

cellent work on the Levin tracks. Mr. Roe's capable sprinter will compete at the Otaki meeting.

Mon Ami was sent through to Hastings for the Porangahau Handicap, but owing to the sodden state of the tracks, the mare was not seen at her best and finished a long way back from the leading division.

J. W. Lowe, the Trentham trainer, took Gold Lace, Effort, and Mira through to Hastings, but the trio failed to pay expenses. Mira ran second in the Okawa Hack Handicap but on the race being re-run, the grey colt failed to gain a situation. The trip from a financial point of view was disappointing.

Khamsin, who was recently purchased by a popular local sportsman and M.P., who races as Lance Wood, was a competitor at Hastings, but was beaten out of a place. This Quarryman filly can gallop some and should prove a profitable investment for the genial "Tom."

Mr. J. Ames was represented in the Hawke's Bay Cup with Merrivonia, but owing to the soft nature of the ground, the black mare did not run with her usual brilliancy and finished behind the placed horses. She is very well however and there seems every likelihood of her adding to her winning account ere the season closes.

Rosegrove has been acquitting himself well over the steeplechase course on the Amapuni tracks and there is every probability of the chestnut fulfilling his Southern lepping engagements.

Overheard and Defeat were schooled over country on the M.R.C. tracks last week, both jumping splendidly. The pair are expected to play a prominent part in the decision of this winter's chasing events.

J. Sullivan has engaged Moondine, Contour, Windage, Florence Nightingale, and Waipuni at the Otaki meeting. With such a team the genial "Jack" anticipates securing a share of the stake money.

Leolanter is still feeling the effects of the accident that occurred to him when he fell in the hurdle event at Feilding. Some time must elapse ere the chestnut is again seen with the colours up. This is hard luck for the gelding's owner, Mr. T. Nolan, as he gave promise of being returned an early winner.

News from the Rangitikei states that The Native is giving a splendid exhibition of jumping and the black gelding is said to be a likely Grand National winner. Being possessed of pace, Mr. Tiemi Puru's favourite should play a prominent part in early jumping events.

Ribstone Pippin, Torbelle, Castout, and Lovell, are all getting through some capital training work at Porirua. Mr. Prosser is under the impression that the quartet will more than pay their way in approaching 'chasing events.

The Racing Commissioners, Sir G. Clifford and Messrs. Nolan, Cohen, and Rowe, passed through Wellington last week on their way to the Hawke's Bay meeting. There still remains some work to be done ere their report is handed over to the Government. Needless to say their deliberations are being anxiously awaited by racing clubs throughout the Dominion.

Velox, a rather smart filly by Strowan from Miss Riwaka, is shortly to be taken in hand by J. Hathaway, at Awapuni. If the youngster lives up to the meaning of his nomenclature, he should prove decidedly useful to the popular Palmerston North sportsman, who races as F. Bowden.

S. Evans is busy at Ashurst with Hiro, who gives promise of standing another preparation.

Waicola has been hitting out well in her training work at Ashurst and it really looks as if Mr. P. Hanlon was in a fair way to getting back a portion of the money he paid for the mare some two years ago. So far, she has not won a race since coming into Mr. Hanlon's possession.

Roscommon, a brood mare by (Common—Rosmond), arrived by the Moeraki from Sydney on Wednesday last. She is destined for Mr. Currie's stud at Wanganui.

Mr. Douglas' jumper, Woolloomoo, reached here by the Sydney boat on Wednesday. The hurdler was sent on to Hastings on the following day.

WANGANUI.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WANGANUI, May 17.

All going well, John will be a starter in the Great Northern Hurdles, in which event Frank Lind will have the mount on the Cuirassier gelding. John was off the track for a few days last week, and this led some to think

that he was amiss, but he put up a good mile gallop on Saturday, and pulled up all right. There are many who regard John as one of the most likely candidates in the Century Hurdles, as he is not only very fast, but a capital jumper, and undoubted stayer.

Shuja, who was reckoned to have a real good chance in the Connolly Handicap, has gone wrong, which is bad luck for Fred Tilley, who had him very well.

