

ing up meanwhile. Equitas was going strong, whilst Projectile, who was hard ridden, got up in time to win by half a length, with Voetsgang a length further back third, the others being hopelessly beaten. The stewards were not satisfied with the running of Equitas, but after an inquiry the matter was allowed to drop.

A capital start was effected in the Stewards' Hack Handicap, of six furlongs. The colours of St. Bees soon became prominent, the St. Ambrose colt leading right up to within a few yards from the post when Rongomai dashed up and answering gamely to his rider's demands got up in time to win an exciting race by a neck, with Ahuapai two lengths away third, Cornelian was next and Faugasse fifth.

Strathmoira was in most demand in the Hack Hurdles, whilst Gaelic and Waiouru were also well supported. When the barrier rose the latter went to the front and passing the stand the Conqueror gelding led from Inveran and Boyne Water. Going round the back Waiouru was still in charge, whilst Fond Memory and Salopian were running well. The Foxton-owned hurdler was still in front entering the straight, but when well in a line for home C. Price brought Gaelic with a late run, but he could not overhaul Waiouru, who won by half a length, Strathmoira was close up third, Fond Memory and Salopian being the next to finish in the order named.

The afternoon's racing was brought to a conclusion with the decision of the Welter Hack Handicap, for which Ebonite and Foreshot had hosts of admirers. From an excellent send-off R. Hatch rushed Emma to the front, but after traversing three and a-half furlongs the Conqueror mare was done with, while Brown Trout, St. Bees and Kina took a hand in the race. When heads were turned for home Kina went to the head of affairs and not being afterwards seriously troubled won comfortably by two lengths from St. Bees, who was a clear half length in front of Puketotara, the next to finish close together being Brown Trout, Kopane and Bonnie Boy. The winner paid a substantial two-figure dividend.

W. Young and C. Emerson, with two wins each to their credit, were the most successful riders, others to win one race each being D. Gordon, T. Pritchard and Clarence O'Neill.

CONCLUDING DAY.

FIRST BATTERY WINS DOMINION HANDICAP.

The concluding day's gathering of the Otaki Maori Racing Club's spring meeting was brought to a conclusion on Monday. The racing as on the opening day was very interesting and some excellent contests were fought out. First Battery, who was nicely ridden by C. Emerson won the principal event very comfortably. The starting was not of a very high order, several horses having their chances spoilt at the post.

The totalisator staff was kept busy the sum of £7911 being handled by them, compared with £2087 for the corresponding day last year, making an aggregate for the meeting of £16,130, an increase of £7,936 on the figures for the corresponding fixture last year.

Racing was resumed with the Trial Handicap, of five furlongs, for which Emma was backers' fancy. From a good send-off Aurora and Faugasse rushed to the front but by the time the distance was reached the latter was done with and Aurora went on to win comfortably by a length and a half from Inveran with Emma half a length away third, Faugasse and Foreshot were the next to finish in the order named.

Te Kahurangi was a warm favourite for the Railway Handicap of six furlongs. The Conqueror gelding led from end to end and won by a clear length from Deploy, who was half a length in front of Rill, with Erin fourth and Thetis fifth.

On the strength of her Saturday's running, Lady Volley was a firm order with backers in the Otaki Handicap, but the chestnut never once flattered her backers. The winner turned up in St. Bees, who won comfortably at the finish by two lengths from

Cornelian with Turna a length away third. Lady Volley, Abercold, and Golden Age were the next to finish in the order named.

St. Felix and Projectile comprised the leading division in the Dominion Day Handicap of 1 1/4 miles. This pair were still in the lead after travelling six furlongs when they both cried enough and Voetsgang was at the head of affairs at the straight entrance and appeared to possess a winning chance but a little further on C. Emerson brought First Battery along with a well sustained run eventually winning easily by two lengths from Voetsgang, with First Consul a similar distance away third, Projectile was fourth and Waipunui fifth.

Te Ru was backers' fancy in the second Hack Hurdles of a mile and a half and he fully justified the confidence reposed in him by winning from end to end, the only one to get near him being Scots Fusilier, who appears to be the makings of a decent hurdler.

Our Queen was on the move when the barrier rose in the Electric Hack Handicap of five furlongs, and stepping in front all the way won with ridiculous ease by six lengths from Makara, whilst Rongomai was an indifferent third. The other runners never had a chance from the word "go."

