

ruary 22nd and 23rd, stakes £1510; Poverty Bay Turf Club, February 9th and 10th, stakes £1210; Dannevirke Racing Club, March 8th and 9th, stakes £1600; Te Karaka Racing Club, January 2nd.

Licenses granted: Apprentice, H. Stowe; trainers, H. Moore, W. Kirk, R. Smyth; gentlemen riders, Messrs. J. S. Wilson, D. McKenzie, Rangl Moa, J. S. Loddell, M. Andrews, J. Tracey, Martin Sophia, E. McIvor.

H. Spratt, owner of Mendip, appealed against the decision of the Dannevirke Racing Club in awarding the stakes to Vi in the Dannevirke Handicap on November 16th, on the ground that the rider of Vi did not draw the weight when weighing in. The following resolution was carried: "We, the Metropolitan Committee of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club, having considered the evidence of the appeal of H. Spratt against the decision of the Dannevirke Racing Club in awarding the stake to Vi in the Dannevirke Racing Club Handicap on November 16th, uphold the appeal and order the Dannevirke Racing Club to pay the stakes to H. Spratt, owner of the horse Mendip, placed second by the judge in that race." The Chairman drew attention of the committee to a statement made by Mr Ross, M.P. for Pahiatua, when the discussion upon the petition of Mrs Trewick, of Palmerston North, in regard to the payment of dividend on three totalisator tickets, which she claims to have purchased on a winning horse at the Woodville Jockey Club's February meeting. Mr Ross stated that the Metropolitan Committee was primarily responsible for having wrongly advised the Woodville Club. No advice was given to the Woodville Club by the Metropolitan Committee, who had no power under the rules to give advice, even had it been asked for. Further than this, the Metropolitan Committee, have no power to vary or review any decision given by a country club in any dispute or question affecting the payment of totalisator dividends, the Rules of Racing providing that the decision of the stewards shall in all such cases be final. It was to be regretted the committee thought that Mr Ross should have made an inaccurate statement reflecting upon the Metropolitan Committee without having made himself acquainted with the Rules of Racing or the facts of the case.

Woolongong, the younger full-brother to Oren, got into trouble the other day, for while he was going through a course of exercise over the battens on the preparing grounds at Napier Park, he slipped into one of the obstacles and damaged one of his shoulders that badly that it is anticipated that he will be useless for racing purposes. His trainer, J. Oldfield, is surely having more than his share of bad luck, for it was only last week that promising pupil of his Sleacombe, got his round bone injured, and as a result, had to be invalidated.

San Pluie and Bunkum were well backed here last Thursday for their goes at Feilding, in fact they were the only horses backed for money during the day, and as they both returned good prices for second places, it can be imagined how the layers of odds got on.

Harry Hickey has invented a patent hurdle, which he has called the Centaur hurdle, and it is his intention to ask the H.B. Jockey Club to allow him to erect one and get it used at the next meeting of the club. As Hickey has done a lot of riding over the impediments, besides having been very fortunate with horses, he has prepared for hurdle and chasing events, he should certainly be in a position to know what is required for the members of the lepping brigade.

Mr E. J. Watt's team for Auckland will consist of Bridge, Theodore, Maori King, Winning Post, and Midnight Sun. The contingent are under orders to leave Hastings on Friday for the Northern City.

T. Quinlivan, junior, is imparting the first rudiments of their education to a brace of fillies, both of whom are two-year-olds, one is by Stepniak, out of Rosella, the other claims Merriwee and Floater as her parents.

WANGANUI.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WANGANUI, December 5.

Albert Jackson was considered very unlucky with Roosevelt, who ran consistently well on several occasions, getting placed without winning, but John seems likely to outdo the son of Menschikoff in this respect. The Cudrasier gelding scored his fourth successive third place when

he ran in the St. Andrew's Handicap at Feilding. He went one better the second day, being just beaten for first money. He may make amends by getting his head in front at the post in the Auckland Cup, in which event he will be the only Wanganui representative. If he is well handled in the Cup, he should not be far away at the finish.

Koran's form at Feilding was disappointing to his connections, as he had been doing good work at Waverley, and was expected to run better than he did.

