

4—Mr. E. J. Watt's br c Cheddar, by Merriwee—Brown Alice, 8.7 (C. Brown) 0
 9—Mr. G. Cremer's br f Monolope, by Monoform—Antelope, 8.5 (Buchanan) 0
 Won by a length. Time, 1min 41 2-5sec.

THE WELCOME STAKES, of 300sovs. For two-year-olds. Five furlongs.
 1—Mr. Donald McLeod's br f Miss Winsome, by Soult—Winsome, 8.0 (B. Deeley) 1
 2—Mr. E. J. Watt's br c Ireland, by Kilcheran—Savanna, 8.5 (C. Brown) 2
 3—Mr. W. Lang's br f Tranquil, by Heirarch—Peace, 8.0 (Buchanan) 3
 Also started: 8 Hemisphere 8.5, 7 Master Baber 8.5, 4 Cloudy Dawn 8.2, 6 Harrigan 8.2, 5 Condamine 8.0, 9 Panthea 8.0.
 Won by a length. Time, 1min 31 1-5sec.

THE MAIDEN HURDLE RACE, of 125 sovs. One mile and a-half.
 2—Mr. J. Williamson's blk g Black Northern, 6yrs, by Salvan—Asthore, 10.2 (Cowan) 1
 3—Mr. J. Roulston's br g Delegate, aged, 9.3 (Decey) 2
 1—Mr. J. F. Pettie's br g Continuance, 5yrs, 11.9 (T. Jones) 3
 Also started: 8 Hoanga 10.13, 10 Sabre 10.2, 4 King Hippo 9.10, 5 Don Quex 9.9, 6 Paul 9.4, 11 St. Maria 9.0, 12 Neilus 9.0, 7 Seldom 9.0, 13 Miss Explosion 9.0, 9 Penfold 9.0.
 Won by three lengths. Time, 2min 51 3-5sec.

THE SHORTS HANDICAP, of 175sovs. Five furlongs.
 1—Mr. A. Hall's b g St. Bill, aged, by St. Clements—Billingsgate mare, 8.9 (W. Price) 1
 2—Mr. R. Hannon's ch m Miss Winnie, aged, 8.13 (P. Prady) 2
 7—Mr. T. Wyllie's b g Dogger Bank, aged, 8.3 (M. Ryan) 3
 Also started: 5 Turbine 9.4, 6 Emblem 8.9, 4 Kakama 8.4, 3 Blue Garment 7.12, 8 Jena 7.5, 9 Captain Soult 6.13, 12 Muskwai 6.10, 10 Frontino 6.9, 11 Mary Ann 6.7.
 Won by a neck. Time, 1min 2 3-5sec.

THE CITY HANDICAP, of 400sovs. One mile and a-quarter.
 7—Mr. N. Bank's ch m Uranium, aged, by Leolantis—Brownie, 7.9 (Whittaker) 1
 2—Mr. Lennard's blk h Waimangu, 5yrs, by Soult—Roxana, 7.10 (Conquest) 2
 5—Mr. W. G. Irwin's br g Lochbuie, aged, by Cyrenian—Sappho, 7.8 (Buchanan) 3
 Also started: 1 North-East 9.3, 9 Paisano 8.10, 3 Advocate 8.1, 4 Sea Elf 7.10, 5 Parable 7.6, 8 Admiral Soult 7.4, 10 Waitapu 6.13, 6 Coromandel 6.10.
 Won by three lengths. Time, 2min 9 4-5sec.

THE HOBSON HANDICAP, of 125sovs. Six furlongs.
 2—Mr. N. Bank's b g Kanewara, 6yrs, by Sylvia Park—Phyllis, 8.8 (P. Brady) *
 8—Mr. G. Cremer's br g Spectre, 4yrs, by Soult—Apparition, 7.2 (C. Brown) *
 6—Mr. W. Compton's br g Flying Soult, 5yrs, 8.4 (Bowden) 3
 Also started: 13 Freevata 8.6, 10 Michaeloff 8.5, 7 Peggy Pryde 7.11, 1 Maxwell 7.9, 3 Taka 7.7, 5 Lucille 7.5, 12 Master Wairiki 7.1, 16 Kuratau 7.0, 4 Prophesed 7.0, 17 Rangiora 7.0, 19 Bonnie Fishwife 7.0, 9 Vivace 7.0, 15 Urukhu 7.0, 11 Bogy 7.0, 14 Caedmon 7.0, 18 Arawa 7.0, 8 Maykoff 7.0.
 *Dead heat. Time, 1min 16 2-5sec.

