

HOROWHENUA RACING CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

ESPERANCE WINS THE CUP.

(From Our Travelling Correspondent.)

PLIMMERTON, Wednesday. One of the most successful meetings ever held by the Horowhenua Racing Club took place to-day, when their annual fixture was conducted at Wera-roa. The weather was very inclement overnight, while heavy rain this morning deterred quite a number of sporting enthusiasts from putting in an appearance. Nevertheless, the attendance was very large, visitors being present from the adjoining districts and further afield. The racing provided was really first class, heads only separating the placed horses in several of the events.

The Cup went to Esperance (Martian—Mary of Argyle), owned by Mr. J. Fuller, of Seddon (Marlborough), who, however, was not present to see his horse win. At the conclusion of the race, Esperance's trainer (C. Pritchard) was called into the stewards' room, where the toast of the owner was given by the club's president (Mr. Jas. McLeavey), who in a few well-chosen words said that one and all were pleased to see the cup won by a popular sportsman. The victory was a deserved one, for Mr. Fuller had for many years been a generous supporter of racing without experiencing a great deal of success. By the way, the dividend returned by Esperance was the largest paid out during the day.

The race for the McDonald Memorial Handicap (six furlongs) was the best ever seen on the course, the placed horses, Nursing Sister, Gold Problem, and Beloved, flashing across the winning line together, heads only separating the trio.

O'Rane, who did not get away any too well in the Hurdles, put in a phenomenal run over the last bit, and beat Pawerewere, who appeared unlucky not to win, by the narrowest of margins on the post. O'Rane can be regarded as a very promising hurdler.

Two minor incidents occurred during the day. Prior to starting in the Cup, Ladify's bridle fell off, and the mare completed four circuits of the course before she pulled up. As she had run three miles, her withdrawal from the race naturally followed. While the mare was galloping strongly in the straight a bystander endeavoured to stop her, with the result that he was knocked over, but as far as could be ascertained, he escaped serious injury. During the running of the Maiden Scurry, Jackaroo, when holding a good position just before entering the straight, crossed his legs, and came down, the mishap causing trouble to several other horses following just behind.

The starting of Mr. Angus Keith was particularly good, while Mr. J. Cameron made an admirable judge, and though he had several close finishes to decide, his placings met with every satisfaction.

Mr. Walter Bull, the club's popular and genial secretary, had all the details at his finger ends, and the gathering will long be remembered as the most successful one-day fixture in the history of the club.

The totalisator staff, which was in charge of Mr. W. G. Talbot, of Wellington, handled £22,399, compared with £14,860 for the corresponding meeting last year, an increase of £7539.

The results were:—

MANAKAU HACK HURDLES of 100 sovs. One mile and a-half.

- 2—R. N. Barton's b g O'Rane, 6yrs, by Elevation—Lethe mare, 9.11 (Bowden) 1
- 7—J. Bellis' br g Pawerewere, 9.8 (McMullan) 2
- 5—F. R. Waller's b g Revocation, 9.11 (W. Young) 3

Also started: 1 Diamond Nap 10.4 (A. McDonald), 4 Vigilo 10.1 (McBrearty), 3 Hushman 10.0 (Ward), 8 Better Luck 9.11 (Gilmore), 6 Trentham Rose 9.5 (T. Young), 10 Dumper 9.0 (Thorner), 9 Goolwa 9.0 (Copestake), 12 Pokanekane 9.0 (McSweeney), 11 Marziale 9.0 (Kaau).

Won by a neck, two lengths between second and third. Goolwa was fourth. Time, 2min. 55 3-5sec.

MOUTERE HACK WELTER of 100sovs. Seven furlongs.

- 1—F. T. Watson's br g Admiration, aged, by Tribulation—Boronia, 8.4 and 1lb. over (W. Young) 1
- 2—S. V. Rodney's blk g Passenger, 8.0 (L. Morris) 2
- 5—F. Higgot's ch g Perrier, 7.9 (A. Reed) 3

Also started: 3 Moutoa Camp 8.2 (McFlinn), 8 Sprinkle 7.10 (Gordon), 4 Transmission 7.9 (Barry), 7 Hallucination 7.7 (Kitchener), 6 Marville 7.7 (McCormack).

