

TURF TOPICS.

Los Angeles, who was heavily backed for the New Zealand Cup, was sold on Monday for 1400 guineas to Stead Brothers.

Vice-Admiral is the only horse that has won a New Zealand Cup and the Metropolitan Handicap. The Cup winner further improved on his meritorious displays at Riccarton yesterday, when he carried off the Canterbury Cup.

It is always pleasing to chronicle a win for that straight-going veteran, Jas. Roulston, of Pukekohe with Soutloria and Delegate. He breeds and races all his own stock, and has sent some useful stock from the old homestead.

R. J. Mason trained the winner of the New Zealand Cup, and the runner up of Stewards' Handicap, without the totalisator (which he has recently so strongly denounced), could not have won two stakes of £3300 in the Dominion.

The success of Labour Day in the Spring Plate at Riccarton on Saturday was fully anticipated by many backers from this coast (write our Wanganui correspondent) as the Sout filly had shown so much improvement recently. The fact that she won so easily in the fast time of 1min 41 2-5sec is further proof of her undoubted quality.

Master Wairiki has ran very consistently this season, scoring a win and second at Avondale, and two seconds at Ellerslie in good company, making all his own running, and was just beaten on the post in both events at Ellerslie.

The largest sum ever put through the totalisator on a single event in the Dominion was £8354, which went through the machine on the fifteen horses that contested the New Zealand Cup on Saturday. It is stated that could the rush at the totalisator have been coned with the sum might easily have reached five figures.

Bliss was one of the sensations of the year prior to racing at Riccarton as the mare had done some remarkably good gallops. When she came out and won the Criterion Handicap in hollow fashion it was at once recognised that she was quite in the first flight.

The nominations received for the Feilding J.C. spring meeting are exceptionally good, there being a substantial increase in the total as compared with last year. There are 21 engaged in the big money, including Mendip, Merrivonia, Counterfeit, Masterpiece, Goodwin Park, Coromandel, Goldfinder, Kilosteri and other good mile and a-half horses. There are 37 in the Feilding Stakes, as against 13 last year.

General Latour, who won the Great Northern Guineas last week at Ellerslie, is a bay colt by Sout from from the imported mare, Merry Nif, by Merry Hampton, her dam Aroma, by Craig Millar—Roma, by Oxford. He was bred by W. Walters at the Glenore stud, Papakura. General Latour was only started twice as a two-year-old, his best performance being in the Ellerslie Handicap, when he ran Bootle to a neck.

The A.R.C. Spring gathering was a poor man's diggings. All the small owners (38) participated in the £4150. What a contrast to the C.J.C. Meeting, where the big money invariably go to the big men. For many years the names of Stead, Clifford, Ormond, and Greenwood have been written largely on the settling sheets in the South, while the small man has very little chance there.

A useful horse was unearthed at the Auckland R.C. spring meeting in Miss Livonia. When she was seen leading in the Shorts Handicap at the home turn few gave her a thought. People who had backed the favourite (Lucille) did not take the little mare

seriously and thought she would come back to her field. She, however, battled out every inch of the journey and won easily, and subsequently gathered in the stakes for the Flying Handicap.

Coromandel, the winner of the City Handicap, was returned to John Lynch by an Auckland trainer, as not a payable proposition, and went into A. Jackson's stable at Wanganui. With the change of stables came a change of luck. The gelding ran two thirds, when not wound up, and defeated the hope of the stable, Simlax, at the Wanganui Spring Meeting, in the City Handicap. Coromandel had all the worst of the going until a furlong from home, when he came through with a well-sustained run, and won on the post, beating a field of good handicap horses. The son of Golden Rose may be worth remembering for the Auckland Cup.

The Parisian's time for the Melbourne Cup constitutes a record for the event. The Bobadil—The Parisienne gelding knocked half a second off the previous record (3.27 1/2), the distinction of which was shared by Blue Spec 8.0 (1905), Apologue 7.9 (1907) and Prince Foote 7.8 (1909). Last year Comedy King ran the two miles in 3.27 3/4 with 7.11 poundage. The achievement of The Parisian was especially meritorious as he had an impost of 8.9, considerably more than either of the other three winner named. Carbine's time for the race was 3.28 1/4, done with 10.5 in the saddle, which was the heaviest weight ever carried to victory in the Melbourne Cup. That was twenty-one years ago.

The stake money at the A.R.C. Spring Meeting was widely distributed, as no less than thirty-eight owners participated in the £4150 distributed. The following is a list of principal winning payments: Wm. Walters £550; J. Roulston, £500; A. Jackson, £350; G. Bettley, £300; W. Montgomery, £285; F. W. Arnold, £270; B. T. Hawkins, £200; P. Johnson, £150; E. Langton, £150; T. J. B. Stewart, £150; D. McLeod, £125; J. McNicol, £100.