The meeting was brought to a conclusion with the Rahui Welter of one mile, for which Brown Trout was a warm favourite. At the start Kina assumed command but they had not gone far when Otahu assumed the lead and galloping in good style ran home a easy winner by a clear length from Foreshot, who ran a neck in front of Brown Trout, Dusky Sound being the next to finish.

Advocate, the New Zealand Cup candidate, who made such a poor showing in the Avondale Cup, is reported to be suffering from a greasy heel.

Soult heads the list of winning sires at the Avondale meeting. The progeny of the defunct son of St. Simon won five races, while Monoform was represented by two winners.

Ben Deeley and J. Conquest have gone South to fulfil riding engagements at the Wanganui spring meeting.

The Harp of Erin, Ellerslie, has been taken over by Mrs. T. Taylor, widow of the late well-known horseman "Tommy" Taylor, and Southern sportsmen, trainers and jockeys can rely upon receiving the greatest hospitality and comfort at this popular house. Being handy to the course, visiting racegoers find it most convenient to take up their quarters at the Harp of Erin, and as no effort is being spared in catering for the wants of boarders it is certain to receive a large share of patronage from the racing public.

A Waikato subscriber asks the following questions:—1. What is the highest hand possible to hold at a game of poker? 2. Is a routine flush of hearts superior to any other suit? The answers are: 1. Royal Flush in any suit, i.e., Ace, King, Queen, Knave, ten. 2. No.

A number of people did not back St. Amans at Avondale because they thought he looked a bit above himself, but the son of Soult—Lottie always carries a lot of flesh.

Fort William is to receive the remainder of his preparation for the New Zealand Cup at the hands of the Trentham trainer, J. Lowe.

So far as totalisator investments go the second day of the Avondale Jockey Club's spring meeting constitutes a record for clubs in the Auckland province, barring, of course, the Metropolitan club.

Some of the stable connections of Urukehu, Hemisphere, and Seawai, did not support the former in the race she won, but had a strong fancy for Hemisphere in the Maiden Plate, but the son of Hesper failed.

INTER-PROVINCIAL

CANTERBURY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CHRISTCHURCH, September 26.

The opening of the Australian Jockey Club's spring meeting on Saturday next will be interesting to New Zealanders. Lady Medallist, owing to her excellent form on the Randwick tracks, will probably start favourite for the Epsom Handicap, and, despite adverse criticism of some Sydney writers, who invariably stick to their own horses, I think she will finish in front of the majority of the Sydney horses. If she is beaten I think it will be by a New Zealander. According to sporting writers on the other side, New Zealand owners are going to have a bad time during the ensuing campaign. From my standpoint, and I am speaking from information gathered in Sydney, I am game enough to say that the New Zealand contingent this year will emulate the deeds of Boniform, Noctiform, Cruciform and Martian. In support of what I say I have only to mention that Los Angelos, who will carry a lot of money in the Epsom Handicap, Lady Medallist and Culpit, the smartest filly New Zealand has seen for many years, will all receive solid support from Christchurch backers.

On Saturday next at Randwick three of the principal stables at Riccarton will be represented by R. J. Mason, J. R. Franks and R. O'Donnell.

Sydneyites have a great respect for any horses coming from Canterbury, because they are the chief patrons from abroad at their gatherings.

Full Sail, who learnt his racing in E. Cutts' stable, is reported to have a good chance in the Epsom Handicap on Saturday.

The scratching of Bandeira for his A.J.C. spring engagements did not come as a surprise to me. The colt was not at all well when I saw him at Randwick.

Before I left Sydney I heard good accounts of the Boniform colt Bon Soir, who will be seen out in the two-year-old events at the forthcoming A.J.C. meeting.

That fine mare Ingoda has gone amiss and will not race again. She should, however, make an excellent stud matron.

Counterfeit will be the only Riccarton candidate starting in the Wanganui Guineas. Countermine will race at the same meeting.

Two members of G. D. Greenwood's team, Byron and Gerome, will race at the Hawke's Bay meeting.

Tannhauser, despite his failure at Ashburton, will be trained for the New Zealand Cup. He is a good cut of a colt and to my mind one that should stay well.

HAWKE'S BAY

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

NAPIER, September 25.

Joe O'Connell had bad luck last Wednesday. Early in the morning he got a nasty toss off Castleside, while schooling the gelding over the obstructions. Later on in the day O'Connell journeyed to Te Aute to give Scots Fusilier a trial over sticks and while doing so the son of Dear Heart made a blunder, giving his pilot a severe fall. The injuries sustained were a broken collar-bone and a badly bruised leg. This means that O'Connell will not be seen in the saddle again for some time.

