

Also started: 2 Master Webster 10.7 (Burt), 5 Parewanui 10.1 (A. Tricklebank), 4 Hushabye 9.13 (Thorner), 1 Silent Dick 9.8 (West), 11 Flaming 9.7 (Robinson), 10 Toddy (Caddy), 8 Combustion 9.7 (H. Brown), 9 Tornea 9.7 (Meagher).

Combustion fell. Won by a length and a-half, four lengths between second and third. Silent Dick was fourth. Time, 4min. 48 3-5sec.

RAUKAWA CUP HANDICAP of 700 sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

- 6—F. Dorset's ch m Red Ribbon, aged, by Elevation—Blue Ribbon, 8.7 (Lowe) 1
1—R. Earlow's b h Depredation, aged, 8.0 (Goldfinch) 2
4—G. Wrelling's br g Detroit, aged, 6.7 (Anderson) 3

Also started: 5 Nobleman 8.9 (A. Reed), 3 Puka 8.0 (M. McCarten), 10 Cyrisian 7.0 (M. McDonald), 2 Bonnie Heather 7.7 (R. Reed), 9 Rose Pink 6.13, inc. 4lb. over (Toms), 8 Penury Rose 6.12, inc. 5lb. over (G. Carmont), 7 Sea Foam 7.1, inc. 8lb. over (Barry), 11 Esperance 6.7 (Hare).

Won by a neck, two lengths between second and third. Rose Pink was fourth. Time, 2min. 19 3-5sec.

OTAKI HACK HANDICAP of 175sovs. One mile.

- 4—C. Erickson's br f Sweet Song, 3yrs, by Danube—Tetrazzini, 7.2 (Barry) 1
1—W. McKegg's b g Utuwai, 6yrs, 8.4 (Goldfinch) 2
2—A. Goodman's b g Printemps, 3yrs, 8.8 (A. Reed) 3

Also started: Simon 9.3 (Lewer), 8 Maymorn 7.7 (Toms), 6 Transmission 7.5 (M. McDonald), 5 Persian Prince 7.0 (Hare), 7 Riki 6.10 (Anderson), 9 Elevate 6.7 (Gordon), 10 Pomona 6.7 (Wilton).

Won by two lengths, four lengths between second and third. Persian Prince was fourth. Time, 1min. 52 2-5 sec.

TAIPUA HANDICAP of 335sovs. Six furlongs.

- 1—W. E. Herbert's b m Bo-Peep, 4yrs, by Bezonian—Shepherdess, 8.11 (L. Morris) 1
2—A. Jensen's b g Matatua, 4yrs, 7.2 (Barry) 2
10—H. Simmons' ch g Gold Problem, 6.10 (Anderson) 3

Also started: 6 Daytime 8.1 (Goldfinch), 8 Kipling 7.11 (A. Reed), 7 Old Gold 7.9 (M. McCarten), 4 Rawakore 7.4 (M. McDonald), 2 Paonui 7.2 (Griffiths), 5 Ahika 6.13 (Toms), 9 Lady General 6.11 (Wilton), 11 Trentham Rose 6.7 (G. Carmont).

Won by two lengths, a similar distance between second and third. Old Gold was fourth. Time, 1min. 20sec.

BIRTHDAY WELTER HACK HANDICAP of 160sovs. Seven furlongs.

- 8—S. S. Parkes' br g Willys Knight, aged, by Maniapoto—Tiraumea, 8.1 (Lawry) 1
5—R. Barlow's b c Prodigal, 3yrs, 8.7 (Goldfinch) 2
3—F. T. Watson's br g Admiration, 4yrs, 8.7 (M. McCarten) 3

Also started: 6 Sacramento 10.7 (W. Young), 4 Flight Commander 9.9 (L. Morris), 1 Misland 9.7 (A. Reed), 2 Kyoto 8.11 (Rayner), 9 Malin Head 8.9 (McBrearty), 7 Gold Screen 8.7 (R. Reed).