A. Hall intends taking St. Bill, Egotist, Beacon, and North East to the Manawatu meeting. North East has not done much since he returned from Auckland, but he looks very well, as does also St. Bill. Egotist has so far let his party down, as he has shown them some capital work on the track, but quite failed to run up to it in his races. He is a bad traveller, and this probably accounts for him not doing better. Beacon is jumping fairly well, and he should win a hurdle race or two before the season ends.

At Bushy Park, the Vanguard mare, Lady Ender, has foaled a colt foal to Fontenoy, and visits Signor. Carra, by Cravat, has foaled a filly foal to Boniform and she also is to visit Signor.

The Wanganui riders, W. Price and F. Coleman each scored a win at Feilding, the latter's mount paying a very big dividend.

After The Native won the big hurdles the first day, he was bumped up 25lb., but he won again just as easily the second day. The Worry gelding is in great form, and he has won a lot of money for his owner, Mr. Jas. Bull, recently.

A lot of money was shut out from the totalisator at Feilding both days owing to the rush to get on at the last moment. Some think that this will be worse after the bookies go, but on the other hand, it is contended that as the public will then realise that they can get no better odds than the machine will pay them, they will invest earlier, and thus avoid the scramble which now takes place at the last minute.

A rough balance sheet of the Waverley meeting shows that a profit of £214 resulted, a very satisfactory result considering that no public holiday was observed in Wanganui for the first time that day, thereby seriously effecting the attendance.

On the morning of the second day's races at Feilding, Gladiole, who had been left in her usual small paddock the night previously, was found to be suffering from a badly burned mouth, evidently the result of some strong acid preparation. A veterinary surgeon called in, stated that undoubtedly the mare had been burned, especially under the tongue, where the flesh was blistered and greatly inflamed. The actual facts of the matter beyond what is stated above are a mystery.

The statement that W. Young purchased Full Rate prior to the second day's racing at Feilding is contradicted.

The Field Battery mare Emblem, who was injured in the York Stakes at Feilding, died on Saturday. Emblem was leased by Mr. C. E. Major, of Hawera, and was trained by R. Brough. She was bred by Mr. H. Taylor, of Wanganui, and was out of Liniment. Emblem was a very fast mare when well, and won a number of events at Auckland and Manawatu.

The nominations received for the Rangitikei Racing Club's Summer meeting, are exceedingly large, and this popular New Year's fixture promises to be very successful.

Twenty are engaged in the Cup, and twenty-six in the Greatford Stakes, while all the other events have filled well, so that some first-class sport should be provided patrons.

The Native, who won the open hurdles double at Feilding, is engaged in the two big plate events at Bulls.

WELLINGTON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WELLINGTON, December 5.

A fairly large number of local sporting enthusiasts journeyed to the spring meeting of the Feilding Jockey Club, which took place on the club's picturesque course on Wednesday and Thursday last. The racing provided was exceptionally good, the finishes in several of the events being of a very close character, testifying that Mr Henrys had used his best endeavours in the interests of owners. Taken all round the gathering was a distinct success. Mr E. Goodbehere, the club's popular secretary, proved by his tact and courtesy that he had the confidence of everybody who were loud in their praises of

his excellent management of the meeting.

The Taratahi trained and Wairapa owned Full Rate, ran two clinking good races at Feilding, winning both six furlong events. Although burdened with 9.13 on the second day, Full Rate left the distance behind in 1.14 3-5, truly a very meritorious performance.

The statement has appeared in print that Full Rate interfered with Equitas during the running of the York Stakes at Feilding. The assertion is all fudge, as Equitas was never on terms with Full Rate, and consequently there was no chance of any untoward incident occurring as regards the pair. Some pressmen endeavour to find some excuse for the downfall of the horse they support in a race, consequently they "see" things that nobody else sees. The writer saw the race from beginning to end, and is quite satisfied that there was no collision between Full Rate and Equitas.

The St. Paul gelding Tanekaha, ran exceptionally well at Feilding in his two starts at the meeting. This native-owned gee-gee should run with some success at the A.R.C. meeting, as he appears to be coming on nicely.