Montiform, Ireland, Royal Scotch, Miscout, and Faunus were railed from Hastings this morning for Wanganui, where they have business engagements this week.

Cullinan gave a good exposition of jumping at Napier Park on Saturday morning. He was sent along over four hurdles in company with Stourton, Granton, and All Trumps, and at the end of the trip held the honours easy. Previously the big son of Bijou had not been earning approval for the manner in which he was jumping, but if he goes on keeping up to the form he displayed on Saturday he should do well this season.

C. J. Parker, of Gisborne, has placed Our Queen and Erin with W. Griffith's, at Hastings, and later on he intends to supplement Griffith's establishment with some more of his horses.

Bobrikoff, who is engaged at Hastings and Napier Park next month, is bowling along in great style. He gets

over the turf in such an easy style that the idea suggests itself that he is going half pace, but the watch shows excellent time.

A. G. Wood, of Greenmeadows, has been re-appointed starter to the Napier Park and Wairoa Racing Clubs.

Sea Eagle has joined W. Whitaker's working brigade. The daughter of Rain is well forward, and may, therefore, be expected to shortly give a good account of herself.

T. H. Lowry, who has just returned from a three months' holiday tour to Singapore, Hong Kong, Java, and Sydney, was on the track at Napier Park on Saturday morning, and saw some of his team working.

The two-year-old full-sister to Dawn has had the name Daybreak claimed for her. The filly is the property of C. J. King and J. McLaughlin, and is being trained by the latter.

Another two-year-old, the son of Birkenhead and Mobility, that A. Wood has been putting through the initial stages of his education, was transferred to Karamu the other day. He will have the attention of S. Waddell.

J. C. McVay, president of the Napier Park Racing Club, and one of the members of the Gaming Commission, is laid aside through an attack of internal hemorrhage that prostrated him last Tuesday. Up to the present the doctor in charge of the case is satisfied with the way his patient is progressing, but he states that under the most favourable circumstances that it will probably be a couple of months before his patient is able to take his place in the active brigade again.

C. Jenkins has been riding E. J. Watt's horses in their work of late. He left Hastings on Friday morning, for the purpose of assisting at the Otaki meeting. After getting through there he proceeds to Wanganui, where he will direct the efforts of the blue and white bearers in their attempts at the W.J.C. meeting.

J. Oldfield has returned Perceler to his owner, C. Twist. There is nothing seriously amiss with the consistent son of Gold Reef, but it was considered good business to give him an easy period for some time.

Stellaris and Merrie Lad, who have been pupils of George Colello's for some considerable time at Greenmeadows, have changed quarters. The pair have been handed over to J. M. Cameron, of Hastings, by their owner, who races under the nom de plume of "C. Kingston."

Pearl Shot (Gold Reef—Pearl Powder) produced a colt to Formative last week.

Owners replied in a generous way to the invitation of the Napier Park Racing Club last Friday night with nominations for the spring gathering.

Goldfinder is satisfactorily replying to the work that has been put to him of late, and though he has not been asked for anything particularly rapid or strenuous his efforts have given colour to the surmise that if a severe test was applied he would emerge from the ordeal with pleasing results. He is engaged at both the Hawke's Bay and Napier Park meetings next month, and will have an opportunity of racing into form.

Bellah (Royal Fusilier—Lissadurn) and Beldame (Royal Fusilier—La Cloche), a couple of F. Davis' schooling team, are keeping their end up, and doing their morning tasks well. The latter is particularly well forward.

War Scare, the three-year-old half-sister by Martian to Bobrikoff, is hitting out in a convincing fashion, and is a bonny piece of horseflesh, albeit that she is moulded on diminutive lines.

That jade of the worst grade, All Trumps, is moving satisfactorily in her studies over the battens at Napier Park, but as she has often done that before, and then as often disappointed her supporters when it came to having a race with the colours up, no dependence can be placed on her.

Adare was one of the prize items sent along the wires on Saturday for his engagement at Otaki in the Maiden Plate. Judging by the money that went on him locally he must have had a heap more sovs. invested upon him away than on the course.

Neither Gold Circle or Formative showed to advantage in their work at Napier Park on Saturday morning.

That one-time well-known gentleman jock, P. Neagle, will have Evadne carrying his racing colours in the Hastings Stakes. The youngster is a half-sister to Theodore and Sublime, by King's Guest.

Loch Maben is acquitting himself in a meritorious fashion, and if he

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