Defeat and Rosegrove are said to be pleasing the touts at Awapuni by the excellent displays they are giving over the big country. Te Arai is also doing good work, and is regarded as a sure starter in the big Steeples here next week.

The St. Paul gelding, Valentine, broke a small bone in a leg while schooling recently at Lepperton, but the bone has been set, and an attempt will be made to save the horse.

Mr J. O'Driscoll intends taking his horses, Waitapu and Sinn Fein, with him when he leaves for his new home at Toowoomba, Queensland.

W. H. McKay, who formerly did the riding for Mr G. F. Moore, and later on rode a number of winners for Mr Messena, of Foxton, is going to take on riding again, after a spell of farming.

T. Pritchard has been engaged to ride Winchester in the Wanganui Steeplechase.

F. Coleman will have the mount on Zante in the Hurdles at Hawera on Wednesday. Zante is a very fine jumper, and if started in the Wanganui Steeplechase, should give a good account of himself.

Corazon is expected to arrive in Wanganui in the course of a few days. This gelding is well treated in the Steeplechase, in which he is weighted at 9.12, and as V. Collelo has him very fit just now, he may succeed in scoring a win for Sir W. R. Russell. He will be ridden by Rangit Thompson, so should lack nothing on the score of horsemanship.

Although the Wanganui Steeplechase Meeting is only some ten days off, no outside horses have arrived yet, and the work on the track so far has been confined to local horses. Time was when for two or three weeks before the winter meeting a number of visiting horses were working here, and the touts used to see some very interesting jumping. However, most of the race clubs on the coast now have had schooling fences erected, and the horses are not brought here until a few days before the meeting. No doubt after the Egmont meeting on Wednesday and Thursday of this week, a large number of horses will be brought here, and then the tracks will be very busy.

The acceptances for the first day of the meeting are not due until Monday, so that it is hard to say what may or may not go out. However, there is every prospect of the acceptances being large in all the events, and really fine fields are anticipated in the chief events. Something like a record field is expected to face the starter in the Wanganui Steeplechase, and this should prove one of the most interesting races seen here for a long time. From all accounts Te Arai will be a starter, also Eldorado, Mahara, Lovell, Maku, Corazon, and probably Xavier, Lull, Mount Cook, Sardonyx, Rangitoto, Winchester, and Zante. Whether the Aucklanders Sol, Loch Fyne, and First Barrel will come down remains to be seen, but as the first named is reported to be in great fettle, he may make the trip. Eurus is said to be fencing in his best style at Riccarton, but nothing is known as to whether he will be a competitor here or not. In any case there is every likelihood of a splendid contest. The Century Hurdles will also probably be contested by a big field, which may include Wimmera, Compass, The Native, Gold Bird, Xavier (if not started in the Steeples), Maggie Paul, Auratus, Maidi, Marton Hydrant, John, Sir Prize, Waterworks, Ribstone Pippin, Torbelle, Appin, Te Whetu, and Waiputere. Of this lot Wimmera, Marton, and John are the most fancied at this stage. Marton, perhaps, being the favourite. In the Connolly Handicap, Cheddar, Equitas, Vibration, and Mulga Bill are most talked about, but Gunboat, Te Puia and Meroze will also have plenty of supporters if they accept, whilst there are several others which should run well, if started. It is conceded that the race wears a very open aspect.

The course is at present looking at its best, and given fine weather, the gathering should be a great success in every way. With many of the Steeplechase Meeting of the Wanganui Jockey Club is looked upon as the most enjoyable of the season's fixtures on this coast, and hence with such good sport promised the attendance is likely to be exceptionally large at the forthcoming meeting.

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TURF RESULTS.

HAWKE'S BAY RACING CLUB'S MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

FORT WILLIAM WINS THE CUP.

The postponed autumn meeting of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club was commenced on the Hastings racecourse on Friday afternoon in glorious weather, the sun being oppressively hot after the rain of the last few days. There was a very fair attendance of sporting folk present and they were rewarded by witnessing some excellent racing. People came well provided with the sinews of war, for at the close of the day's racing the totalisator staff had handled £10,717, compared with £6631-10s dealt with on the corresponding day last year, when it will be remembered that the bookmakers were largely in evidence. Results:—

LONGLANDS HACK HURDLES. One mile and three-quarters.

