

finish of the Railway. Theodore and Gipsy Belle can each register fast time for six furlongs, while Miss Winnie, Perle d'Or, Tenterhook and St. Toney can also muster up plenty of pace.

The acceptances are given below:—

THE AUCKLAND CUP of 2000sovs; second horse to receive 400sovs and third horse 200sovs out of the stake. The winner of any flat race or flat races after the declaration of weights of the value of 100sovs to carry 3lb, 200sovs 5lb, 300sovs 7lb, and 500sovs 10lb penalty. Two miles.

Table with 2 columns: Name and st. lb. Entries include Diabolo, Bridge, Sedition, Kopu, Waimangu, Sir Prize, Palsano, John, Advocate, Manapouri, Prophet, Dunborne, Goldfinder.

THE RAILWAY HANDICAP of 650sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs and third horse 50sovs out of stake. Winner of any flat race or races after declaration of weights of the value of 100sovs to carry 3lb, 200sovs 5lb, 300sovs 7lb, and 500sovs 10lb penalty. Six furlongs.

Table with 2 columns: Name and st. lb. Entries include Salute, Theodore, Gipsy Belle, Turbine, Birkdale, Miss Winnie, Kakama, Wauchope, Perle d'Or, Tamainupo, St. Toney, Tenterhook, Countermine, Tanekaha, Hohungatahi, Urukehu.

THE GRAFTON HURDLE RACE of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs and third horse 15sovs out of stake. Winner of any hurdle race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb penalty. Over eight flights of hurdles. Two miles.

Table with 2 columns: Name and st. lb. Entries include Taura, Continuance, E'dy Patricia, Birk Northern, Swagsman, Hoanga, Tui Cakobau, Reservoir, Delegate, Royal Day, Spectre, Omati.

THIRTY-SEVENTH GREAT NORTHERN DERBY. One mile and a-half.

- List of entries for the Great Northern Derby, including Mr. D. Buick's br f Fawhne, Mr. F. W. Arnold's b f Antoinette, Mr. W. S. Davidson's br c Goldfinder, etc.

GREAT NORTHERN FOAL STAKES. Six furlongs.

- List of entries for the Great Northern Foal Stakes, including Mr. G. D. Greenwood's b f Peirene, Mr. G. D. Greenwood's Orton, Mr. W. S. Davidson's b c Sylverlyte, etc.

SIXTEENTH ROYAL STAKES. Six furlongs.

- List of entries for the Sixteenth Royal Stakes, including Mr. W. E. Bidwill's b c Provocation, Mr. F. W. Arnold's b f Antoinette, Sir Geo. Clifford's ch c Sharpshooter, etc.

- List of entries for the second day of the Sixteenth Royal Stakes, including Mr. F. E. Ross' br c King Soult, Mr. C. J. Parker's b c Treize, Mr. C. J. Parker's b f Our Queen, etc.

Racing Reviewed

FEILDING JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Ideal weather favoured the Feilding Jockey Club last week, when the Club brought off their spring gathering. The meetings provided by this energetic body are always a favourite with racegoers and the consequence was that a large attendance assembled to take part in the outing, amongst the number being prominent sportsmen from all parts of the Dominion. The racing was good and interesting throughout, but the problem of selecting winners was a difficult one for backers. Three actual first favourites finished in front on the opening day and two on the last day and from this, it will be seen that backers had considerably the worst of the deal. Betting at the machine was almost equal to last year, there being a small decrease of £12 last week.

In the opening event, the Flying, backers went for Equitas the second choice being Full Rate. The latter was quickly out in front, and here he remained till the end, winning by a length and a-half from Tenterhook, who was well up throughout. Mulga Bill was a fair third, while Equitas finished well after getting a poor start.

True Knight, by Sir Laddo-Purity, hailing from Sir Geo. Clifford's stable counted most admirers in the Aorangi Hack, and he won nicely with the second choice, Kilosteri, second and Kauroa, who would have returned a big price, third. Plantation was well supported, but was never dangerous.

The chief event, the St. Andrew's Handicap, attracted nine runners, but the company was not too strong, and Birkdale, he Karamu three-year-old was a strong order. John who races consistently, was second choice. The race calls for very little description, as Birkdale was in front a long way from home, and won with Oliver sitting still on him, by a length and a-half from Sandstream, who together with John finished well.