A. Neale is giving Overtime solid work and the son of Musketry is moving very freely. He has been entered for the Flying Handicap at Feilding.

H. Hendriksen has Papanui looking a picture, and this sterling horse should keep most of his opponents busy at the Otahuhu meeting.

W. George's Vanclare is doing good work at headquarters. He put in some useful work on the track last week.

When the Sout—Merry Nif colt, General Latour, was put up at the disposal sale at Glenora Park, he was knocked down to F. E. Ross, the Waikato sportsman, but was left on Wm. Walters' hands, on account of not passing the vet's examination. What a lucky thing for Mr. Walters!

Charlie Herd has his pair doing good work at Alexandra Park, and on Tuesday morning gave the mare Kotiri several two furlongs spurts. She moved nicely, although suffering from a cold.

OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB.

As indicating the marked progress the sport of trotting is making in the North, it is only necessary to draw attention to the programme of Otahuhu Trotting Club's Spring Meeting, to be held on November 22 and 25. The stakes to be distributed amount to 850 sovs, which is in advance of the prize money ever previously allocated for sixteen events at a spring trotting meeting. The two principal races of the forthcoming meeting are the Suburban Handicap (harness), on the first day, and the Otahuhu Spring Handicap (saddle) on the second day, which are each worth 100 sovs. There are three events in which 60 sovs. will be divided, and four where the prize money amounts to 50 sovs.

It is gratifying to note that the Otahuhu Club have recognised the desirability of encouraging the true trotter, as opposed to the pacer by providing two handicaps worth 60 sovs each—in saddle and the other optional—for trotters only. As the club will not be able to use their newly acquired course at Papakura for the spring fixture, arrangements have been made to hold the meeting at Alexandra Park. Nominations for all events close with the secretary (Mr. F. D. Yonge) to-morrow (Friday) evening.

Racing Reviewed.

CANTERBURY J.C. MEETING.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CHRISTCHURCH, November 7.

The Canterbury racing carnival was commenced on Saturday last and drew an immense crowd to Riccarton. In the early morning it seemed as if there was likely to be rain, but although a few showers fell, the weather did not dampen the spirits of those who went out to see the Cup.

Large fields were the order of the day and speculation was brisker than ever. The totalisator turnover for the day amounted to £39,851, as compared with £27,472 for Cup day last year, which affords proof positive that the Dominion is in a flourishing condition. With regard to the racing I can only say that it was equal to anything ever seen at Riccarton.

THE RACE FOR THE CUP.

Next came the New Zealand Cup, the great racing event of the year. There were fifteen starters. Vice-Admiral, who ran a good race in the Metropolitan Handicap at Randwick, was at once selected as being one of the best looking horses in the field, and he was eventually installed a prime favourite. Miscount, Los Angelos, Merrivonia and Domino also caught the eye as being trained to the hour. Goodwin Park to my mind seemed a trifle off colour, while I did not like the look of Mulga Bill or Iranui. The race itself was a beautiful one to watch. Starter Piper did not lose any time in getting his field away, and when settled down the colours of Projectile and Cronstadt were prominent. This pair led passing the stand, with Goodwin Park, Kilosteri and Martine at the head of the others. Miscount was running last and there was practically no alteration in the field until the mile post was reached, where Martine ran into third place just behind Projectile and Cronstadt, then came Domino, Iranui, Outlander and Goodwin Park, with Vice-Admiral and Los Angelos some distance away, and Miscount was still bringing up the rear. Rounding the bend Miscount, Vice-Admiral and Los Angelos commenced to improve their positions, but entering the straight they were still some distance behind the leaders. With heads fairly turned for home Projectile was showing the way just clear of Martine, with Cronstadt just clear of a bunch, which included Merrivonia, Domino, Iranui and Goodwin Park. Approaching the distance fully eight horses seemed to have a winning chance. The field at this stage being all bunched. With 100 yards to go Vice-Admiral and Miscount came with a rattle and the former finished up his task like a champion and beat Miscount by a bare length. Los Angelos, who also came fast from the distance, was a length away third, and after him came Domino, Merrivonia and Projectile. Kakurae was the last to finish.

THE STEWARDS' HANDICAP.