THE FLYING HANDICAP of 175sovs. Seven furlongs.
 1—Mr. F. E. Ross's br m Salute, by Soult—Lady Musket, 9.3 (P. Brady) 1
 6—Mr. T. William's ch g Sir Artagal, 5yrs, 7.13 (Whittaker) 2
 4—Mr. G. Robinson's blk h Santa Rosa, 5yrs, 8.4 (Julian) 3
 Also started: 5 Iney 7.13, 3 Tama'nupo 7.13, 7 Tattoo 7.12, 8 Dazzling 7.11, 9 Zinnia 7.10, 10 Haldane 7.6, 2 Golden Loop 6.13.
 Won by a length and a-half. Time, 1min 28 3-5sec.

SECOND DAY.

Heavy rain fell throughout yesterday morning, and when noon came and rain was still falling, matters looked anything but bright for those who journeyed to Ellerslie to enjoy their racing in comfort. However, just after the first race, the rain cleared off and King Sol put in an appearance with the result that the afternoon was spent in fine weather, although a stiff breeze was blowing across the course. The course was heavy and the times slow, but the events themselves were interesting. The results are as under:—

SPRING HANDICAP of 175 sovs. One mile.
 3—F. W. Arnold's b f Antoinette, 3yrs, by Soult—Miss Annie, 7.10 (C. Brown) 1
 9—D. McLeod's Tamainupo, 6yrs, 7.7 (Deeley) 2
 4—L. Furr's Iney, 5yrs, 7.5 (Buchanan) 3
 Also started: 5 Waiari 8.5, 2 Santa Rosa 8.4, 1 Lochbuie 8.1, 7 Tattoo 7.8, 5 Admiral Soult 7.5, 8 Coromandel 6.12, 10 Bully 6.11.
 Tattoo and Antoinette were the quickest to find their legs, and the pair ran in front locked together, followed by Waiari and Lochbuie. The order was the same till they commenced to race across the top stretch, where Antoinette drew away from Tattoo, while Santa Rosa loomed up on the outside. At the distance, Antoinette had the field well beaten and finishing up her task strongly, she won easy by four lengths from Tamainupo, who finished well. Iney was two lengths further back third, just in front of a bunched lot. The race was run in a heavy downpour, and it was difficult to distinguish the colours. Time, 1min 44sec.

MANUKAU HURDLES of 175 sovs. One mile and three-quarters.
 1—J. F. Pettie's br g Continuance, 5yrs, by Sabretache—Chibouk, 10.11 (Julian) 1
 6—W. Montgomery's Hoanga, 5yrs, 9.8 (Porter) 2
 4—R. W. Duder's Tui Cakobau, aged, 9.13 (Jones) 3
 Also started: 3 Swagsman 10.5, 2 Black Northern 10.2, 5 Royal Day 9.1.
 Black Northern led at the start, but the third fence brought him to grief, and Continuance was left in charge, and the son of Sabretache, jumping in good style, led

throughout, winning by three lengths from Hoanga, with Tui Cakobau five lengths away third. Time, 3min. 23sec.

NORMANBY HANDICAP of 125 sovs. Seven furlongs.
 4—E. A. Lindsay's b c Kapanga, 3yrs, by Soult—Golden Rose, 8.10 (Deeley) 1
 5—G. Cremer's Spectre, 4yrs, 7.13 (C. Brown) 2
 3—D. Moraghan's Master Theory, 3yrs, 6.12 (Morris) 3
 Also started: 1 Solus 8.12, 7 Wenonah 8.10, 2 Flying Soult 8.4, 6 Royal News 7.7, 8 Tipua 6.12, 10 Caedmon 6.12, 11 Bonnie Fishwife 6.12, 9 Columbia 6.12.

Solus and Kapanga were the quickest away, whilst Master Theory was one of the last to move. The two leaders ran together along the back, and they were still out in front when they passed the half-mile post, where Royal News and Spectre were racing together next, just clear of Flying Soult. Solus and Kapanga were still together at the head of the straight, but Kapanga always had the race in safe keeping, and he won easily by two and a-half lengths from Spectre, with Master Theory a neck away third. Solus was fourth. Time, 1min. 31sec.

