

## TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

### CUP DAY ON SATURDAY.

On Saturday sportsmen in Auckland will be called upon to journey across to Devonport to assist at the summer gathering of the Takapuna Jockey Club. The fixtures held by the T.J.C. are very popular, and rightly so, as better sport than has been provided at the marine suburb it would be difficult to find. At the time of writing, everything augurs well for a successful meeting and with a promise of large fields of competitors in each event, a large attendance may safely be anticipated. The secretary, Mr. R. Wynyard, can be relied upon to attend to every little detail to ensure those present having an enjoyable outing, and the Devonport Ferry Co. will run steamers every few minutes to and from Devonport.

The day's programme will open with the Maiden Plate an event with an acceptance of just a dozen. Of those engaged, Tipua should be favourite as she has been accomplishing some excellent work upon the tracks. Of the others, Miss Livonia and Wee Olga may carry coin.

The Calliope Handicap, for two-year-olds follows, and of the lot engaged only one has any credentials, this being Malwa who should be a strong order. Tranquil may be second choice as the others are a very poor collection.

The Zealandia Handicap will take some selecting, but perhaps Wauchope, if started, may be favourite. Kanewara should run well, while Aristos may be a good outsider.

Only ten are engaged in the Takapuna Cup, with Uranium at the head of the handicap. With 9.0 the Leolantis mare has all she is entitled to and some of those lower down should beat her. Domino 8.6 will be well supported, but the favourite, will, or should be, Soultoria, who is galloping in good style.

A dozen are engaged in the Ferry Handicap in which Mary Ann should carry most money. Rutter and Presently will be well backed as may also Tipua, but the latter appears to be a slow beginner.

Only five accepted in the Orewa Hurdles and Delegate may be favourite.

Good pony, though he is, Red Lupin with 9.12 may find the task set him on Saturday too much and by the way Peggy Pryde is striding along on the track, I should think that she would be too good for him when in receipt of 15lb. Caedmon 6.10 may run well but Peggy Pryde should be favourite.

The concluding event is the Stewards Handicap and Aristos may be favourite, while Wauchope and Kanewara should be in demand.

**MAIDEN HANDICAP**, one mile.—Caruso 9.0, Pip 8.2, Miss Livonia 8.2, Miss Ada 8.2, Frontino 7.9, Lloyds 7.6, Tipua 7.6, Matarere 7.4, Wee Olga 7.4, Hamadryad 7.4, La Reina 7.2, Master Sly 7.2.

**PONY HANDICAP**, five furlongs and a-half.—Red Lupin 9.12, Mistime 8.10, Peggy Pryde 8.10, Mighty Atom 8.10, Blue Vale 7.2, Miss Stella 7.1, Seatonella 6.13, Lord Menschikoff 6.9, Kuratau 6.9, Caedmon 6.9.

**CALLIOPE HANDICAP**, five furlongs and a-half.—Malwa 8.10, Tranquil 8.5, Cloudy Dawn 7.5, Master Dix 7.0, Harrigan 6.13, Condamine 6.13, Solitudo 6.10, Worcester 6.10, Gibson Girl 6.10.

**TAKAPUNA CUP**, one mile three furlongs and a-half.—Uranium 9.0, Domino 8.6, Sir Artega 8.6, Tanekaha 7.11, Master Theory 7.8, Soultoria 7.7, Waiotahi 7.1, Explosive 7.1, Bully 7.1, Flying Scout 6.13.

**ZEALANDIA HANDICAP**, four furlongs.—Wauchope 9.10, Miss Winnie 8.13, Hikui 8.5, Lothair 7.12, Miss Advance 7.10, Kanewara 7.10, Fremantle 7.5, Aristos 7.4, Elegance 7.3, Spectre 7.3, Captain Soult 7.0, Taka 6.13, Muskewai 6.12, Alma Rose 6.12.

**OREWA HURDLE RACE**, one mile and three-quarters.—Delegate 10.9, Don Quex 9.9, Tui Cakobau 9.7, Royal Day 9.4, Romp 9.0.

**FERRY HANDICAP**, five furlongs and a-half.—Mary Ann 8.6, Tipua 8.0, Presently 7.13, Nosila 7.12, Parawai 7.8, Master Jack 7.8, Goodwin Sands 7.8, Lady Thorn 7.8, Sohinx 7.8, Miss Wairiki 7.8, Rutter 7.8, Bogy 7.8.

**STEWARDS' HANDICAP**, five furlongs and a-half.—Wauchope 9.0, Tattoo 8.13, Miss Winnie 8.3, Jena 7.0, Kanewara 6.13, Aristos 6.11, Elegance 6.10, Spectre 6.10.

### ROTORUA JOCKEY CLUB.

The Rotorua Jockey Club have issued the programme in connection with their annual race meeting, fixed to take place at Arawa Park on February 15 and 16. The programme consists of 14 events, the Rotorua Cup of 50sovs. and the Arawa Park Handicap of 40sovs. being the principal events. Nominations close tomorrow (Friday) at nine p.m., and particulars will be found fully set forth in an advertisement appearing in another column.

