

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP of 400sovs.
One mile and a quarter.

5—W. R. Kemball's ch m Bonnetter, 4yrs, by Boniform—Brayton, 8.6, inc. 1lb over (J. O'Shea) 1
1—P. W. Scally's b g Esthonia, 3yrs, 8.9 (McCormick) 2
2—R. Hannon's br m Tinopai, aged, 8.2 (Glover) 3
Also started: 4 Punka 8.9, 8 Cynic 7.12, 3 Woody Glen 6.12 (inc. 2lb over), 9 Blue Cross 6.8 (inc. 1lb over), 7 Tabasco 6.11 (inc. 4lb over), 10 Isingarch 6.10 (inc. 3lb over), 6 Active 7.4½ (inc. 1½lb over).
Isingarch lost her rider. Won by four lengths, two lengths separating second and third. Blue Cross was fourth and Cynic next. Time, 2min. 7 4-5sec.

GREAT NORTHERN OAKS of 700sovs:
first horse 100sovs, second 100sovs, third 50sovs, breeder of winner 50 sovs. One mile and a half.

3—H.M. Campbell's br f Matatane, by Merry Moment—Hope Diamond, 8.10 (McFlynn) 1
1—G. M. Currie's br f Rose Queen, 8.10 (Rayner) 2
2—W. R. Kemball's b f Missgold, 8.10 (J. O'Shea) 3
Also started: 4 Princess Charming 8.10.
Won by two and a half lengths, four lengths between second and third. Time, 2min 41sec.

BRIGHTON HURDLE RACE of 500 sovs. Two miles.

7—J. O. E. Jackson's br g Marconi, aged, by Soult—Caller On, 9.7 (R. Manson) 1
6—A. Murdoch's b g Deviation, aged, 9.0 (Warner) 2
5—D. Twohill's br g Gluetanus, aged, 10.8 (E. Preston) 3
Also started: 1 Thrace 12.7, 8 Kauri King 11.9, 3 Waimai 10.7, 2 Explorer 10.4, 4 Notability 9.0.
Won easily by five lengths, a quarter of a length separating second and third. Explorer was fourth and Thrace next. Time, 3min. 46 3-5sec.

GREAT NORTHERN CHAMPAGNE STAKES of 1000sovs: first horse 600 sovs, second horse 200sovs, third horse 100sovs, breeder of winner 100sovs. Six furlongs.

1—A. B. Williams' ch c Humbug, by Absurd—Eulogy, 8.10 (McFlynn) 1
3—Ian Duncan's ch f Blackmail, 8.8, (Deeley) 2
2—E. Alison's br g Landslide, 8.7, (McCarten) 3
Also started: 4 Miss Muriel 8.8, 5 Lovelight 8.7.
Won by two lengths, a similar distance separating second and third. Miss Muriel was fourth. Time, 1min. 14 2-5 sec.

EASTER HANDICAP of 1000sovs.
One mile.

9—C. J. Bennett's b g Gazique, aged, by Gazeley—Pauline, 8.7 inc. 1 lb over (Robinson) 1
2—K. S. Williams' ch m Tigritiya, 4yrs, 7.12 (McFlynn) 2
3—W. R. Kemball's ch h Hymestra, 5yrs, 8.5 inc 1lb over (J. O'Shea) 3
Also started: 1 Uncle Ned 8.10, 4 Taiamai 8.2 and Rockfie'd 8.0 (bracketed), 5 Maioha 7.6, 8 Bo Peep 7.6, 7 Queen Abbey 7.5, 11 Ruatara 7.0 (inc. 3lb over), 6 Te Oro 7.4 (inc. 1½lb over), 10 General Advance 6.9½ (inc. 2½lb over).
Won by half a length, one and a half lengths between second and third. Ruatara was fourth, followed by General Advance, Maioha, Taiamai and Uncle Ned. Time, 1min. 39 3-5sec.

ONSLOW STAKES of 275sovs. Five furlongs.