Won by half a length, a length between second and third. Time, 1min. 38 1-5sec.

SECOND DAY.

RED RIBBON WINS HUIA HANDICAP.

PLIMMERTON, Friday.

Fine weather was experienced for the concluding day of the Otaki meeting, which took place to-day, in the presence of a large crowd of sporting enthusiasts. Red Ribbon and Bo-Peep, who had both won the principal races on the first day, were again successful to-day, both successes being gained in a creditable manner. The minor events were all well contested, and a feature of the racing was the success of the top weights, no less than five horses carrying the No. 1 saddle cloth being first past the judge's box, while Gaekwar, who was No. 1 on the card, was second. The only other even number to win a race was Chant Royal, who was 16 in the book. The dividends were somewhat on the small side, no less than four first favourites winning, while second favourites scored in the remaining three races.

Mr. R. H. Skipwith was successful at the barrier, his send-offs being marked by evenness, while the native judge (Mr. Horo Karaiti) gave his decisions promptly and accurately. The meeting was admirably managed by Mr. O. J. D'Ath, while visitors were well looked after by the president (Mr. Ben Ling).

The totalisator staff handled £23,021 for the day, making £56,397 for the meeting, against £49,028 that found its way through the machine at the corresponding fixture last year. The results were:—

TELEGRAPH HACK HANDICAP of 120sovs. Five furlongs.

- 1—F. Ormond's ch m Hymarty, 5yrs, by Hymettus—Marty, 9.2 (E. Manson) 1
2—W. Honeyfield's ch g Generalissimo, 3yrs, 8.12 (Goldfinch) 2
3—L. McKenzie's ch f Valley Rose, 3yrs, 7.12 (Griffiths) 3

Also started: 6 Nematine 8.3 (R. Reed), 4 Yankee Dan 8.1 (M. McCarten), 7 Zephland 7.10 (A. Reed), 8 Merry Andrew 7.10 (Lowe), 5 Vitella 7.8 (Barry), 9 Thuidity 7.12 1/2, inc. 4 1/2 lb over (Corlett), 10 Russet 7.0 (Anderson).

Won by a head, a length between second and third. Yankee Dan was fourth. Time, 1min. 7 3-5sec.

TE ROTO HACK AND HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 210 sovs. About two miles.

- 2—J. Bellis' b g Pauwerewere, aged, by Sir Laddo—Greenleaf, 11.0 (Hawker) 1
1—L. H. Collinson's br g Gaekwar, aged, 11.8 (Bowden) 2
4—E. Joyce's b g Silent Dick, 5yrs, 9.7 (West) 3

Also started: 3 Master Webster 10.7 (Burt), 5 Applaud 10.0 (Webby), 9 Parewanui 9.13 (Tricklebank), 6 Hushabye 9.11 (Thorner), 11 Toddy 9.7 (McBrearty), 8 Gatha 9.7 (Proctor), 7 Combustion 9.7 (H. Brown), 10 Tornea 9.7 (Meagher).

Won by three lengths, four lengths between second and third. Combustion was fourth. Time, 4min. 12 3-5sec.

HUIA HANDICAP of 450sovs. One mile and 55 yards.

- 2—F. Dorset's ch m Red Ribbon, aged, by Elevation—Blue Ribbon, 9.5 (Lowe) 1
7—R. Knox's br g Penury Rose, 4yrs, 6.13 1/2, inc. 6 1/2 lb. over (G. Carmont) 2
8—J. Fuller's b m Esperance, 4yrs, 6.7 (Hare) 3

Also started: 1 Depredation 8.6 (Goldfinch), 4 Puka 7.12, inc. 1lb. over (M. McCarten), 5 Cyrisian 7.6 1/2, inc. 4 1/2 lb. over (M. McDonald), 3 Old Gold 7.4, inc. 1lb over (Griffiths), 6 Rose Pink 6.11 (Anderson).

Won by a length, a neck between second and third. Old Gold was fourth. Time, 1min. 53 2-5sec.