Won by two lengths, a length and a-half between second and third. Marville was fourth. Time, 1min. 31 2-5 sec.

MAIDEN SCURRY of 100sovs. Weight 8.7. Five furlongs.

- 4—R. A. McDonald's b m Gallia, 6 yrs, by Gold Crest—Matri 1lb. over (Bell) 1
- 5—J. G. Collins' Top Dog (B. Morris) 2
- 3—W. Harper's b f Lady Polly (McFlinn) 3

Also started: 16 Golden Foam (Hunt), 8 Malingher (Barry), 17 Alert 6 1/2 lb. over (Thorner), 15 Elixir (Ryder), 7 Royal Gift (A. Reed), 6 Busy (L. Morris), 11 Hallowroz 3lb. over (McMullan), 14 Penalty (McCormack), 1 Sandy Macdonald (M. McCarten), 12 Jackaroo, 9 Kuia (W. Young), 13 Te Pel (Corkhill), 2 Released (R. Reed), 10 Minsk (T. Young).

Won by half a length, a similar distance separating second and third. Jackaroo fell entering the straight. Minsk was fourth. Time, 1min. 4sec.

HOROWHENUA CUP HANDICAP of 250sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

- 7—J. Fuller's b m Esperance, 5yrs, by Martian—Mary of Argyle, 6.11 (Kitchener) 1
- 4—W. H. Ballinger's br m Rose Pink, 8.10 (L. Morris) 2
- 2—F. S. Easton's b m Moutoa Ivanova, 8.3 (McFlinn) 3

Also started: 1 Matatane 8.6 (Hunt), 3 Lady Egan 7.10 and 2lb. over (A. Reed), 5 Risingham 7.10 (McCormack), 6 Matty 7.5 and 1 1/2 lb. over (Styles).

8 Ralland 7.0 and 3lb. over (Barry). Won by a head, half a length between second and third. Matty was fourth, and Matatane fifth. Time, 2min. 14 2-5sec.

LEVIN HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs. Six furlongs.

- 2—K. D. Duncan's b g Flight Commander, 4yrs, by Martian—Nerve, 8.5 (L. Morris) 1
- 3—Dwan Bros' ch m American Beauty, 8.0 (McFlinn) 2
- 1—A. Gray's b m Autmoana, 7.13 (R. Reed) 3

Also started: 4 Stutter 7.7 (McCormack), 5 Belle o' the Camp 7.1, less 5lb. allow. (Anderson), 6 Idleness 6.10 (Kitchener).

Won by half a length. Belle o' the Camp was fourth. Time, 1min. 16 2-5 sec.

MCDONALD MEMORIAL HANDICAP of 150sovs. Six furlongs.

- 1—D. O'Reilly's br m Nursing Sister, 4yrs, by Solferino—Miss Dalrymple, 8.9 (A. Reed) 1
- 2—H. Simmons' ch g Gold Problem, 7.8 (McCormack) 2
- 5—T. Bevan's ch m Beloved, 6.7 (Blanche) 3

Also started: 3 Kipling 7.10 (Barry), 4 Birkenvale 7.6 (Kitchener).

A fine finish. Won by a head, the same distance between second and third. Kipling was fourth. Time, 1min 16sec.

TURF GOSSIP.

The Australian-bred pacer Man o' War was sold for £1500 to Mr. J. R. Corrigan, prior to competing in the Victoria Handicap on the opening day of the N.Z. Metropolitan Trotting Club's meeting.

Six racehorses, worth approximately £40,000, purchased for the Maharajah of Nawanagar (Prince Ranjitsinhji), were embarked at Birkenhead on September 11 in the Anchor liner Olympic for Bombay.

The next Wellington Cup will be worth 2000sovs, the same value as the New Zealand Cup. The Wellington Racing Club Handicap and Summer Handicap, the principal events on the second and third days, are each worth 1000sovs.

Prior to the New Zealand Cup meeting negotiations were proceeding for the sale of the five-year-old Advance—White Shield gelding, Clean Sweep to Mr. W. Stone, the well-known Southland sportsman, but they

STRATFORD RACING CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

To be held on the Stratford Racecourse.