Backers made The Native favourite in the Waituna Hurdles, and the black gelding had the race won at any part. Hydrant showed a return to form, by running second, but he had a good one to beat in The Native, who should win more races for his owner.

Merry Lawn was favourite in the Hack Hurdles, but he cut up badly and never looked like winning. Canadian and Howler carried on the running till approaching the last obstacle, when Waterworks took charge and he looked all over a winner. However, Canadian was not done with and finishing strongly he just got up in time to win by a head.

Then came the Feilding Stakes, each of the seven candidates being eagerly scanned as they came down to do their preliminary. Gipsy Belle looked really well and she finished up favourite with Provocation, who had not sported silk for some time, second choice. Formby was the quickest away, but at the half distance Provocation was in front and entering the straight with a clear lead he won comfortably by two lengths from Gipsy Belle. Polymorphous, who received all he worst of the start was only a neck away third, after putting in a fine run. Formby cut up badly.

Sharpshooter was favourite in the Kiwitea Welter, but he never finished in the first three. First Mate, the outsider of the field, went to the front at the straight entrance and won easily. The winner is by Bluejacket who won two Auckland Cups in succession, as did also Nelson and All Red.

Ngatiruanui was favourite in the Fitzroy Hack, but he was unplaced. Vibration appeared to have the race won when W. Price brought Merry Frank with a rattle and snatched a victory on the post.

SECOND DAY.

Vibration, upon whom Meagher rode a poor finish the first day, had Oliver on his back on the second day, and won the Nikau Hack, for which he was a staunch favourite, easily. Merry Frank was second favourite and finished in front of the others.

Sandstream carried most money in the Manchester Handicap, with Mendip second choice. The latter, well handled by Gray, was always in a good position and won comfortably by a length from John, with Teotane

third. The favourite finished well and was just outside a place.

The Native, despite a rise of nearly two stone, again won the Hurdles, for which backers entrusted him with most coin. Hydrant was again runner up, but had no chance with the winner. The second favourite, Waterworks, was last all the way.

Merry Lawn showed a big improvement on his first day's running, by winning the Rongatea Hurdles comfortably from Canadian and Claremont who filled the places.

An outsider in Patrobus, won the Welter Hack from Mallet and True Knight, the latter being favourite. Patrobus should score again before long.

Allurement was favourite in the Hack Scurry, but the winner turned up in Jackpin, ridden by W. Ryan. San Pluie and The Rover filled the places.

The programme concluded with the Railway Welter, Sharpshooter again being made favourite, but he let his supporters down badly, the winner turning up in Lady Menschikoff, who won by a length from Bunkum, with Marton third. Lady Menschikoff's victory came as a surprise as she had failed badly in the York Stakes earlier in the day.

Problem (by St. Hippo—Ellerslie), the dam of Solution, has this season thrown a colt to Positano. At the dispersal of the late Mr G.G. Stead's stud in 1908, Problem was bought by Mr. S. Green, owner of the Shipley Stud (Victoria), for 750 guineas.

Balgowan has been sold through Messrs. William C. Yuille and Co., to go to India. It is to be hoped his new owner will have better luck with Balgowan than Mr. Macdonald had.

Storey (by Dorchester), who was purchased by the Sultan of Johore, after winning the last A.J.C. Doncaster Handicap, recently carried 10st. 7lb. to victory in the chief event of the day at a meeting in his dominion.

The American breeder—Messrs. J. B. Haggin and J. R. Keene—gave the Argentine market a fair testing recently. The horses they shipped to the Republic were submitted to auction at Buenos Aires, and Mr Haggin's batch of 25 two-year-olds brought a total of £2,784 12s, or an average of £111 7s 6d; 25 yearlings, £2,936 19s, an average of £117 10s; and a further batch of 24 yearlings £1,681 2s, an average of £70. Altogether 74 were sold for £7,402 13s, an average of slightly over £100. Among the second batch was the stallion Sir Hampton, by Watercross—Lizzie Hampton (imp.), by Hampton, who brought £192 10s. Mr Keene's drafts included 12 brood mares, among whom the stallions St. Simon, Disguiser, Commando, Domino, Hindoo, Pepper and Salt, Kingston, and Ben Brash were represented. They were sold at prices ranging from £78 15s to £612 10s, or an average of £233 6s 10d. A dozen yearling colts brought £2,666 18s, an average of £222 5s; 33 yearling fillies brought an aggregate of £5,193 4s, an average of £157 7s; and 10 two-year-olds realised £2,476 5s, an average of £247 12s 6d. Altogether Mr Keene's draughts brought £10,459 9s for 55 lots, an average of £199 6s.