STEWARDS' HACK HANDICAP of 140sovs. Seven furlongs.

- 1—Mr. Loring's b f Royal Exchange, 3yrs, by King Rufus—Commerce, 8.12 (A. Reed) 1
5—G. Manville's br m Missand, 4yrs, 7.13 (R. Reed) 2
3—G. Erickson's br f Sweet Song, 3yrs, 8.2 (Barry) 3

Also started: 1 Sea Foam 8.6 (Corkhill), 2 Utuwai 8.5 (G. Carmont), 6 Stutter 7.13 (M. McCarten), 8 Kyoto 7.4 (M. McDonald), 7 Admiration 7.3 (Toms), 11 Transmission 7.2 (Hare), 9 Pakaraka 6.10 (Wilton), 13 Riki 6.10 (Anderson), 10 Lord Formby 6.12 1/2, inc. 2 1/2 lb. over (Tricklebank), 12 Larkspur 7.4, inc. 8lb. over (Griffiths).

Donald), 7 Mead 8.7 (W. Young), 2 Gay Patron 8.7 (Goldfinch), 9 Goolwa 8.7 (G. Carmont), 13 Preparation 8.7 (R. Styles), 5 Top Dog 8.7 (Bowden), 11 Royal Gift 8.7 (Corkhill), 16 Huarenga 8.7 (Jenkins), 14 Larkspur 8.7 (W. Tricklebank), 6 Gold Coast 8.7 (A. Reed), 15 Camp Hero 8.7 (Lee), 4 Gold Fan 8.7 (M. McCarten), 8 Super Six 8.7 (L. Morris).

Won by three lengths, half a length between second and third. Time, 1min. 7 2-5sec.

CANTERBURY PARK TROT-TING CLUB.

FIRST DAY'S RACING.

(From Our Christchurch Correspondent)

After a spell of real winter, the weather cleared up nicely for the first day of the Canterbury Park Trotting Club's winter meeting. There was a record attendance, which included many visitors from South Canterbury and North Otago. Though rather on the heavy side, little fault could be found with the going, which was estimated as being from two to three seconds slow to the mile. Every event drew large fields, and there was no lack of interest in the racing, which was of a particularly high standard all through. Speculation was particularly brisk the sum of £38,961 being handled,

a disappointing contest, for Sympathy, Brown's Nugget, Whispering Willie, and Agathos were all slow to begin, and it was early apparent that the issue lay between Stockade and Gleaming. This pair cleared right away from the field, and with half the journey covered Vice-Admiral was heading the others a long way back. Pacing in great style, Stockade always had a little the better of Gleaming, but he had to be driven right out to win by two lengths. This is the first race that has come Stockade's way since last February, and it was decidedly popular. Gleaming showed unexpected stamina by fighting out every yard of the final stages with the winner, and a race should soon come his way. When looking to have fair prospects six furlongs from home Agathos went to a bad break, only for which he would certainly have been dangerous. Vice-Admiral put up a solid race all through, while Admiral Wood showed plenty of speed in the early stages.

Notwithstanding his creditable display in the Peninsular Handicap, backers preferred the chances of Taubinu, Hoymetta, Prince Burlington, and The Rook to those of Guy Dillon for the Lyttelton Handicap. For three-parts of the journey it was a pretty race, there being little to choose between Taubinu, Mopey, Prince Burlington and Guy Dillon. Going along the back the last-named drew clear, and turned for home well in advance of Mopey and Prince Burlington. Under pressure, Guy Dillon was stopping, but he was still a length to the good of Prince Burlington as the post was reached. It was a creditable performance on the part of both horses, while of the others, Hoymetta gave the best showing. After going half a mile, Coalition came down, but his rider was uninjured.

Albert Cling carried the confidence of backers in the Stewards' Handicap, but his supporters got a poor run for their money, as he dislodged his driver at the first turn. Rorke's Drift looked a winner till half a mile from home, where Chid and Silver Nut closed on him. Drawing away at the top turn, Chid was going comfortably in front as the field straightened up for the run home. Even to the distance it looked any odds on his prevailing, but under pressure he stopped, and Silver Nut passed him in the last few strides. The winner finished very resolutely, and a longer race should soon come his way. Of the back-makers, General Link gave the best showing, after being none too well placed in the early stages.

