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RACING CALENDAR.

SEASON 1910-11.

FIXTURES.

Dec. 8—Waitara R.C. Annual
 Dec. 8—Morven R.C. Annual
 Dec. 23, 26 and 27—Manawatu R.C. Summer
 Dec. 26, 29 and Jan. 2 and 3—Auckland R.C. Summer
 Dec. 26 and 27—Taranaki J.C. Christmas
 Dec. 26 and 27—Reefton J.C. Midsummer
 Dec. 31 and Jan. 2—Greymouth J.C. Midsummer
 Jan. 2 and 3—Hawke's Bay J.C. Summer
 Jan. 2 and 3—Wairarapa R.C. Summer
 Jan. 13 and 14—Whangarei R.C. Annual

NOMINATIONS.

Dec. 9—Wairarapa R.C. Summer
 Dec. 9—Hawke's Bay J.C. Summer
 Dec. 12—Greymouth J.C. Midsummer (second day)
 Dec. 29—Whangarei R.C. Annual

WEIGHTS ARE DUE.

Dec. 9—Manawatu R.C. Summer
 Dec. 9—Auckland R.C. Summer
 Dec. 16—Hawke's Bay J.C. Summer
 Dec. 17—Wairarapa R.C. Summer
 Jan. 5—Whangarei R.C. Annual

ACCEPTANCES.

Dec. 9—Taranaki J.C. Christmas
 Dec. 12—Greymouth J.C. Midsummer
 Dec. 14—Reefton J.C. Midsummer
 Dec. 16—Manawatu R.C. Summer
 Dec. 16—Auckland R.C. Summer
 Dec. 22—Wairarapa R.C. Summer
 Dec. 23—Hawke's Bay J.C. Summer
 Jan. 10—Whangarei R.C. Annual

SECOND PAYMENTS.

Dec. 16—Manawatu Cup

SUBSCRIPTION.

Dec. 16—A.R.C. Auckland Cup, G.N. Foal Stakes, Derby and Royal Stakes
 Dec. 20—Manawatu Cup
 Jan. 2—A.R.C. Auckland Plate

TURF TOPICS.

Racing at Waitara and Morven this afternoon.

Nominations for the summer meeting of the Wairarapa Racing Club close to-morrow.

Nominations for the Hawke's Bay J.C. Summer Meeting close to-morrow (Friday), with the secretary of the club.

Handicaps for the minor events to be decided upon the opening day of the A.R.C. meeting, are due to appear to-morrow.

Weights for the Manawatu R.C. meeting will appear on Friday.

Only 13 horses accepted for the Auckland Cup on Friday, which can hardly be termed satisfactory.

There are many who contend that Bootle is the best of the Karamu two-year-olds, but the Hon. J. D. Ormond prefers Miscount to run for him in the Great Northern Foal Stakes. Bootle figures amongst other events at the meeting.

Judging by the field remaining in the Great Northern Foal Stakes, after the final payment, we can look forward to a grand contest.

News comes from Karangahake of the death of Landlock, who, while being schooled, fell and broke his neck. Landlock was a galloper of no mean order, and won many good races, including the A.R.C. Summer Cup two years in succession, 1905, and 1906. Landlock was an aged gelding by Flintlock—Dreamland, and in his best days was owned by Mr G. Tuck, and trained by C. Coleman at Ellerslie. A couple of years ago Landlock was tried at hurdle racing, but he was many removes from a good horse at this branch of the game.

The defection of Birkdale from the Cup on Friday was another knock to those backers who like to get in early. The son of Birkenhead was looked upon as a certain starter after his victory in the St. Andrew's Handicap at Feilding.

Handicaps for the Trial, Robinson, Nursery, and Christmas Handicap, to be decided on the opening day at Ellerslie, are due to appear to-morrow (Friday).

W. Mobberley had to ease his colt, Cloudy Dawn, up in his work. The colt had an attack of colic, but is now well again.

Paisano is going along favourable on the tracks at Ellerslie, and the bay son of Strowan should strip one of the fittest horses at Ellerslie in a couple of weeks' time.

Dunborve still remains in the Cup, but he looks to be right out of his class, and perhaps he would be more at home in a hurdle race.