6—E. W. Alison, jun's, b c Geoffrey, by The Sybarite—Irish Mist, 7.12½, inc 1½lb over (McFlynn) 1
5—F. Earl's b f Dovelet, 7.12, inc. 3 over (Deeley) 2
1—W. G. Emery's br c Pure Laziness, 7.8 (McCormick) 3
Also started: 2 Dunedin 8.10, 4 Celmisia 8.0, 9 Bright Light 7.11, 8 Tresor 7.11, 7 Rekatoo 7.11, 11 Mata Kainga 7.9, 10 Herschles 7.8, 3 Illumination 7.7.
Won by three-parts of a length, two lengths between second and third. Celmisia was fourth. Time, 1min. 2sec.

NELSON HANDICAP of 275sovs.
One mile.

1—R. Hannon's b c Tinohoro, 3yrs, by Quin Abbey—Mignon, 7.9 (Glover) 1
8—A. Booth's br g Explode, 5yrs., 8.1 (McFlynn) 2
15—H. D. Matthews' b g Prince Rufus, 3yrs, 7.0 (Hockley) 3
Also started: 4 War Tank 9.4, 6 Mountain Gold 8.8, 10 Gatherer 8.6, 2 Formain 8.4, 7 North Loburn 8.1, 5 Farce 8.0, 13 Hessian 7.12, 12 Stammer 7.10, 18 Walton 7.7, 14 Brodrick 7.4, 17 Ma Copper 7.4, 9 Actrice 7.0, 11 Tom Moore 7.0, 3 Rebuff 7.0, 19 Merrie Prince 7.0, 16 No Bother 7.0.
Won by a neck, half a length between second and third. War Tank was fourth and Hessian next. Time, 1min. 40 3-5sec.

EDEN HANDICAP of 400sovs. Seven furlongs.

7—J. Hetet's br g Tama-a-roa, 5yrs, by Penury—Electrum, 6.7 (Glover) 1
8—J. Crane's ch g Crowhurst, 5yrs., 7.10 (Manson) 2
3—K. S. Williams' br g Vagabond, 5yrs., 9.11 (McFlynn) 3
Also started: 1 Lord Kenilworth 8.10, and Archie 7.7 (bracketed), 2 Mill o' Gowrie 8.5, 4 Trespass 7.4½ (inc. 1½ lb over), 6 Ohinewairua 7.0, 10 Lady Glen 6.10½ (inc. 3½lb over), 5 Prince Charleroi 6.8 (inc. 1lb over), 11 Winsome Arch 6.11½ (inc. 1½lb over), 9 Clonmel 6.11 (inc. 4lb over).
Lord Kenilworth and Archie were bracketed. Won by a head, a length between second and third. Prince Charleroi was fourth and Trespass next. Time, 1min. 25sec.

J. O'Shea was the most successful horseman at the Auckland R.C.'s autumn meeting, piloting four winners during the two days. A. J. McFlynn saluted the judge on three occasions, while E. Manson, H. Robinson, and T. Glover rode two winners apiece. R. Manson, L. H. Hewitt and Keapa were credited with a win apiece.

CONCLUDING DAY.

UNCLE NED WINS PRINCIPAL EVENT.

MISSGOLD EFFECTS SURPRISE IN G.N. ST. LEGER STAKES.

Beautiful weather prevailed on Monday, when the A.R.C. autumn meeting was brought to a close, the attendance at the picturesque Ellerslie course being of record dimensions. Never has a larger crowd assembled at a race meeting held in the Dominion at Easter time, the enclosures being thronged with devotees of the turf, who were able to enjoy the afternoon's sport under highly-favourable circumstances. The track was in first-rate order, and the racing provided was even more keen and interesting than on the opening day. Excellent contests were witnessed in all of the events with the exception of the Autumn Steeplechase, which was robbed of considerable interest as the result of Tirau, Tenacious and Battletide; three well-fancied candidates, coming to grief at different stages of the race. This left the favourite, No Surrender, practically without opposition over the final half-mile, and making no mistakes at the remaining obstacles he ran home an easy winner. A feature of the afternoon's proceedings was the popular victory registered by Uncle Ned in the St. George's Handicap, this mark-