KING EDWARD MEMORIAL HANDICAP of 500 sovs. One mile and a-half.
 2—Mrs Lennard's blk h Waimangu, 5yrs, by Soult—Roxana, 7.13 (Conquest) 1
 5—T. H. Barnaby's Seditio, 5yrs, 8.13 (Whittaker) 2
 3—C. B. Oman's Paisano, aged, 8.3 (Cameron) 3
 Also started: 7 Uranium 8.8, 1 Advocate 7.11, 4 Parable 7.3, 6 Uhlendo 6.12, 8 Waitapu 6.10, 9 Dunborve 6.7.

From a good start, Uranium was the first to show out, and she led past the stand, followed by Waimangu, Dunborve, Parable, with Advocate at the rear. The order remained practically unchanged till the half-mile post was reached, except that Dunborve had retired. Four furlongs from home Uranium was still showing the way to Waimangu, with Seditio and Paisano close up. At the distance, Waimangu had Uranium well settled, but he had to stall off a strong challenge from Seditio, who ran him to a length. Paisano was two and a-half lengths away third, and Advocate fourth. Time, 2min. 40 4-5 sec.

MUSKET STAKES of 200 sovs. For two-year-olds. Four furlongs.
 1—D. McLeod's br f Miss Winsome, by Soult—Winsome, 9.2 (Deeley) 1
 7—D. McKinnon's Hemisphere, 7.10 (Ryan) 2
 2—F. Denny's Cloudy Dawn, 7.10 (Whittaker) 3
 Also started: 6 Harrigan 7.8, 5 Oboe 7.7, 5 Kaween 7.5, 4 Merci 7.5, 3 Condamine 7.2.
 Miss Winsome was quickest away, but she was steadied, and Cloudy Dawn took up the running, followed by Condamine, with the favourite third. This was the order when they turned into the straight. At the distance, Deeley let Miss Winsome go, and completely burying the opposition for pace, she ran in an easy winner by two lengths from Hemisphere, who finished well, and beat Cloudy Dawn by half-a-length for second money. Time, 52.2-5sec.

ONEHUNGA STEEPLECHASE of 200 sovs. About three miles.
 2—T. M. Bowling's ch g Antarctic, 6yrs, by Salvan—Coryphee, 11.7 (Scott) 1
 5—W. S. Davidson's Reservoir, aged, 10.6 (Thompson) 2
 1—J. Twohill's Capitol, aged, 11.8 (Julian) 3
 Also started: 8 King Hippo 10.9, 6 Whatshot 10.4, 4 First Barrel 10.2, 3 Le Beau 9.13, 7 Creusot 9.12.
 Antarctic led over the first circuit. First Barrel falling at the sod wall at the two furlongs' post, while Whatshot came down at the stone wall after negotiating the double. Antarctic was eased running along the back, and Le Beau took charge, and he was about 10 lengths in front at the top of the hill. The second fence brought him to grief, and Antarctic was left in charge. The big horse was first over the stone wall into the straight, and he won very easily by four lengths from Reservoir, who defeated Capitol by 100 yards for second money. The others were a long way back. Time, 6min. 18sec.

MAIDEN PLATE of 125 sovs. One mile and a-quarter.
 1—W. J. Brown's br g Regain, 5yrs, by Regal—Nikau, 8.1 (Price) 1
 11—B. T. Hawkin's Master Wairiki, 3yrs, 6.10 (Stockley) 2
 12—A. Alley's Waiotahi, 6yrs, 7.2 (Pell) 3
 Also started: 5 Freevata 7.13, 3 Michaeloff 7.10, 7 Escamillo 7.12, 4 Duma 7.6, 2 Maxwell 7.3, 13 Scotch 7.0, 8 Maroon and Black 7.0, 7 Hamadryad 6.12, 6 Monolope 6.10, 9 Monolope 6.10, 14 Master William 6.10, 10 Sinn Fein 6.10.
 Regain was the quickest away, and he led past the stand, followed by Master Wairiki, but along the back stretch the latter showed in front, and the pair cleared right out from the field. Regain closed on Master Wairiki when they raced across the top, but once in a line for home, Regain quickly settled his opponent and cantered in a winner by a length. Waiotahi was about 10 yards away third, just in front of a bunched field, of which Monolope and Duma were prominent. Time, 2min. 13sec.