Sally Dillon opened up such a big lead in the first mile of the Aviation Handicap as to make her success seem assured. Over the last furlong she was being hard ridden to keep her place, and was outstayed by Our Goldie, who won by a length. These two daughters of Harold Dillon were the only ones to trot correctly, all the others making mistakes. Parkfield was putting in solid work all through the second mile, but the displays of Blazer Wilson, Captain Rothschild, Ballin, and Delville Wood were disappointing. Treasure Seeker was slow to settle to business, and did well to finish just behind the placed horses.

The Railway Handicap provided one of the finest finishes ever seen on the course. Annie Dillon and Miss Havoc set a very solid pace from the start, with Locanda Dillon and Miss Edith handy. Miss Havoc was in front at the distance, where Locanda Dillon, Miss Edith, and Nabob were just behind her. Under punishment, Locanda Dillon just got his head in front as the box was reached, with Miss Edith, Proudspring, Nabob, and Miss Havoc almost in line. The winner was capably driven by F. Holmes, and put up his best race this season. Hayseed, the actual favourite, was slow to begin, and never got into the fighting line.

Fisherton, having from A. Fleming's stable, was backed with the utmost confidence for the Au Revoir Handicap, but once again he gave a sorry showing. After getting nicely away, the favourite went to a tangle at the end of three furlongs, after which he faded right out. Half a mile from home Hickorywood, Hutana, Harold Child, and Robert Dillon all appeared to have reasonable prospects. Just when Hickorywood looked almost certain winner, Little Kauri came along with a phenomenal run, and scored decisively. The winner, who has only been in work a few weeks, was little fancied, even by his stable connections, and he returned a nice price.

Lochella fulfilled the expectations of his many thousands of supporters when he followed up his Great Northern Hurdles victory by annexing the second leg of the double—the Great Northern Steeplechase—on Monday. The son of Grafton Loch has thus equalled the performance of Liberator and El Gallo, though the latter established the remarkable achievement of winning the Great Northern double two years in succession. G. Fielding allowed Lochella to run at the rear of the field for two-thirds of the race, and at one period, when the ascent of the hill was commenced a second time, the task set the Dunedin candidate appeared to be one that would fully test him. It was not till the hurdle near the five furlongs post, just before going up the hill the last time, was negotiated that Lochella commenced to make up his leeway rapidly. Garryowen, Slowcoach, Old Mungindi, and No Surrender being in front of him at this stage of the race. The unfortunate mishap to Garryowen at the double on top of the hill, where he fell when going great guns, robbed the race of much interest, as the Salvadoran gelding would unquestionably have put up a great fight with the southerner, who was closing on the leaders (Garryowen and Slowcoach) when the former fell. It was then left to Slowcoach to dispute supremacy with the favourite, and he was responsible for a highly creditable showing, giving Lochella a good contest to the last fence, which the latter jumped slightly in advance of the northerner. Lochella's superior condition enabled him to draw away from Slowcoach and register a popular victory by a couple of lengths.

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GENERAL SIR WILLIAM R. BIRDWOOD. "THE SOUL OF ANZAC" PHOTOGRAPHED IN WELLINGTON SHORTLY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN NEW ZEALAND. The distinguished soldier was accorded a highly enthusiastic welcome in Wellington, and his visit to the Dominion promises to prove a memorable one.

Won by four lengths, a length between second and third. Lord Formby was fourth. Time, 1min. 53 2-5sec.

RAHUI HANDICAP of 230sovs. Six furlongs.

