilsyth, 7.9; 13. Captain Soult, 7.3; 10. Spectre, 7.1; 9. Penwarden, 7.0; 6. Soultoria, 7.0; 5. Lady Betty, 7.0; 11. Nellus, 7.0.
- Won by three lengths. Time, 1m. 16s.

THE EASTER HANDICAP of 750sovs; second horse to receive 125sovs and third horse 75sovs out of the stake. One mile.

- 4—Mr. Te Hikaka's b h Waiari, 4yrs, by St. Paul—Thirimer, 7.13 (C. Brown) ..... 1
- 1—Mr. F. Preston's b m Equitas, 4yrs, by Advance—Muriwai, 8.9 (A. Oliver) ..... 2
- 2—Mr. W. C. Ring's b h Wauchope, 5yrs, by Freedom—Black Watch, 7.11 (H. Gray) ..... 3
- Also started: 3. Salute, 8.5; 10. Merrivonia, 8.0; 12. Uranium, 8.0; 15. Advocate, 7.13; 5. Maheno, 7.13; 11. Ngapuka, 7.12; 8. Woodhey, 7.11; 6. Taimainupo, 7.11; 15. Dawn, 7.10; 7. Santa Rosa, 7.9; 9. First Wairiki, 6.10; 14. Elegance, 6.8; 13. Ambala, 6.8.
- Won by half-a-length. Time, 1m. 40s.

THE EDEN HANDICAP of 175sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. Seven furlongs.

- 1—Mr. R. Hannon's ch m Miss Winnie, aged, by Leolantis—Winnie, 8.0 (L. Wilson) ..... 1
- 8—Mr. Dowson's b m Jena, 4yrs, 7.6 (Buchanan) ..... 2
- 6—Mr. A. H. Tapper's b m Zinnia, 4yrs, 6.9 (Bennett) ..... 3
- Also started: 7. Malora, 8.0; 5. Tatoo, 7.8; 4. Coromandel, 7.7; 2. Auldearn, 7.5;

10. Haldane, 7.4; 3. General Soult, 7.3; 9. Electrakoff, 7.2; 11. Doggerbank, 7.1.

Won by a length and a-half. Time, 1m. 28s.

THE ELLERSLIE HANDICAP of 175 sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Six furlongs.

- 4—Mr. T. H. Lowry's br c War Song, by Royal Fusilier—Cantatrice, 8.12 (L. Wilson) ..... 1
- 5—Mr. F. W. Arnold's b f Antoinette, by Soult—Miss Annie, 8.5 (H. Gray) 2
- 3—Mr. J. Cavanagh's ch f Wenonah, by Spaalpeen—Waimangu, 7.12 (Buchanan) ..... 3
- Also started: 2. Goldfinder, 8.3; 6. Solus, 7.13; 8. Princess Soult, 7.4; 1. Birkdale, 7.3; 16. Master Wairiki, 7.3; 12. Virtue, 7.2; 17. Lady Kilcheran, 7.2; 7. Doughboy, 7.0; 11. Hamadryad, 6.13; 15. Miss Ada, 6.12; 13. Veitalia, 6.12; 9. Wee Olga, 6.12; 14. His Highness, 6.12; 10. Duma, 6.12.
- Won by two lengths. Time, 1m. 16s.

THE NELSON HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. Seven furlongs.

- 3—Mr. J. J. Craig's b f Sea Elf, 3yrs, by Seaton Delaval—St. Evelyn, 8.9 (Ryan) ..... 1
- 2—Mr. F. Stenning's b m Epsom Lass, 5yrs, 8.1 (Greenwood) ..... 2
- 1—Messrs. Tooman and McHugh's br g Admiral Soult, 3yrs, 8.12 (Gray) .. 3
- Also started: 8. Prince Leo, 8.13; 6. All's Well, 7.12; 4. Fuss, 7.10; 5. Waiotahi, 7.10; 10. Lloyds, 7.9; 9. Flatfish, 7.4; 7. Monocle, 6.12.
- Won by a length and a-half. Time, 1m. 28 3-5s.

THE TRAMWAY HANDICAP of 175sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Five furlongs.

- 8—Mr. W. Davies' b g Turbine, 6yrs, by Menschikoff—Signet, 7.9 (Buchanan) ..... 1
- 4—Mr. A. J. Webber's br m Mahinga, 6yrs, 7.13 (McMillan) ..... 2
- 2—Mr. A. Peters' b g Waiata, 5yrs, 8.4 (A. Oliver) ..... 3
- Also started: 1. Sir Artegal, 8.11; 5. Tarina, 8.4; 6. Hyperion, 7.10; 7. Pairawaatu, 6.13.
- Won by three lengths. Time, 1m. 1 4-5s.