SATURDAY AND MONDAY, JANUARY 1 AND 2, 1921.

PROGRAMME:

FIRST DAY.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 1921.
First Race starts at 11.45 a.m.

1. **MAIDEN PLATE** of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stakes. Open to all horses that have never won a race of any description at the time of start. Weight for two-year-olds 8.0, three-year-olds and upwards 8.7. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Five furlongs.
2. **TARIKI WELTER HACK HANDICAP** of 175sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 17 sovs from the stakes. Minimum weight 8.7. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Seven furlongs.
3. **STRATFORD CUP HANDICAP** of 100sovs; second horse to receive 140sovs, and third horse 70sovs from the stakes. Nomination 20s., acceptance 120s. One mile and a-quarter.
4. **OHURA HACK HURDLE HANDICAP** of 200sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 20 sovs from stakes. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. One mile and three-quarters, over seven flights of 3ft. 6in. batten hurdles.
5. **DOUGLAS HANDICAP** of 350sovs; second horse to receive 70sovs, and third horse 35sovs from the stakes. Nomination 20s., acceptance 50s. Six furlongs.
6. **MIDHIRST HACK HANDICAP** of 200sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and third horse 20sovs from the stakes. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Eight furlongs and a-half.
7. **MAHOE WELTER HANDICAP** of 275 sovs; second horse to receive 55sovs, and third horse 27sovs from the stakes. Minimum weight 8.7. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s. Eight furlongs and a-half.
8. **RAILWAY HACK HANDICAP** of 175sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs, and third horse 17sovs from the stakes. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Six furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 1921.
First Race starts at 11.45 a.m.

1. **CARDIFF HACK HANDICAP** of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stakes. Horses starting in this race to be ridden by apprentice jockeys only. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Seven furlongs.
2. **TOKO WELTER HACK HANDICAP** of 175sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 17sovs from the stakes. Minimum weight, 8.0. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Eight furlongs and a-half.
3. **THE MALONE MEMORIAL HANDICAP** of 500sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and third horse 50 sovs from the stakes. Nomination 20s., acceptance 80s. Eight furlongs and a-half.
4. **MAKURI HACK HURDLE HANDICAP** of 175sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 17 sovs from the stakes. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. One mile and a-half, over six flights of 3ft. 6in. batten hurdles.
5. **NGAERE HANDICAP** of 300sovs; second horse to receive 60sovs, and third horse 30sovs from the stakes. Nomination 20s., acceptance 50s. Six furlongs.
6. **STRATHMORE HACK HANDICAP** of 175sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 17sovs from the stakes. Minimum weight, 7.7. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Five furlongs.
7. **LOWGARTH WELTER HANDICAP** of 225sovs; second horse to receive 45sovs, and third horse 22sovs from the stakes. Minimum weight, 8.0. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Eight furlongs and a-half.
8. **COUNTY HACK HANDICAP** of 175 sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 17sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Six furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

NOMINATIONS for all events close on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1920**, at 9 p.m.

WEIGHTS for First Day's events declared on or about **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1920**, and for Second Day's events on **SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 1921**, at 8 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES for First Day's events close on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1920**, at 9 p.m.