- 4—J. Stuart's Appin, by The Possible—Miss Beckwith, 9.7 (R. Thompson) 1
 - 7—W. H. Judge's Artie, 9.3 (D. Watt) 2
 - 2—A. Atwood's Winchester, 10.12 (W. Young) 3
- Also started: 1 Golden Water 10.4, 6 Tina Toa 10.0, 5 Burton 9.9, 3 The Rab-biter 9.5, 8 Napper 9.2, 10 Castleide 9.0, 9 Merry Messenger 9.0, 11 Wansted 9.0. Time, 3min 20sec.

MAIDEN HACK RACE. Six furlongs.

- 1—S. Luttrell's Aphaea, by Stepiak—Britomart, 7.7, carried 7.9 (H. Gray) 1
 - 4—J. Maher's Merrimac, 7.7 (C. Emmerson) 2
 - 3—Wire Peroene's St. Bees, 8.5 (H. Curran) 3
- Also started: 18 Solon 8.8, 12 Turqueena 8.8, 8 Scots Fusiliers 8.8, 14 Water o' Milk 8.8, 9 Happy New Year 8.3, 5 Mira 8.5, 15 Lady Edna 8.5, 2 Monologue 8.5, 11 Miriam 8.5, 7 Ngakau 8.5, 6 Manitou 8.5, 16 Matlow 7.7, 10 Moondine 8.1, 8 Ainsdale 7.7. Time, 1min 20sec.

NURSERY HANDICAP. Five furlongs.

- 1—B. Lonergan's Blue Lake, by Royal Fusilier—Blue River, 7.9 (H. Gray) 1
 - 3—Hon. J. D. Ormond's Bootle, 9.6 (F. D. Jones) 2
 - 4—D. Buick's Rangiatua, 7.10 (F. Meagher) 3
- Also started: 6 Easy 6.7, 2 Khamsin 8.3, 5 Bellah 7.12, 7 Trieze 7.0, 8 St. Bryde 6.7. Time, 1min 4sec.

PORANGAHAU HANDICAP. Six furlongs.

- 4—R. A. McDonald's Hermia, by Birkenhead—Nixie, 8.7 (W. Young) 1
 - 1—D. Buick's Vibration, 7.6 (F. Meagher) 2
 - 6—C. Morse's Birkiine, 7.1 (J. Conquest) 3
- Also started: 3 Nyland 8.1, 2 Formby 8.5, 5 Sunburnt 8.4, 8 Mon Ami 7.1, 10 Lord Possible 6.12, 7 Winning Post 6.9, 9 Erin 6.7, 11 Remissness 6.7. Time, 1min 17 3-5sec.

HAWKE'S BAY CUP HANDICAP of 400sovs, with a cup valued at 50sovs presented by Mr. W. J. Douglas; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third horse 25sovs from the stake. One mile and a-half.

- 4—C. J. Parker's Fort William, by Soul—Siminia, 8.10 (W. Young) 1
 - 3—P. Claret's Lady Menschikoff, 7.13 (L. Wilson) 2
 - 2—G. Hunter's Bliss, 7.11 (R. Young) 3
- Also started: 7 Merrivonia 8.10, 8 Te Puia 8.4, 6 Woodhey 8.4, 5 Cheddar 8.0, 1 Vice-Admiral 8.0, 9 Separator 6.7, 10 Queen of Scots 6.7. Time, 2min 40sec.

KARAMU HANDICAP HURDLES. One mile and three-quarters.

- 1—H. Catherall's Whakawera, by Pilgrim's Progress—Espaniola, 9.11 (F. Flynn) 1
 - 2—C. Coleman's Hoanga, 10.10 (P. Brady) 2
 - 4—Sir W. Russell's Corazon, 10.4 (R. Thompson) 3
- Also started: 3 Reumac 11.3, 6 Te Arai 10.0, 5 Longner 9.8. Time, 3min 26sec.

POUKAWA HACK HANDICAP. Five furlongs.