SECOND DAY.

THE STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 175 sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. One mile.

- 2—Mr. J. McNicol's ch g Tatoo, 5yrs, by Leolantis—Signet, 7.6 (R. W. Brown) ..... 1
- 4—Mr. W. Gall's b h Coromandel, 4yrs, 7.11 (B. Oliver) ..... 2
- 1—Mr. W. J. Barleyman's b m Miss Advance, 5yrs, 7.3 (C. Brown) ..... 3
- Also started: 3. Waimangu, 8.10; 6. Prince Leo, 6.8; 5. Freevata, 6.7.
- Won by two lengths and a-half. Time, 1m. 40 4-5s.

THE MANGERE HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. Six furlongs.

- 4—Mr. C. E. Major's ch f Emblem, 3yrs, by Field Battery—Vapour, 7.8 (C. Brown) ..... 1
- 3—Mr. K. Heaton's br m Lady Frances, 6yrs, 8.0 (L. Wilson) ..... 2
- 5—Mr. J. Roulston's br f Soultoria, 3yrs, 6.12 (R. W. Brown) ..... 3
- Also started: 2. Admiral Soult, 8.13; 1. Blue Garment, 8.11; 6. All's Well, 7.10; 8. Waiotahi, 7.8; 9. Caruso, 7.7; 7. Reformist, 7.1; 10. Matarere, 6.12; 11. Flying Soult, 6.12.
- Won by two lengths and a-half. Time, 1m. 16s.

THE GREAT NORTHERN CHAMPAGNE STAKES of 650sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs and third horse 50sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds. Colts, 8st 10lb; fillies, 8st 8lb; geldings, 8st 7lb. Six furlongs.

- 3—Mr. F. McManamin's br c Apellon, by Monoforn—Latona (M. Ryan) 1
- 1—Mr. T. H. Lowry's br c War Song, by Royal Fusilier—Cantatrice (L. Wilson) ..... 2
- 2—Mr. F. E. Ross' br c King Soult, by Soult—Lady Musket (Brady) ..... 3
- Also started: 4. Birkdale, 5. Goldfinder, 5. Antoinette, 8. Wee Olga, 7. Solus.
- Won by half-a-length. Time, 1m. 16 3-5s.

THE ST. GEORGE'S HANDICAP of 750 sovs; second horse to receive 125sovs and third horse 75sovs from the stake. One mile and a-quarter.

- 5—Mr. T. Barnaby's br g Sedition, 4yrs, by Soult—Did, 7.9 (A. McMillan) 1
- 3—Hon. J. D. Ormond's b m Woodhey, 5yrs, by Birkenhead—Goyt, 7.8 (Young) ..... 2
- 4—Mr. G. Robinson's blk h Santa Rosa, 4yrs, by Soult—Vieux Rose, 7.6 (Whittaker) ..... 3
- Also started: 3. Waiari, 8.12; 6. Wauchope, 7.12; 1. Merrivonia, 7.10; 7. Maheno, 7.9; 2. Ngapuka, 7.8; 11. Waitapu, 6.12.
- Won by a length and a-half. Time, 2m. 3s.

THE HUIA HANDICAP of 300sovs; second horse to receive 60sovs and third horse 25sovs from the stake. Six furlongs.

- 2—Mr. T. A. Williams' ch g Sir Artegal, 4yrs, by Stepnak—Britomarte, 7.8 (C. Brown) ..... 1
- 7. Mr. J. J. Craig's b f Sea Elf, 3yrs, 7.2 (R. W. Brown) ..... 2
- 1—Mr. Donald McLeod's br f Kakama, 3yrs, 7.12 (Brown) ..... 3
- Also started: 4. Miss Winnie, 8.8; 7. Auldearn, 7.2; 5. General Soult, 7.0; 3. Ambala, 6.7.
- Won by half-a-length. Time, 1m. 16 2-5s.

THE AUTUMN STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 300sovs; second horse to receive 60sovs and third horse 25sovs from the stake. About three miles and a-half.

- 5—Mr. C. Shaw's ch g Red McGregor, aged, by Leolantis—Jean, 9.9 (Windsor) ..... 1
- Mr. J. B. Harris' br g Cavaliero, 9.8 (Julian) ..... 2
- 2—Mr. F. Seccombe's ch g First Barrel, 9.10 (Cowan) ..... 3
- Also started: 4. Loch Fyne, 11.7; 3. Pleiades, 9.7.
- Won by half-a-length. Time, 8m. 18s.