Herb. Price, the well-known mercer and tailor, 54 Willis-street, Wellington, intends giving two more 18ct. gold chronometers to the most successful jockeys over the fences and on the flat for the season 1910-11.*

INTER-PROVINCIAL

CANTERBURY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CHRISTCHURCH, December 6.

Diabolo and Advocate are the ruling favourites in Christchurch for the Auckland Cup, while Theodore and Turbine are the two most fancied horses in the Railway Handicap.

There will be quite a small army of Riccarton-trained horses racing at the Auckland Summer Meeting. So far as I can gather the contingent will comprise Sharpshooter, Perle d'Or, Danube, Pereine, Orton, Culprit, Countermine, Tenterhook, Miss Mischief, and True Knight.

It is stated that Culprit will be the only representative of W. G. and G. L. Stead at Auckland, and that Sunburnt will do battle for the gold jacket and black cap at the Manawatu meeting. This pair showed up very prominently at the New Zealand Cup meeting, and being in best of condition, should be seen to advantage in their Christmas and New Year engagements.

The Finland mare Busyland, by Finland—Busybody, has won three races and a second out of four starts during the past month. She won both her races at Hororata very easily, beating among others Merry Lass, Harvest, Pretty Nell, Ideate, Queen of Spades, and Clanmena.

Grand Slam, full-brother to the New Zealand Cup winner, Bridge, is running well at present. He had it all his own way at Hororata meeting, when he won the Welter Handicap, but failed to gain a place in the Cup, won by Aunt Sally. This filly is by Royal Artillery—Gipsy Girl, is capable of winning in better company later on.

Armamento, a Dunedin Cup winner, started in three races at Hororata, getting third in two races and unplaced in the other. He is evidently a back number.

The Christchurch Racing Club will hold its summer meeting, extending over two days, on December 16 and 17. Rose Noble, Outlander, Prim, Maritime, All Guns, Coroniform, Lady Reina, Medallist, and Formless are engaged in the principal events, which should instal them with more than ordinary amount of interest.

I hear that V. Cotton has been engaged as private trainer to H. Whitney, and that he will leave for Wellington in a few days to take charge of Whatakura, Mediterranean, Turna, and Odessa.

Tribulation, who broke down during the Cup meeting, was shipped home last week.

A big commission was worked in Christchurch over Provocation in the Fifth Feilding Stakes. Some of the wires stated that the colt was so well that he could not possibly lose the race. Several local backers went in for a plunge from twenty up to one hundred being freely splashed about.

L. Wilson, who had his leg broken when Cullinan fell in the Otaito Plate, has been able to leave the Christchurch hospital.

Kilwinning, Formless, and Windgus have resumed work. The first-named is looking really well after his lengthy spell, but it will be some time before he is thoroughly fit to race.

W. O. Rutherford has decided to give up racing, and all his horses in training, with the exception of Tremble, whom Rutherford presented to his trainer, J. A. Bridges, have been sent home. Tremble is a son of Treadmill, and if well placed, should pay his way, as he is in good form at present.

Husbandman is once again in active work. If he stands up to it, he should play a prominent part in some of the big handicaps to be decided shortly.

Ingoda, who was given a run in the paddock after her engagements at the Cup meeting, has rejoined W. Clarke's active brigade.

HAWKE'S BAY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

NAPIER, December 5.

The Hawke's Bay Jockey Club Metropolitan Committee met at Hastings on Friday. Present: Messrs G. Hunter (chairman), L. de Pelichet, F. Logan, J. C. McVay, E. J. Watt, H. M. Campbell, T. E. Crosse, M. E. Baird, J. E. McIvor, C. L. Mackersey, G. P. Donnelly, W. J. Douglas, and F. Armstrong.

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