After winning the Te Awamutu Cup on Saturday, a protest was lodged against the stake going to Miss Livonia, on the grounds that the mare had run inside a post. The stewards, after consideration, upheld the protest, and the race was awarded to Montpellier.

In each of his races at Feilding, the Auckland bred gelding, John, was running on at the end, and that being so, the extra distance in the Cup should be all in his favour.

Arawa, who won the Vauxhall Handicap at Takapuna, followed this up by scoring again at Te Awamutu on Saturday.

The Auckland Cup favourite, Kopu, has arrived at Ellerslie, in charge of his trainer, J. Munn. So far as appearances go there is nothing wrong with Kopu's condition.

Reports from the South concerning Danube are all favourable, and there appears every likelihood of Martian's son being on hand to contest the Great Northern Derby on New Year's Day.

Guidwife has produced a foal to Soult. This is probably the last of the Soult's and makes 34 youngsters, who claim St. Simon's son as their parent this season.

The ex-Aucklander, Aimwell, is doing good toil at Wairarapa, but he fails to reproduce his track form, where the colours are up.

According to reports, Polymorphous was badly left in the Feilding Stakes, but was coming along in great style over the last furlong, and only missed gaining second honours by a neck. Polymorphous may be brought to Auckland to contest the Royal Stakes.

Tumut is showing signs of shoulder lameness and is consequently spelling.

War Song is reported to be doing well under his owner, Mr. W. Lonergan's, care at Hastings.

The retirement from the racecourse of Armet is announced. During her career the daughter of Menschikoff started in 33 races, winning 14 of a value of £6,264. She was purchased at the Stead disposal sale for 500gns. by Mr. G. D. Greenwood, who won 10 races with the brilliant mare.

Although Sir Artegal failed to run into a place at Takapuna, there are many who anticipate that Stepniak's son will be seen in a more prominent position at Ellerslie.

While riding a chestnut, by St. Peter, on Thursday morning, the well-known horseman Mark Ryan, was thrown and trampled upon, the result being a couple of broken ribs. Much sympathy is felt for Ryan, as the accident may prevent him from riding at the Cup meeting.

There were only three starters in the hurdles at Te Awamutu, and of the trio two fell, leaving Seldom to come in on his own. The winner also was nearly down at one of the fences.

Formby appears to have lost all form. He was first away in the Feilding Stakes, but was done with at the end of half a mile and finished a long way back.

The favourite combination for the Cup and Railway is Kopu and Turbine, and the best price on offer about this combination is 25 to 1.

Perle d'Or is receiving plenty of support for the Railway, and she has been supported with each of the favourite selections in the Cup.

After his treble victory at Takapuna, there are many who will not hear of Turbine's defeat in the Railway. However, admitting that his performances were brimful of merit, I will be quite prepared to see Salute finish in front of him in the Railway.

The Native continues in a winning vein, and two more hurdle races fell to his credit at Feilding.

The win of Provocation in the Feilding Stakes was a pleasing item, as his owner, Mr W. E. Bidwill, has not been having the best of luck for some time. It is stated that the champion is to be brought to Ellerslie to contest the Royal Stakes, and his appearance will be eagerly looked forward to.

A "Sport," writing from Karangahake, says:—On Saturday afternoon last Mr J. Gallagher, aged 57, better known as "Hobart Town Jack," ran from Karangahake to Paeroa and back, a distance of nine miles, in one hour 12 minutes. He then endeavoured to do the nine miles under the hour, but failed, and he now issues a challenge to run any man, 50 years or over, in New Zealand, for £20 aside.

The Porirua trainer, Jos. Prosser, will probably bring a team of six to battle for him at the A.R.C. Summer Meeting.

In India it is reckoned that nothing outside of one of the recent importations has any chance of beating Fizz in this year's Viceroy's Cup.

Waimangu, despite the fact that he beat both Sedition and Advocate in the King Edward Memorial Handicap at Ellerslie last month, has very few admirers for the Cup. The black horse is not overburdened with weight and fit and well on Boxing Day would beat more than would beat him. There is no doubt about his pace, while he also runs like a stayer.