## INTER - PROVINCIAL

### CANTERBURY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CHRISTCHURCH, January 24.

Miss Mischief has been scratched for the Midsummer Handicap. Lady Reina, in the same stable, is still in the race.

Sir G. Clifford had between forty and fifty entries at Wellington meeting, but up to the time of writing he has only scored a second place with a much boomed one in Counterfeit. He will probably come to light on the third day.

Sea King went to the Gore meeting, and was well backed by people who ought to know what is right. He went down, and must be ticked off as no good, and it would, perhaps, be better, were his owner to nominate him in third-rate not "Full Rate" company in future.

The gentleman who races as "C. Machell," and he is well-known to sports in Wanganui and Wellington districts, sent two horses, Genius and All Guns, up to Wellington. He started the two twice and won twice.

Lady Reina is now being voted no good, but wait a bit; this filly is not quite as good as Miss Mischief, but she will win a race in the near future.

The "heads" went down very badly over Los Angeles at the Wellington meeting. A select party went up from Christchurch to back the big chestnut, but they went down badly, and will probably return sadder, but wiser men.

Full Rate is the champion sprinter of New Zealand, and he ought to win this year's Great Easter Handicap.

Flitaway, who has been on the track recently, is still showing signs of soreness and Cutts will have a difficult task to get this once speedy mare to the post again.

Counterfeit is supposed to be a smasher, but she failed badly at Wellington. She is a full-sister to Miss Mischief, and will probably distinguish herself before the season closes.

Sea King, Probable, and Nightlight have returned from their successful trip to Gore. The southern "has-beens" were too much for the Canterbury trio.

Guinnoforte and Martine have resumed active work, and the pair are looking well, and should show to advantage shortly.

The Riccarton horses, Miss Mischief, Culprit, Genius, All Guns, and Byron won at Wellington, and the third day should see more grist to the Canterbury mill.

Culprit is the champion filly of the year. I have always contended this, and it was a piece of bad luck she was beaten by Orton in Auckland. This speedy filly is, I think, the best in speedy filly is, I think, the best New Zealand has ever seen, and if you hunted the dictionary right through you could not find a better word than "best" for this youngster.

### WELLINGTON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WELLINGTON, January 23.

With the conclusion of the W.R.C. meeting on Wednesday, sportsmen will be turning their attention to the annual meeting of the Pahiatua Racing Club, which takes place on Wednesday and Thursday of next week. Excellent fields are engaged, and some good racing is expected.

After his bold showing at Foxton, Yorkshire will have plenty of admirers in his approaching hurdle engagements. This Phaeton gelding appears to be the makings of a promising sort.

The Apremont—Goosander mare, Branda, the property of Mr F. S. Easton, a Foxton sportsman, was landed at Wellington by the s.s. Marama on Friday last. The mare was accompanied by a splendid foal, by Sarto, who was purchased in England by Sir G. McLean, for the Warrington stud. The foal is very compact, with a nice set of legs, and critics who looked it over on the wharf, prophesied that it should furnish into a typical racer. The mare is again in foal to Sarto. They were forwarded on to their destination by rail during the day.

Mr C. A. W. Monckton, a well-known sportsman of Otaki, is the selected candidate for the Otaki constituency, in the Opposition interest, at the approaching Parliamentary elections. His many friends will wish him every success.

Mr E. Robinson, at Foxton, is handling a promising hurdle aspirant in Canours, by Pickaloo, from Jet, the dam of Jackpin. The gelding has given a creditable display on the tracks, which augurs well for his future success over the battens.

Odessa continues to get through some excellent track work at the Hutt, under V. Cotton's tuition. This St. Ambrose colt will make the Pahiatua trip.

Albert Goodman is busy at Trentham with the Conqueror mare Succession, who is reported in excellent racing condition. She is to be given an opportunity to earn distinction over longer distances than she has hitherto been accustomed to, and has been accepted for in the Pahiatua Cup. Succession is a half-sister to that good performer Kilwinning, and it is hoped that Succession will turn out as well as the Chokebore representative.

W. Garrett, at Otaki, is keeping Afterthought, and Vite very busy on the local tracks. This pair are due for a long overdue win, and they may make some amends for their past failures in their approaching engagements.

T. Ray, a veteran Wairarapa sportsman, has Merry Fly in excellent racing trim at the Taratahi. This gelding usually misbehaves somewhat at the barrier, but he has been well schooled at starting recently, and is said to have shown some improvement.

M. McGrath has the Conqueror colt First Consul in nice racing condition, and all going well in the meantime, Mr W. D. Watson's favourite will be a starter at Pahiatua.

The Porirua stable have freely nominated various horses for the Egmont Racing Club's Summer Meeting, and provided nothing untowards happens in the meantime, animals trained by Mr Prosser should be very much in evidence.

### WANGANUI.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WANGANUI, January 23.

Mr J. N. Coleman, owner of Moose, and other horses, has purchased Shannon Lass, and the daughter of Merriwee ran in his nomination at Foxton on Saturday, when she was heavily backed, but failed to score.

Grandee, the two-year-old brother to Vi, continues to gallop in very pleasing style. He will make his first appearance in public in the two-year-old events at the Wanganui Jockey Club's autumn meeting.