- 14—H. Tupaea's Axis, by Renown—Eland, 6.10 (H. Tricklebank) 1
 - 2—C. E. Twist's Perceler, 7.6 (C. Emmerson) 2
 - 3—J. Hennah's Amaru, 8.11 (E. Lowe) 3
- Also started: 1 Soultiform 8.11, 4 Melologue 8.8, 6 Ortygia 8.0, 5 Gold Circle 7.12, 8 Goldfinch 7.10, 11 Wee Rose 7.2, 16 Pipe Clay 7.2, 7 Josie 6.12, 13 Tuatahi 6.10, 10 Hatana 6.10, 12 Waitoke 6.10. Time, 1min 5sec.

AUTUMN HANDICAP. Once round.

- 1—E. J. Watt's Wimmera, by Merrivonia—Mosquetaire, 8.5 (A. Oliver) 1
 - 3—W. K. Karaitana's Peacemaker, 7.3 (carried 7.5) (F. Meagher) 2
 - 4—W. Stone's Bunkum, 6.12 (C. Emmerson) 3
- Also started: 9 Sir Tristram 8.7, 7 V.I. 7.13, 2 Cullinan 7.11, 3 Ariom 7.8, 5 Manupai 7.0, 10 Raupare 6.7, 9 Obscurity 6.7. Time, 1min 54sec.

SECOND DAY.

Fine weather prevailed for the concluding day of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's autumn meeting. The attendance was good, and the course in good order, having dried considerably. The totalisator handled £10,717, as against £7809 10s on the second day of the last autumn meeting. The total for the two days was £21,428, as compared with £14,441 last year, the increase being £6987. Results are as follow:—

OHITI HACK HURDLES. One mile and a-half.

- Mr. J. Armstrong's ch g Golden Water, by Gold Reef—Ja, 4yrs, 10.3 (J. Hercock) 1
 - Mr. A. Stuart's Appin, 10.8 (Rangi Thompson) 2
 - Messrs. J. T. and G. H. Miller's Tina Toa, 9.12 (F. Flynn) 3
- Time, 2min 53sec.

OKAWA HACK HANDICAP. Seven furlongs.

- Mr. C. J. Parker's b m Erin, by Menschikoff—Krisie, 5yrs, 8.0 (W. Young) 1
 - Mr. H. M. Campbell's Solon, 7.0 (R. Young) 2
 - Mr. J. W. Fitzpatrick's Raupare, 7.4 (J. Conquest) 3
- Scratched: Cork. Time, 1min 35sec.

HAWKE'S BAY STAKES, of 400sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs and the third horse 25sovs from the stake. For two and three-year-olds. Weight-for-age. Six furlongs and a-half.

- Mr. E. J. Watt's br c Royal Scotch, by Royal Artillery—Barley Bree, 2yrs, 7.8 (C. Emmerson) 1
 - Messrs. W. G. and G. L. Stead's Bandiera, 7.7 (H. Gray) 2
 - Sir Geo. Clifford's Madam Madcap, 9.11 (F. E. Jones) 3
- Scratched: Vice-Admiral, Sunburnt, Odessa and Remissness. Time, 1min 23 4-5sec.

BURKE MEMORIAL STAKES, of 300 sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

- Mr. G. Claret's b m Lady Menschikoff, by Menschikoff—Sister Frances, 5yrs, 8.1 (W. Price) 1
 - Messrs. W. G. and G. L. Stead's Vice-Admiral, 7.12 (H. Gray) 2
 - Hon. J. D. Ormond's Woodhey, 8.1 (L. Wilson) 3
- Scratched: Fort William and Queen of Scots. Time, 2min 11 3-5sec.

SCURRY HACK HANDICAP. Five furlongs.

- Mr. C. Twist's ch g Perceler, by Gold Reef—Gold Carp, 4yrs, 7.12 (C. Emmerson) 1
 - Mr. H. Tupea's Axis, 7.9 (H. Tricklebank) 2
 - Mr. F. Carmont's Aurora, 7.0 (R. McDonald) 3
- Scratched: Tuatahi and Lady Edna. Time, 1min 4 3-5sec.

MANGATARATA HANDICAP HURDLES. One mile and three-quarters.

