

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

11—Mrs. S. Lennard's blk h Waimangu, 4yrs, 9.12 (Cress) ..... 2
5—Mr. R. McMiken's b g Explosive, aged, 8.4 (McMillan) ..... 3

Pretty Nell fought out a great finish, the former winning by half a head. The Stockburn Handicap provided one of the best betting races of the day, and produced a fine race.

with a brilliant run, beat him comfortably, with Queen of Spades third. The last event of the day, the Final Handicap, brought about, perhaps, the finest finish of the meeting.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

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

PENATES WINS THE EASTER HANDICAP.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

The Autumn meeting of the Canterbury Jockey Club was commenced on Easter Monday in weather which was far from pleasant. Heavy rain fell on Sunday night and continued at intervals until well in the afternoon on Monday.

SECOND DAY.

The meeting was concluded to-day under very much better conditions than prevailed on the opening day. A drying breeze considerably improved the track which was, however, still on the heavy side.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

Acceptances for the first day's racing of the Avondale Jockey Club's Autumn meeting close to-morrow (Friday) with the secretary, Mr. H. H. Hayr, at 9 p.m.

THIRD DAY.

THE MAIDEN HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. One mile and three-quarters.

The tote investments showed a heavy falling off as compared with the corresponding day last year, the respective totals being £13,379 and £17,853. Only ten bookmakers took up their stand inside, most of them, to the number of 23, preferring to do business in the outside enclosure.

The Peerswick Hurdles brought about an extremely close finish. On the strength of his win on the first day Whatakura was sent out favourite, but through he ran a good race he was beaten by a neck by Southern Cross, who was meeting him on 5lb better terms.

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8—Mr. Burgess' b g Freevata, 6yrs, 9.0 (W. Porter) ..... 2

THE ONSLOW STAKES HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs and third horse 10sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds. Five furlongs.

1—Mr. M. McLean's ch g Poictiers, by Obligado—Crecy, 7.4 (Buchanan) ... 1
2—Mr. T. Cunningham's br f Lucille, by Soult—Postmistress, 7.8 (H. Gray) ..... 2

THE GREAT NORTHERN OAKS of 350 sovs; second horse to receive 75sovs and third horse 25sovs out of the stakes. For three-year-old fillies. Weight, 8st 10lb. One mile and a-half.

4—Mr. J. J. Craig's b f Sea Elf, by Seaton Delaval—St. Evelyn (M. Ryan) 1
5—Mr. T. H. Lowry's br f Ambala, by Stepniak—Ranee Nuna (L. Wilson) 2

THE AUTUMN HANDICAP of 750sovs; second horse to receive 125sovs and third horse 75sovs from the stake. One mile and a-half.

3—Mr. T. Barnaby's br g Sedition, 4yrs, by Soult—Did, 8.5 (McMillan) ..... 1
4—Mr. G. Robinson's blk h Santa Rosa, 4yrs, by Soult—Vieux Rose, 7.8 (Whittaker) ..... 2

THE ST. HELIER'S HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs and third horse 15sovs from the stake. Two miles.

3—Mr. V. Bolger's br g Prophet, 5yrs, by St. Paul—Tawhiti, 9.9 (C. Cress) 1
6—Mr. R. W. Duder's b g Tui Kakobau, aged, 9.4 (Howard) ..... 2

THE BUCKLAND HANDICAP of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Seven furlongs.

1—Mr. T. A. Williams' ch g Sir Artegal, 4yrs, by Stepniak—Britomarte, 8.3 (C. Brown) ..... 1
3—Mr. W. Davies' br m Maheno, 5yrs, 8.1 (Buchanan) ..... \*

THE TOURIST HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Five furlongs.

3—Mr. K. Heaton's br m Lady Frances, 5yrs, by Eton—Gwendoline, 8.3 (L. Wilson) ..... 1
1—Mr. J. Roulston's br f Soultoria, 3yrs 7.0 (Gray) ..... 2

THE AUCKLAND WELTER HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. One mile.

1—Mr. W. J. Ralph's b g Dawn, 5yrs, by Birkenhead—Eos, 9.8 (S. Reid) 1

The Kildare Hurdle Handicap was reduced to three starters, Nova being scratched at the last moment on account of his rider not being provided with a skull cap. The race was a pretty one to watch, the trio, Whatakura, Southern Cross and Ratepayer, being together until well in the turn for home.