- 1—W. E. Herbert's b m Bo-Peep, 4yrs, by Bezonian—Shepherdess, 9.10 (L. Morris) 1
5—D. Cullinane's b m Crucelle, 5yrs, 6.7 (Anderson) 2
2—F. A. Jensen's b g Matatua, 4yrs, 7.8 (Barry) 3

Also started: 6 Daytime 7.13 (Armstrong), 7 Rawakore 7.7, inc. 4lb. over (M. McDonald), 3 Paonui 7.3 1/2, inc. 3 1/2 lb. over (Griffiths), 4 Gold Problem 6.13, inc. 2lb over (G. Carmont), 8 Ahika 6.11 (Tricklebank), 9 Lady General 6.9 (Wilton), 10 Trentham Rose 6.7 (Hare).

Won by a length and a-half, a head between second and third. Ahika was fourth. Time, 1min. 21 3-5sec.

OHAU WELTER HACK HANDICAP of 120sovs. One mile.

- 2—M. Bradley's b g Simon, aged, by Sweet Simon—Sylvia Park mare, 10.0 (R. Reed) 1
3—P. McAnally's blk g The Digger, 5yrs, 8.11 (Bowden) 2
10—Davis and Till's b g Eltters, 3yrs, 8.0 (M. McCarten) 3

Also started: 4 Printemps 9.13 (A. Reed), 5 Willys Knight 9.8 (Lawry), 6 Flight Commander 9.0 (L. Morris), 1 Prodigal 8.8 (Goldfinch), 14 White Ranger 8.4 (Webby), 7 Sir Wai 8.2 (Corlett), 9 Persian Prince 8.2 (G. Carmont), 13 Gold Screen 8.0 (M. McDonald), 11 Elevate 8.0 (Lowe), 12 Pomona 8.0 (Griffiths), 15 Guiration 8.0 (Hare).

Won by a length, a neck between second and third. Achillion was fourth. Time, 1min. 52sec.

FINAL HACK SCURRY of 110sovs. Five furlongs.

- 1—F. Ormond's b g Chant Royal, 3yrs, by King Mark—Chantress, 8.7 (E. Manson) 1
3—P. Rossmead's b m Princess Marion, aged, 8.7 (Lowe) 2
12—O. Jefferson's b f Regard, 3yrs, 8.7 (Barry) 3

Also started: 10 Marziale 8.7 (M. Mc-

as against £25,508 on the corresponding day last year.

There was not a great deal of interest taken in the First Amateur Handicap, which attracted a field of 23 moderate. After Grand Dillon had taken a hand as pacesetter, Waiwera drew to the front and half a mile from home appeared to have the result in safe keeping. Over the last furlong his driver appeared to take matters rather too easily, and Miss Chancellor got up in the last few strides to win by a neck. At different stages of the race Gentle Ribbons, Major Domo and Rosie Wilkes appeared to have winning chances, but they failed to sustain their efforts. Wonder Why, the favourite, could not be induced to settle down over the first part of the journey, but gave promise by finishing up just behind the placed horses. Gentle Ribbons had every chance, but quite failed to show the speed credited to him in private. This marked Miss Chancellor's second win within a few weeks, and she was capably driven by Mr. R. Fleming.

The North Island-owned two-year-old Nelson Derby was supported with the utmost confidence for the Peninsular Handicap, but he was well beaten at the end of a mile. Locanda Junr, started very smoothly, and made the running throughout. When heads were in line for home, Madeline put in a well-sustained run, and had the leader doing his best over the last hundred yards. Locanda Junr. was driven a confident race by A. Hendricksen, who has the son of Brent Locanda very well. Nelson Derby was evidently troubled by the heavy going and little notice need be taken of his defeat. Guy Dillon went a solid race all through, but two well-fancied candidates, in Bulius and Saints Bell, failed to race up to expectations. Amongst the unplaced division Nabob, The Whip, and Lindetta gave the best showings.

Albert Cling was the only eleventh hour withdrawal from the Paparoa Handicap leaving a useful field of eleven to contest the big harness event. Weight of Dunedin money saw Stockade installed favourite, with the Oakhampston pair—Admiral Wood and Erbi's King—next in demand. It was