The Soult mare Mon Amie, did not run up to expectations at Feilding, and consequently her connections were left lamenting. She had been doing some good work prior to leaving the Hutt, and her form at the meeting caused some surprise, as she was never in the hunt.

A quartette of the Porirua team for the Auckland meeting, consisting of Diabolo, Gipsy Belle, Tauria, and Dearest, are all reported in excellent racing condition. These representatives of the beach establishment should make their presence felt in their northern campaign.

Irish Rifle has shown some adaptitude for the jumping business, and the Musketry gelding is expected in the near future to show some brilliancy between the flags. The chestnut is built on lines suggesting a typical hurdler.

Handicappers present at the Feilding meeting were Messrs. J. E. Henrys, J. H. Pollock, G. Morse, and B. Coyle. These weight-adjusters were all on the qui vive in view of approaching events.

Now that Teotane has recovered from his bleeding at the nose propensities, the chestnut should soon be giving a good account of himself. The gelding's two displays at Feilding stamped him as a horse likely to pick up a decent handicap event.

Old Hydrant ran two good races at Feilding, but the chestnut was not equal to the task of footing it with his younger rivals, but he succeeded in running into second place on each occasion that he started at the meeting.

The Hunterville sportsman, who has adopted the racing non de plume of Tiemi Puru, has a fine cut of a hurdler in The Native, who won a double at Feilding. Providing he stands up to his work this Natator gelding should do well in jumping events during this season.

Canadian, who is owned by Mr W. Phillips, a steward of the Rangitikei Racing Club, won the Waituna Hack Hurdles at Feilding. The win did not come out of its turn, as it is the first success of The Officer gelding since coming into Mr Phillips' possession. Canadian has started on thirteen occasions during the last two seasons, without getting amongst the winners, so who is there who will say that Mr Phillips has not got the bump of perseverance largely developed.

Mr W. E. Bidwill's fine colt Provocation had no difficulty in winning the Fifth Feilding Stakes from Gipsy Belle, and Polymorphous. The Wairarapa sportsman must now regret allowing the colt to drop out of his A.R.C. Railway Handicap, which he must have possessed an undeniable chance of annexing.

R. Hatch, who is fast putting on flesh, rode a splendid race on Provocation at Feilding. His handling of the colt gained him many admirers, who prophesy that Hatch's services will be in keen demand when the weight to be carried is over 8st.

In a conversation with Mr W. E. Bidwill he informed me that Tribulation is still at Riccarton recovering from his attack of influenza. Mr Bidwill added that he very much regretted the circumstances under which the colt had to be withdrawn from his Auckland engagements.

The credit of paying the largest dividend at Feilding goes down to the credit of First Mate, who paid over a quarter of a century by winning the Kiwitea Welter. The horse was well ridden by F. Coleman, to whose vigorous horsemanship the success was due.

Merry Frank continues in a winning vein, his latest success being gained at Feilding, where the Merriwee gelding won the Fitzroy Hack Flying. The win was made all the easier by F. Meagher, on Vibration, allowing Merry Frank up on the inside, the former losing the race by a head.

The starting of Mr T. Cameron, at Feilding, was really first-class, his send-offs being marked with accuracy and precision. When in form, "Tom" is without an equal at the barrier.

Ngatiruanui, a three-year-old colt, by Maniapoto from Secrecy, and who had the services of H. Gray in the saddle, was given out as a good thing at Feilding. What galloping power the youngster possessed was not disclosed, but he should do better later on when he is more matured and conversant with racing methods.

Since his return from Riccarton, Ascalon has been doing well at Levin, under Mr R. A. McDonald's guidance. The chestnut's next appearance will be at the Manawatu meeting.

Sea Queen is training on satisfactorily, and this typical sprinter should keep her opponents busy in events that she competes in at the Manawatu meeting.

J. Ayres is busy at Trentham with Merrivonia, who is said to have considerably improved since her return from Christchurch. A win for the black mare, who is owned by Mr Ames, of totalisator fame, would be well received in sporting circles. All going well in the meantime Merrivonia will be a competitor in the Manawatu Cup, which event it will be remembered she won last year. History may repeat itself on the approaching occasion.