- Mr. A. Atwood's br g Reumac, by Explosion—Stepfast, 6yrs, 11.3 (W. Young) 1
 - Mr. A. Symon's Eiya, 10.3 (F. Flynn) 2
- Hoanga, the other starter, fell at the hurdle at the top of the straight on the first round. Time, 3min 28sec.

JUVENILE HANDICAP. Five furlongs.

- Mr. D. Buick's blk c Rangiatua, by Papakura—Elyse, 7.11 (F. Meagher) 1
 - Mr. E. Lonergan's Blue Lake, 8.7 (A. Oliver) 2
 - Mr. C. J. Parker's Trieze, 6.12, carried 7.2 (R. Young) 3
- Time, 1min 4 3-5sec.

FAREWELL HANDICAP. Six furlongs.

- Messrs. W. G. and G. L. Stead's b c Sunburnt, by Multifirm—Drought, 3yrs, 8.1 (W. Price) 1
 - Hon. J. D. Ormond's Faunus, 7.13 (L. Wilson) 2
 - Mr. J. W. Lowe's Effort, 8.8 (W. Ryan) 3
- Scratched: Fort William and Josie. Time, 1min 17sec.

ASHBURTON RACING CLUB'S MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

The Ashburton County Racing Club's autumn meeting was opened on Thursday in fine weather. Both the entries and attendance were good, while the racing was, on the whole, interesting. The sum of £568 10s was put through the totalisator, as against £3141 on the corresponding day last year. Results are as follow:—

LONGBEACH HACK HANDICAP.—Crosbie 1, Stepmeter 2, Bolt from the Blue 3, Scratched: Clannena, Directoire and Torrential. Won comfortably by half a length, the third horse being four lengths away. Time, 1min 14 3-5sec.

FAIRFIELD WELTER HANDICAP.—Armstrong 1, Zetland 2, Gold Coin 3. Scratched: Old Times and Harvest. Won all the way by a length, Gold Coin being three lengths away third. Time, 1min 28 4-5sec.

ASHBURTON CUP.—Routine 1, Canterbury 2, Chief Lochiel 3. Scratched: Adage. Routine and Canterbury alternately led till the straight was reached, when they drew level, and a good finish resulted in Routine getting home by a length. Chief Lochiel was a similar distance away third. Time, 2min 8 3-5sec.

LAGMOR PLATE.—Fruvillotti 1, Traitor 2, Grand Medallion 3. Scratched: Miss De Vere, Rescued, Mademoiselle Ixe, and Foam Flake. Won by a neck, with Grand Medallion eight lengths away. Time, 1min 1 4-5sec.

MELROSE TROT.—Restoration 1, Bold Maid 2, Torando 3. All started. Won by five lengths, with 40 yards separating second and third horses. Time, 3min 4sec.

TRIAL HANDICAP.—Mademoiselle Ixe 1, Even Wave 2, Torrential 3. Scratched: Sapience, Buff Gauntlet and Miss Terry. Won by half a length, with Torrential a length and a-half in the rear. Time, 1min 16 2-5sec.

GROVE FARM HANDICAP.—Sea King 1, All Guns 2, The Cornet 3. Seven others started. Won comfortably by five lengths. Time, 1min 13 2-5sec.

SECOND DAY.

The meeting was concluded on Friday in fine weather. The attendance was again good, while the totalisator receipts for the day reached £878. The total for the meeting was £11,526 10s, as against £6183 last year when bookmakers were in attendance. Results:—

MORETON HANDICAP HACK RACE.—Stepmeter 1, Nightlight 2, St. Kevin 3. Scratched: Clannena and Santa Claus. The winner led from the start, and notwithstanding a strong effort by Nightlight in the straight, luster long enough to win by half a length, with St. Kevin two lengths away. Time, 1min 15 3-5sec.

WINCHMORE WELTER HANDICAP.—Armstrong 1, Mumura 2, Zetland 3. Scratched: True Knight. Won easily by three lengths, with eight lengths between second and third. Time, 1min 29 1-5sec.

AUTUMN HANDICAP.—The Cornet, 1 Kils 2, Routine 3. Scratched: Outlander. After the initial half mile had