EPSOM HANDICAP of 175 sovs. Six furlongs.
 4—D. McLeod's br m Kakama, 4yrs, by Soult—Winsome, 7.13 (Deeley) 1
 2—T. A. William's Sir Artagal, 5yrs, 8.1 (Brown) 2
 7—E. J. Macmanemin's Apellon, 3yrs, 7.10 (Ryan) 3
 Also started: 1 Salute 9.12, 8 Turbine 8.6, 3 Emblem 8.4, 5 Blue Garments 7.8, 6 Jena 6.13, Turbine was the quickest away, Emblem and Salute getting chopped out. Turbine showed the way through the cutting, and across the top, followed by Blue Garment, with Kakama, Jena, and Sir Artagal next. Turbine was done with after entering the straight, and Kakama shot to the front, and easily stalling off Sir Artagal, won nicely by two lengths, with Apellon half-a-length away third. Salute was fourth. Time, 1min. 18sec.
 During the afternoon the sum of £10,556 was handed at the machines, a decrease of £4,214 compared with the second day last year. This makes £23,199 for the two days.

Solus ran a fair race in the Guineas and should always be hard to beat when the company is not too strong.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

CUP DAY AT RICCARTON.

BRIDGE WINS THE CUP.

EQUITAS THE STEWARDS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

The New Zealand Cup day turned out beautifully fine, and the crowd was the largest seen at Riccarton since Exhibition year. The racing was full of interest and some excellent performances were put up.

Chief interest, of course, centred on the Cup, which proved one of the best contests in the history of the race. The pace was made a cracker from the start, but when it came to the final pinch the two best conditioned horses in the race, from the public standpoint, fought out the finish, and established a new record for the race.

The winner, Bridge, looked a ball of muscle, as did Diabolo, while Kopu created a great surprise in getting into third place, especially after his poor form on the tracks.

The totalisator investments amounted to £27,472, as against £24,943 on Cup day last year. Fifty-three bookmakers were on the course, and their fees amounted to £736 10s.

Racing commenced with the Spring Hurdle Handicap, for which there were ten starters. Reumac, after being in front practically all the way, gained a somewhat easy victory. He was well handled by W. Young, who has made quite a reputation lately as a successful rider of jumpers. Reumac is bred on good lines, being by Explosion—Stepfast, who is a half sister to Elevation, Provocation and other good horses. The Otago horse, Coy, finished well, but Aorang, the favourite was hopelessly beaten half a mile from home. Southern Cross shaped well on the flat, but spoil any chance he might have had by faulty jumping.

Ten of the twelve starters for the Spring Plate were three-year-olds. Dearest, who is a full sister to Master Soult, started smartly and was never headed, though she had very little to spare by the time the winning post was reached. As a two-year-old she had no form to recommend her, but prior to going to Riccarton she had run several good races in the North Island this season. Judged on her display on Saturday she is a smart galloper. Birkdale and Vice-Admiral were not well placed in the early part of the race, but they finished strongly. Pilgrim's Way and Domino also showed up prominently in the straight, but Colleen Mary and True Knight drouned out quickly after helping to force the pace for half a mile.

Humming Bird, another three-year-old, carried off the honours in the Riccarton Welter Handicap, but only after putting in a fine run over the last two furlongs. It is evident that she is much better than her form in the North Island suggested was the case. She is a half sister to Renown, a Canterbury Derby winner, and one of the few horses that could claim a victory over the speedy Menschikoff. Chief Lochiel, who finished second to Humming Bird, registered a good performance, especially when it is borne in mind that this was his first race for twelve months. At one stage it looked as if Swimming Belt would have a runaway victory, but he put up a very poor fight at the finish.

The New Zealand Cup next claimed attention. Sir Antrim and Cullinan declining their engagements at the eleventh hour.

Bridge and Diabolo, who were well backed right from the time the nominations appeared, held their own to the finish, and went out first and second favourites respectively. Ingoda and Los Angeles coming next in demand.

A fine start was effected, and when the field settled down the colours of Cronstadt, Martist, Ingoda, Merriwa and Los Angeles were prominent. Passing the stand Cronstadt led the field and at Cutt's he was just clear of Martist and Merriwa.

At the mile post Los Angeles ran through and joined Cronstadt in the lead, four lengths clear of Martist, Merriwa, Outlander, Kopu, Bridge and Diabolo. A little further on Los Angeles drew out a length from Cronstadt, with Kopu, Bridge and Diabolo at the head of the others.