The best two-year-olds of the season contested the Champagne Stakes, for which Formby went out favourite. A fine start was effected and Formless and Madam Madcap were together just in front of Countermine. Turning into the straight Madam Madcap drew level with Formless and at the distance came away, winning easily by three lengths, while Formless beat Danube by two lengths, Formby and Sunburnt being several lengths away last.

In the Autumn Plate betting was confined to Guianforte, who was made a strong favourite, and Genius, the others being neglected. Genius took the head of affairs after a furlong had been covered and although challenged by Guianforte half way down the straight he held his own and won by three lengths. Ristori came with a late run and finished just behind Guianforte.

Husbandman was the only withdrawal from the Great Easter Handicap, the field numbering fifteen. A fairly good start was effected, Effort and Passion being unfortunate in losing a few lengths. Broadsword was first to break the line and he ran down the back at a linking pace, followed by Penates, with Federal and Kilindini at the head of the others. At the entrance to the straight Broadsword fell while leading, and the mishap interfered with the chances of several of the horses. Penates was just behind Broadsword when he fell and getting clear first soon had a commanding lead and easily holding his own won by three lengths from Prim, who finished fast from the distance, and beat Federal by a length. Silkweb, Gunboat and Tumut were next. Kilindini and Gipsy Belle were running well when Broadsword fell and both would probably have been further up at the finish.

The Russley Plate Handicap was contested by fourteen two-year-olds, Selene being sent out a strong favourite. The race is easily described as Selene led all the way and won by a length from Martine, who was a similar distance in front of True Knight.

A big Feld contested the Courtney Welter Handicap, Perle d'Or being favourite. A big surprise was sprung by an outsider in Fisticuff, who won somewhat easily by two lengths from Rose Noble, paying one of the biggest dividends ever returned at Riccarton. Horses trained by D. Roberts have frequently paid big dividends at Riccarton before. Fisticuff on one occasion returned her supporters a handsome dividend. In the Gimcrack race The Seer and

With Danube and Acrostic running in Mr. Greenwood's interests in the Autumn Nursery Handicap it was not a very difficult task to find the public favourite. Formless, who had finished in front of Danube in the Champagne Stakes, was nearly as well backed. The result proved that with better going there might have been a different tale to tell in the Champagne Stakes. Formless was smartly away and at the top of the straight was moving well in front of the field. Inside the distance Hatch brought Danube along and he won nicely from Vice Admiral who beat Formless for second place by a neck. Vice Admiral, who is full brother to Nautiform, was making his first appearance and gives promise of developing into a really high-class performer.

Doubtless the success of Mr. Greenwood's stable in this event induced the public to continue their support and in the next event, the Yaldhurst Welter, Perle d'Or was made a pronounced favourite in spite of the fact that she had run indifferently on the previous day. The full sister to Golden Slipper was always in a handy position and although at one time it looked as if Jenkins, on Rose Noble, might steal a surprise victory, Hatch got Perle d'Or going again in time to win by a head.

The next event to claim the attention was the Great Autumn Handicap, for which all fourteen acceptors went out. Diabolo's consistency in his recent efforts made him the public first choice, but there was very little to choose between him and Gold Lace, while Oiyoi was next best backed. Mr. Piper effected a splendid start from which Gunboat and Outlander were first to show out. The race was full of interest throughout for though Outlander was always in a good position there were frequent changes among the leading division. Rounding into the straight Tikitere was well clear of the field, but his effort was short-lived and at the distance Outlander was in front with Bridge in hot pursuit. A fine race saw the Ashburton representative beat Bridge by a head, while Oiyoi, who ran a great race with his substantial burden of 9.1, was only three-quarters of a length away in third place. Diabolo was fourth, with Tikitere next.

The Addington Plate, the next race on the card, enabled Sir George Clifford to find a new owner for his filly Fasnakyle, who won comfortably from The Seer and was subsequently sold to H. Friedlander for 160sovs.

The Eighteenth Challenge Stakes only served to complicate the two-year-old form, and at the same time to demonstrate what a bargain Mr. Greenwood secured when he purchased Armlet at Stead's sale for 500 guineas. As a result of her Champagne Stakes win Madam Madcap was sent out a very hot favourite, but she was beaten off the mark by Formby and when it came to racing at the finish neither had a chance with Armlet, who was a good length in front of Formby, with Madam Madcap about the same distance away third.

Penates was first fancy for the Templeton Handicap, but though at the top of the straight he looked like winning easily, weight told over the final stages and Effort, who came