Alf Wright is busy at Foxton with Sir Antrim, who claims engagements at Manawatu. The Soult horse is expected to run with some distinction at Awapuni, where he invariably runs well.

The many friends of "Skipper" Ryan were glad to see by his excellent riding of Jackpin, at Feilding, that his recent trip to Australia had not impaired his riding qualities. His handling of the Lupin gelding saw Ryan in a very favourable light, and it is safe to prophesy that he will soon occupy a prominent position amongst winning jockeys.

TURF RESULTS.

FEILDING J.C. SPRING MEETING.

BIRKDALE WINS THE ST. ANDREW'S HANDICAP.

FIRST DAY.

Weather fine; attendance large; totalisator receipts £9119. Results:—

FLYING STAKES. Six furlongs.

- 2—R. Cooper's br g Full Rate, by The Officer—Kimmer, 9.3 (S. Reid) ... 1
 - 5—Sir Geo. Clifford's Tenterhook, 7.8 (Emmerson) ... 2
 - 5—T. F. Goddard's Mulga Bill, 6.9 (M. McDonald) ... 3
- Also started: 1 Equitas 9.9, 13 Irish Rifle 8.3, 3 Faunus 8.2, 9 True Shot 8.1, 8 Emblem 7.13, 4 Mon Ami 7.10, 10 Tanekaha 7.7, 6 Lady Menschikoff 7.7, 12 Gold Battery 7.3, 11 Thetis.
- Time, 1min 15sec.

AORANGI HACK WELTER. Seven furlongs.

- 1—Sir Geo. Clifford's br c True Knight, by Sir Laddo—Purity, 8.10 (F. E. Jones) ... 1
 - 2—"Mr. Highden's" Kiloosteri, 8.8 (Oliver) ... 2
 - 10—H. J. Cameron's Kauroa, 8.0 (Coleman) ... 3
- Also started: 9 Idealism 9.9, 11 Midian 9.5, 7 Patrobus 9.5, 4 San Lass 8.11, 5 Sir Solo 8.7, 3 Mortie 8.9, 3 Plantation 8.7, 6 Floater 8.7, 12 Julian 8.0, 15 Nesterine 8.2, 13 Eva 8.0, 14 Rangururu 8.0.
- Time, 1min 30 1-5sec.

ST. ANDREW'S HANDICAP. One mile and a-half.

- 1—Hon. J. D. Ormond's br c Birkdale, by Birkenhead—Thame, 7.13 (Oliver) 1
 - 3—J. and G. Miller's Sandstream, 8.10 (Griffiths) ... 2
 - 2—A. Jackson's John 8.0 (Coleman) ... 3
- Also started: 2 Roosevelt 8.3, 4 Clemera 8.0, 5 Uhlendo 6.13, 7 Teotane 7.2 (inc. 6¾lb overweight), 8 Strathmoira 6.11½ (inc. 1½ lb overweight), 6 Mallet 7.4 (inc. 11lb overweight).
- Time, 2min 39 2-5sec.

SPRING HURDLES. Two miles.

- 1—Tiemi Puru's blk g The Native, by Worry—Gold Cord, 8.2 (Murtagh) ... 1
 - 5—H. Sander's Hydrant, 9.10 (T. Pine) ... 2
 - 4—Himitangi, 9.0 (J. Morris) ... 3
- Also started: 2 Maggie Paul 10.3, 6 Tyrannic 10.6, 8 Showman 9.0, 3 Waiakaraka 9.0, 7 Rosegrove 9.3.
- Time, 3min 59 1-5sec.

WAITUNA HACK HURDLES. One mile and a-half.

- 5—W. Phillips' b g Canadian, by The Officer—Matyr, 9.0 (Abbott) ... 1
 - 7—H. Cameron's Waterworks, 11.12 (Cochrane) ... 3
 - 4—W. Roberts' Claremont, 9.5 (Pine) ... 3
- Also ran—1 Merrie Lawn 10.2, 3 Howler 9.7, 6 Moonhall.
- Time, 2min 50 2-5sec.