Before reaching the half mile post Cronstadt dropped back suddenly, and Los Angeles showed the way round the home turn from Kopu, after whom came Diabolo and Bridge.

Los Angeles was the first into the straight, followed by Kopu, but at the distance Bridge and Diabolo joined in. A hundred yards from home, Bridge and Diabolo had the other pair in difficulties, Bridge eventually beat-

ing Diabolo by a length and a-half. Two lengths away Kopu beat Los Angeles by a neck, with Taskmaster four lengths away, followed by Merriwa, Outlander, Cronstadt and Lawn, with Ingoda, Sandstream and Martist some distance away last. Time, 3min. 25sec.—an Australasian record.

Bridge's time in the New Zealand Cup constitutes a new Australasian record. It has apparently only once been beaten. The fastest time credited to a horse in a public performance over two miles in any British Country is 3min. 19 3-5sec., that being the time in which Pradella won the Ascot Stakes on June 19, 1906. The next best time recorded in the usual publications is Princess Florizel's 3 min. 25 1-5sec, run at Newcastle, England, on June 28, 1905. The best American record is reported to be Judge Denny's 3min. 26 1/2sec, run in California, on February 12, 1908. The best Australasian record prior to Bridge's great performance on Saturday was Tartan's at Randwick, on April 24, 1905.

The Stewards' Handicap was contested by a field of 20, Boanerges and Equitas being most heavily backed. From a fairly good start Sea King was quickest to begin, but at the end of a furlong Equitas and Kohinoor had run to the front and they piloted the field round the turn with Gipsy Belle at the head of the others. Kohinoor lost his place on reaching the straight, and Equitas went on well clear of Gipsy Belle. At the distance the field closed up. Obsono, Wauchope and Bliss putting in a strong run. Equitas held her own to the finish, however, and won by nearly two lengths from Obsono, who was a neck in front of Bliss, with Maori King a head away followed by Gipsy Belle, Kohinoor and Wauchope. Time, 1min. 14 2-5 sec. Equitas had been doing some smart gallops on the tracks since her return to New Zealand from Australia, and I think I am quite safe in saying she is one of the smartest mares racing in New Zealand to-day.

The big classic two-year-old event of the year, the Welcome Stakes, next claimed attention. There were seven starters, including Peirenc, Culprit, Masterpiece and Miscout, who had won at earlier spring meetings. Orton was badly left at the start, Miscout and Culprit getting well away, this pair were always in front and in a good finish the Charlemagne filly won by a neck.

DERBY DAY.

DANUBE SCORES.

Derby day turned out fine and the crowd on the lawn and outside was quite as large as on any previous Derby Day. The racing was of an interesting character throughout, some of the finishes being close and exciting.

The "Times" had a very interesting account of the racing, from which I cull the following.

A start was made with the Middle-ton Hurdles Handicap, in which eight of the first day's competitors were again in evidence, with Master Paul as a fresh aspirant for honours. Following his usual custom, Master Paul rushed to the front at the start and set a very merry solid pace, but his condition gave out before the straight was reached. At this stage five of the others were almost on terms, but Xavier easily held his opponents in the run home, thus compensating his owner for the bad luck experienced on the first day, when he fell. Coy again ran well, and Gold Bird, who also fell on the first day, finished up strongly. Reumac shaped in good style, but the weight stopped him at the finish.

The Criterion Handicap attracted a field of 13, but the issue lay between Gipsy Belle and Theodore all the way, Theodore gradually overhauling his rival and winning in the last stride. The winner, who was bred by Mr. H. M. Campbell, is by Merriwee—Heavenly Twin, who is full sister to the New Zealand Cup winner Canteen. Theodore showed smart form as a two-year-old on the strength of which he was purchased by Mr. E. J. Watt, but he did not race up to expectations last season, his sole success being gained in a sprint race at Woodville. His running yesterday, however, was attractive, as he had a good field behind him.

The Epsom High Weight Handicap, for which there were seventeen starters served to emphasise the merit of Dearest's victory on the first day, as she had a comfortable win, and it is now clear that she is a filly of more than ordinary merit. Morecombe, who was making his first appearance at the meeting, ran a good race, and Obsono showed that his Stewards' Handicap form was correct by occupying a good position all the way and finishing in third place.