The field for the Stewards' Handicap constituted a record for New Zealand, 29 horses facing the starter. As was to be expected there was a long delay at the post. The two chief offenders being Turbine and Full Rate, while just before the start Dazzling fell and lost her rider. After many attempts, the big field was got away on fairly even terms. The colours of Gipsy Belle, Bliss, Pierene and Nyland were seen prominent, and when the field entered the course proper the colours of this quartette were easily prominent. Nyland held the winning chance throughout, and, finishing strongly, beat Peirene by a length and a-half, while Bliss was a similar distance away third. Formby finished fourth, just in front of Rurik and Longstep. The rest of the field was spread out.

DERBY DAY RACING.

Glorious weather prevailed on Derby day, and it is safe to say that Riccarton never looked better. The attendance was again large, while speculation on totalisator showed an increase on any previous Derby day. The figures being: 1910, £20,139, and £32,959.

The Derby was probably the best race of its kind seen at Riccarton for some years. The field was really a fine one, and included Miscount, who was the winner of the Hawke's Bay Guineas, and runner-up in New Zealand Cup, while Counterfeit had a win in the Wanganui Guineas against her name. Then there was Byron, a Champion Plate winner, and also Masterpiece, who had the reputation of being one of the best colts ever seen out at Riccarton. The race was indeed a pretty one to watch, and Miscount was first to break line, and with Byron and St. Petersburg next, showed the way out of the straight, Counterfeit bringing up the rear. Passing Cutt's, Byron on the rails, ran to the front, Miscount, Royal Scotch and Counterfeit being next almost in line, and St. Petersburg last. At the mile post Byron was still showing the way to Counterfeit, with Royal Scotch and Masterpiece just behind the Chokebore filly. When the six furlong post was reached Counterfeit had taken charge, Royal Scotch being second and Byron was starting to drop back. Rounding the turn Counterfeit had Royal Scotch and Masterpiece as her nearest attendant, with Miscount next. Turning into the straight Masterpiece had taken second place to Counterfeit, while Miscount also moved up. When well in line for home these three drew away from the others and in a good finish Masterpiece won by half a length. Counterfeit was a similar distance behind Miscount, and then two lengths and a-half away came Royal Scotch, with St. Petersburg next, and Byron last.

The Metropolitan Handicap saw most of the Cup horses trying conclusions. Vice-Admiral showed a clean pair of heels to his opponents, and beat the opposition just as easily as he did in the Cup. Domino, who finished second, ran very gamely. His owner has had extremely bad luck in bumping up against such a good colt as the son of Multiform.

TURF RESULTS.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

CONCLUSION OF SPRING MEETING.

SOULTORIA WINS MEMORIAL HANDICAP.

A clouded sky and light showers of rain during Saturday morning doubtless had the effect of keeping a number of people away from Ellerslie for the concluding day of the A.R.C. spring meeting. However, the sun came out during the afternoon and a very pleasant day resulted, with some excellent racing. Despite the rain that had fallen, the course was in good condition, while the management of the meeting left nothing to be desired. The starting was most creditable to starter O'Connor, and the handicapping of George Morse was commended by the number of close finishes. Since last meeting the club has made a change in catering arrangements, which were an improvement, although the accommodation provided in the public room is hardly what is expected of a metropolitan club. The totalisator returns for the day amounted to £22,155, as against £10,656 for the second day's racing at the spring meeting last year. The results of the racing were as follows:—

HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 100sovs. Gentlemen riders. About three miles.

- 2—J. Alfred's Webfoot, aged, by Captain Webb—Premier mare, 11.0 (Mr. E. Chadwick) 1
 - 1—Timi Puru's Riro Atu, aged, 11.13 (Mr. J. Bull) 2
 - 5—G. A. Duncan's Harkaway, aged, 10.11 (Mr. H. Dingle) 3
- Also started: 3 Sabine 10.12 (Mr. Kerr-Taylor), 4 Blue Mountain 10.11 (Mr. A. Ballard), 7 Hobartown 10.7 (Mr. Taylor), 6 Galvata 10.7 (Mr. Tims).
- Soon after the start Blue Mountain was the leader, but on rising the hill Sabine got on terms and the pair made all the running until the last round, when Sabine fell back and Webfoot and Riro Atu came to the front. At the head of the straight Webfoot was on terms and the next obstacle saw Blue Mountain fall. Webfoot went on and won easily by a dozen lengths, while Harkaway was nearly 100 yards away third. Time, 6min 32sec.

THE GORDON HANDICAP of 125sovs. Six furlongs.

- 1—H. C. Tonks' Bogey, 5yrs, by Rambler—Hippocampus mare, 7.9 (J. Buchanan) 1
- 3—O. Cox's Recipe, 4yrs, 6.9 (McArten) 2
- 8—McGlashan's Harenon, 5yrs, 7.6 (B. Oliver) 3

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