The nominations for the W.J.C. gathering, which close on Tuesday, the 24th inst., are expected to be very large, and some good horses are likely to be engaged, especially in the Cup, Flying, and Jackson Stakes.

The Wellington meeting did not attract many horses from this part, but stay-at-home backers had a good innings on the opening day, Miss Mischief and Gipsy Bell carrying a lot of money.

The spell that John has had recently should have done him good, and he ought to be in capital nick by March, when he will probably be amongst the starters in the Wanganui Cup. The Cuirassier gelding has been very unlucky so far this season, having run prominently in several Cups without managing to secure first honours.

W. Price, the well-known Wanganui rider, had the mount on Sunburnt at Trentham on Saturday.

Irish Rifle is being spoken of as a possible winner of the Wanganui Cup, though the majority reckon that the distance, one mile and three-quarters, will prove too far for the son of Musketry. Irish Rifle has always run well on the Wanganui course, and may be regarded as sure to take a power of beating in any event he starts in here, as he is said to be bowling along in great style just now. He is engaged at Pahiatua, where he is top weight in the Cup.

The Stratford Racing Club made a profit of about £1000 over its New Year meeting, which is a very gratifying result. The club deserves success, as it treats owners very liberally, and its meetings are run on the most up-to-date lines.

### HAWKE'S BAY.

(By Our Own Correspondent.)

NAPIER, January 23.

During the progress of the annual meeting of the Wairoa Racing Club last week, W. Kirk rode six winners. This fixture seems to be a happy hunting ground for the Hawke's Bay

horseman, as he generally is well up on the list of victorious jockeys at the gathering. Three years ago Kirk at this same Club's convincing ground, rode seven winners out of the same number of mounts. In addition to holding a jockey's license he is also licensed as a trainer, and one of his pupils, Miss Sylvia, captured a double at the meeting under notice.

The veteran, J. Griffiths, also made good at the same meeting, for he held next place on the poll to Kirk, his score reading three successful rides.

Though the fields on neither days were numerically strong, speculation on the machine was a good deal better than was the case at a similar venture last season. However, I should not imagine that the profits will be much in excess of those made in 1910, as the Club, for the first time, will have to pay the increased taxation of 2½ per cent. to the Government, instead of the old rate of 1½ per cent. and not only does this apply to the totalisator, but is also collected upon the gross revenue received from bookmakers' licenses, gate takings, privileges, and the sale of race cards. It seems manifestly unfair that the gross revenue is subject to taxation for the cost of administering some of the sources of revenue amounts to a fair sum, as gate-keepers and attendants have to be paid, privileges have to be advertised, and printing charges and commission on sales of race cards have to be disbursed. It is not taxation on revenue, but it means that the turnover, and not the profits are dealt with, and naturally Racing Clubs will have to get level some way. I presume the public will suffer, by the reduction of stakes, increase of nomination and acceptance fees, and increased charges for admission. That will, I prophesy, be the only way out of the difficulty for the executive of racing organisations do not want to run their fixtures with the intention of showing a debit balance at the end of the year's working.

Ahuapai's two-year-old full brother came to an end while working on the preparation grounds at Hastings on Saturday morning. The youngster, while galloping, crossed his legs, and coming down heavily, broke his back, and consequently had to be destroyed. His pilot, Tricklebank, luckily got off without any injury. The colt was showing promise, and on that account the loss will be a severe one to his owner, Mr W. J. Douglas, of Te Mahanga Station.

F. T. Smith, who has been second in command at T. Quinlivan, junior's, training establishment for the past seven years, has quitted the post and intends to start on his own account at Hastings. A well conducted, energetic young fellow as he is, with a big insight into the business, he should secure a fair share of patronage. He has got into harness, for he has purchased Kildonan from Mr E. J. Watt, and he purposes getting the big gelding ready for the lepping business. J. Quinlivan has been installed in the position vacated by Smith.

The Woodthorpe Racing Club have decided to hold their annual race meeting next Saturday. It was originally dated for next month, but as the amendments to the Gaming Act, which debar bookmakers from plying their business at race meetings, comes into force on the 1st of February, the executive wisely anticipated the previously agreed upon date, for there is no doubt that the non-totalisator clubs will not be able to carry on business after the additions to the Gaming Act become law. It is all very well for the optimistic to declare that the public will go all the same to race meetings, whether the layer of odds is there or not—that is all a fallacy as regards the majority, for they like some flavouring to their sport, and that is supplied by the opportunity to back their fancies. Again presuming that the Clubs referred to did decide to hold their usual gatherings they would not be able to give the sums in stakes they are now distributing, for the very evident reason that owing to the absence of the pencilers their revenue will be deficient to what it previously was under the old order of things. This would affect owners who consequently would not feel inclined to nominate under a decreased stake distribution. The non-betting owner is nearly as difficult to locate as a truthful circus show bill, and on that account he wants some incentive to nominate besides the stake, and this is supplied, or has been by the presence of the man with the cedar and list board. To prove that this latter is an adjunct to the game, I will draw