Stirring finishes were witnessed in the Stewards' Handicap (one mile), Huia Handicap (six furlongs), and Auckland Welter Handicap (one mile), the handicapping of Mr. F. J. Macmanemin coming in for much favourable comment. Though the starter, Mr. C. O'Connor, had several difficult despatches to make, notably in the Mangere Handicap (in which there were 23 starters), St. George's Handicap and Auckland Welter—a number of the horses proving fractious whilst at the barrier in the two last-named events—he got his fields away in good line. The judge, Mr. R. B. Lusk, was faced with no easy task in several instances in separating the placed horses, but his prompt decisions in no case gave rise to doubt or complaint, while his hoisting of the fourth horse's number also was appreciated. Mr. W. S. Spence, the capable secretary, had all arrangements in admirable working order, and much of the success of the meeting was due to his keen foresight and efficient organisation.

The totalisator staff proved equal to coping with the incessant demands made upon their services in consequence of the brisk speculation indulged in by the public, and when the totals were made up after the last race it was seen that the sum of £104,875 10s. had passed through the machine during the afternoon, as compared with £78,823 10s. for the concluding day of the 1919 Easter gather-

and Explode' most prominent of the others. Tinokaha showed the way into the straight, and staying on well had no difficulty in stalling off a late challenge from No Bother, who headed Loved One and Explode inside the distance, but failed to reach the favourite by a length and a-half by the time the post was reached. Loved One was two and a-half lengths away, third, and Explode fourth, followed by Tom Moore and Sanacre.

The withdrawal of Blackmail and Dovelet left eight two-year-olds to contest the Victoria Handicap, for which the bracketed pair Landslide and Illumination were in more request than the Taranaki-owned colt Pure Laziness, while Celmisia and Miss Muriel were also the medium of spirited speculation! Miss Muriel momentarily showed out in the lead from a good despatch, but was quickly headed by the Takapuna pair, Landslide and Illumination, who carried on the running into the straight. The bearers of the chocolate jacket and red sash appeared likely to occupy first and second positions when the real test commenced, but Miss Muriel, finishing with commendable dash, drew on terms at the distance, and revelling in her task went on to win by a length from Landslide, two lengths after whom came Illumination. Lovelight was fourth, Celmisia fifth, and Pure Laziness, who ran disappointingly, next.

Four of the five acceptors for the Great Northern St. Leger Stakes took their places at the barrier, the withdrawal being Archie. The Wanganui candidate, Rose Queen, was made a better favourite than Tinohoro, while the bracketed pair, Missgold and Rebuff, were not neglected. Missgold went to the front when the tapes were released, with Tinohoro as her nearest attendant, Rose Queen being in advance of Rebuff, this being the order as they passed the stand. Going out of the straight Rebuff ran up second, while entering the back stretch Tinohoro occupied last position. Racing to the five-furlong post Rose Queen moved up into second place, but Missgold still held a commanding lead as the field swept towards the entrance to the straight, which she negotiated several lengths in advance of Rose Queen. The latter made a big effort to overhaul the leader in the run to the post, but Missgold, finishing much better than on the opening day, hung on to her task and gained the verdict by a length. Rebuff was seven lengths away, third, Tinohoro being a bad last. The times supplied by Mr. J. K. Douglas for the various stages of the race were: Two furlongs, 26 3-5sec.; four furlongs, 52 1-5sec.; six furlongs, 1min. 20sec.; seven furlongs, 1min. 45 3-5sec.; mile and a-quarter, 2min. 12sec.; mile and three-quarters, 3min. 5sec.