Dunborve, Manapouri and Prophet still remain in the Cup, but it hard to see where either of the trio have any chance of winning.

Birkdale has incurred a 7lb penalty for the Railway Handicap, and his weight in the event is now 8.0.

None of the horses engaged in the Cup have yet incurred a penalty for the event.

King Soult dropped out of both Cup and Railway on Friday, his connections evidently preparing to wait for the Derby.

The New Zealand-bred Saltare (Stepniak—Reel) was among the winners at the Epsom (Victoria) meeting on November 19.

A Wellington follower of racing received a pleasant surprise last week in the shape of a cheque from the Canterbury Jockey Club. While at the New Zealand Cup meeting the recipient of the cheque backed Culprit and another horse in the same race, and after Culprit won, he was talking to a friend and carelessly tore up the Culprit ticket in mistake for the worthless one. He informed the secretary of the club, and was told to put his claim in writing, and it would be considered. Later he gave the club a letter of indemnity against future claims on the unpresented ticket, and has now received a cheque for the amount of the dividend.

With the Cup just on a fortnight off the doings of the Cup and Railway candidates will be read with interest.

Miss Winsome is doing well on the tracks, and her meeting with the Southerners in the Great Northern Foal Stakes is being looked forward to. Her stable mate Malwa is also doing well.

D. Bannatyne had Spectre, Harri-gan and Monolope battling for him at Takapuna, but neither of the trio succeeded in getting into the money.

A combination receiving strong support for the Cup and Railway is Bridge and Perle d'Or.

Carlyle continues to pay his way on the other side, his latest victory being a steeplechase at Victoria Park.

Acceptances for the Taranaki J.C. Xmas meeting fall due to-morrow.

The New Zealand-bred Masonic, by Kilcheran from Purity, who won the Park Stakes at the Hawkesbury spring meeting, secured the Epsom Handicap at the Bendigo J.C. spring fixture last week. Late Hours was favourite for this event, and was beaten by a short neck only. Another New Zealand representative in Advantage won the Epsom Plate on the opening day.

A novel wager has recently been made in a Wellington club (says the "Dominion"), the parties to the affair being two well-known racing men, and the sum at stake is £200. The conditions of the bet are that a Wellington owner selects a pedestrian to beat a horse on the road to Auckland and back to Wellington again in February next. The horse may be ridden by the lightest weight available, and may go any pace, while the man will not be restricted to walking. It is understood that the horse selected will probably be a "musterer," while the man selected to defend the other side of the bet may be a well-known champion—at least, the backer hopes to secure the services of such a man. Both rider and pedestrian will be allowed the services of a man on a motor cycle, to convey information as to the position of their opponents. Experience of previous similar contests is said to favour the pedestrian, as it has been found that horses "crack up" on the roads under the conditions.

A Wellington writer gives the following account of the Feilding Stakes:—Then came the classic event, the Fifth Feilding Stakes, and naturally much interest centred in the candidates. Provocation held quite a levee, and he certainly looked well, as did Gipsy Belle, who carried a little more money than Mr. Bidwill's champion. Formby appeared a bit too big, while the commoner of the party was Excel, who wore the rogue's badge and looked rather out of place in such a race. There was some delay at the post owing to the anxiety of Hermia's rider to get a flying start. It was not too good a despatch. Formby, Provocation and Gipsy Belle having the best of matters. Before they had gone a furlong the three were together, nearly three lengths ahead of Hermia, while Polymorphous and Madam Madcap were several lengths back. Before the straight was reached, Formby commenced to fall back. Provocation turned the home bend a length ahead of Gipsy Belle, and holding his own up the straight, won without any apparent effort by two lengths from Gipsy Belle. Polymorphous put in a wonderful run from the distance, getting to within a neck of Gipsy Belle. Formby was two lengths off fourth, followed by Hermia, Madam Madcap and Excel. The win was well received, the band playing "See the Conquering Hero Comes" as the horses returned to the enclosure, and Mr. Bidwill was warmly congratulated on his run of bad luck being changed at last. Gipsy Belle ran a good race, but Formby is evidently not the colt he was.