Nine horses were saddled up for the St. George's Handicap, Vagabond being installed a firm favourite, while Uncle Ned, Mangamahoe and Bonnetter also claimed heavy support. The start was delayed owing to the vagaries of several of the candidates, but when the barrier went up Vagabond was quickest into his stride, with Punka and Bonnetter as his nearest attendants. Entering the straight the first time Bonnetter took up the running and led past the stand from Mangamahoe, Vagabond, Uncle Ned and Punka. Bonnetter still maintained her lead along the back, with Mangamahoe, Vagabond, Blue Cross and Uncle Ned handy, while Punka put in a good run which brought her within striking distance of the leaders. As they swept round the home bend Bonnetter was just in front of Mangamahoe, Vagabond, Punka, Uncle Ned and Taiamai. Under pressure Bonnetter faded out of the contest and Mangamahoe momentarily flattered his supporters until Uncle Ned put in a resolute run which enabled him to overhaul the leaders, and, responding to the demands of his rider in brilliant fashion, he gained the upper hand of Mangamahoe by half a length, Taiamai being three-quarters of a length away, third. Cynic was fourth and Punka next. After the race L. Hewitt, rider of Uncle Ned, and C. Reed, who had the mount on Punka, were summoned to appear before the stewards to give evidence with regard to a slight bump which Punka received during the running of the event. Reed stated that the bump had no bearing on the result of the race while Hewitt failed to recollect the incident. It was decided that the case did not warrant any action being taken, though a caution was extended to Hewitt.

Khartoum was not asked to fulfil his engagement in the Autumn Steeplechase, while Garryowen, The Channel and Kinkora also failed to



A GROUP OF YOUNG TURF ENTHUSIASTS AT THE RANGITIKEI R.C.'S ANNUAL FIXTURE.

ing his second consecutive success in the big mile and a-half event at Ellerslie on Easter Monday. The Avondale-trained gelding, who was ridden a judicious race by L. H. Hewitt, was responsible for a brilliant run up the straight. Finishing with characteristic gameness he quickly disposed of Vagabond, Taiamai and Mangamahoe, the last-named making a determined though futile effort to turn the tables on Uncle Ned in the last thirty yards, but the latter defeated Mr. R. Hannon's representative by half a length amid intense excitement. The merit of Uncle Ned's performance received due recognition from the crowd, horse and rider being enthusiastically cheered when returning to weigh in. Uncle Ned, who had finished close to the placed horses in the Easter Handicap, was again well backed for his second engagement, and his win was an extremely popular one.

Missgold provided a mild surprise by leading from start to finish in the Great Northern St. Leger Stakes (1½ miles), in which there were only three other starters, including Rebuff, a stablemate of the winner, the pair being owned by the Wairarapa sportsman, Mr. W. R. Kemball. Both Rose Queen and Tinohoro were preferred by backers to Missgold, who in a slow-run race in the Great Northern Oaks (1½ miles) on the opening day had finished a disappointing third in a field of four, those to finish in front of her being Matatane and Rose Queen. The faster pace in the St. Leger evidently suited Missgold, for she displayed better stamina over the longer distance, accounting for Rose Queen quite comfortably. Tinohoro quite failed to run up to expectations, and appeared a beaten horse five furlongs from home, eventually finishing last.

ing, making a total for the two days of £195,855 10s., as against £146,529 10s. last year, an increase of £49,326.

The topweights, Vagabond and Bonnetter, both of whom were reserved for later events, were the only withdrawals from the opening event, the Stewards' Handicap, leaving a field of ten to face the starter. The Hawke's Bay representative Maioha was elected a good favourite, though solid support was accorded Esthonia, Tinopai and Lord Kenilworth. The Oaks winner, Matatane, was quickest to find her feet, and she led along the back from War Tank, with Esthonia, Tama-a-roa and Trespass racing next, Maioha and Lord Kenilworth being at the rear of the field. Racing from the five-furlong post to the entrance to the straight War Tank lost his position, Esthonia moving up second, with Trespass in third place. Esthonia headed Matatane entering the straight, the latter dropping back, while both Trespass and Tama-a-roa improved their positions. Esthonia looked to have matters fairly safe half-way up the straight, but Tama-a-roa and Trespass threw out determined challenges, a great race ensuing over the last 100 yards. J. O'Shea, however, kept Esthonia hard at it and by vigorous riding managed to get his mount home by half a head in advance of Tama-a-roa, a head after whom came Trespass. Maioha, who put in a brilliant run after entering the straight, was close up, fourth, followed by Tabasco and War Tank.

Missgold and Glen Canny were the only defections from the 25 carded for the Mangere Handicap, in which the topweight, Tinokaha, claimed most attention from backers. Others to be well supported were Explode, North Loburn, Oak Abbey and Finkop. The favourite took up the running at the start, with Loved One, Finkop