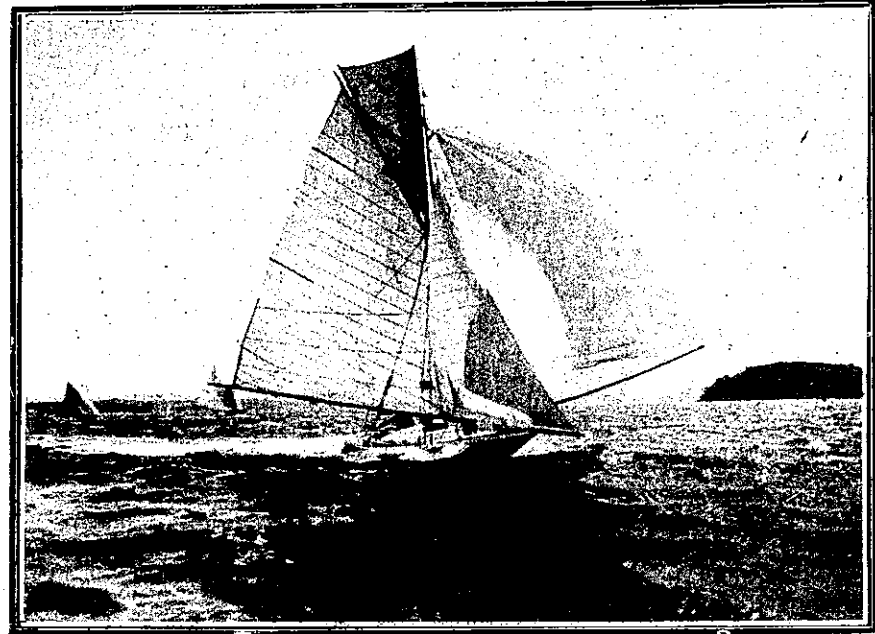
ACCEPTANCES for Second Day's events close at 9 p.m. on **SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 1921**.
Stratford Telegraph Office closes at 8 p.m.

ALFRED COLEMAN,
Secretary.

Approved by the Taranaki District Committee in accordance with the Rules of Racing, this 21st day of October, 1920.—**E. P. Webster,** Secretary.



Mr. J. Pool's b g **GAY BOY**, aged, by Gazeley—San Remo mare, who won the Hunt Club Steeplechase (2 1/2 miles) and the Hunters' Hack Handicap (1 1/4 miles) at the Poverty Bay Hunt Club's recent meeting. E. Fitzgerald up.



THE ROMP, A SMART LITTLE CRAFT IN THE AUCKLAND WATERS.
[Winklemann, Photo.]

WERAROA WELTER HANDICAP of 115sovs. Seven furlongs.

- 1—A. Goodman's b g Printemps, 4 yrs, by Autumnus—Rere, 9.7 (L. Morris) 1
- 2—H. G. Taylor's br m Matty, 8.6 (A. Reed) 2
- 3—W. Higgins' b g Risingham, 8.10 (M. McCarten) 3

Also started: 4 Ladify 7.12 (McFlinn), 5 Parawanui 7.7 (Hunt).

Won by a head, a neck between second and third. Time, 1min. 33 2-5sec.

HOKIO HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs. Five furlongs.

- 1—W. James' b g Yankee Dan, 4yrs, by Bezonian—Miss Birkenhead, 8.6 (A. Reed) 1
- 4—W. Lassen's b m Samarang, 8.4 and 1/2 lb. over (M. McCarten) 2
- 3—Dwan Bros' ch m American Beauty, 8.3 (McFlinn) 3

Also started: 2 Spare Moment 7.12 (Barry), 5 Beloved 7.2, less 5lb. allow. (Blanche), 7 Gold Coast 7.0 and 1lb. over (McCormack), 6 Golden VI 7.0 (Anderson).

Won by half a length. Time, 1min. 2sec.

Although Johnny Walker ran a disappointing race in the New Zealand Cup, being the last of the dozen contestants to finish, his mentor, H. Howe, intends bringing the son of Martian up from Trentham to fulfil his engagement in the Auckland Cup at Ellerslie on Boxing Day.

failed to reach finality the horse remaining in the ownership of Messrs. Clarkson and Pearson. As events turned out the latter must be accounted lucky in retaining possession of Clean Sweep, as he won the Criterion Handicap (seven furlongs) on the second day of the C.J.C. meeting. The winner's portion of stake money was worth £700, while the fact of Clean Sweep equalling Arrowsmith's Australasian record of 1min. 25 1-5 sec. in the event named stamps him as a distinctly useful gelding.

When Poinard was racing a few years back in moderate company it was hardly thought she would produce Australia's champion racehorse, says the Sydney "Sun." This she did, however, as Poitrel is her son. Although she raced for three seasons Poinard only had 11 starts. Her only placing as a two-year-old was third in a Canterbury Park Two-year-old Handicap, and at three years she won a Moorefield Kogarah Stakes, six furlongs. This was in 1910, and she was ridden by J. E. Pike. She was also placed second in a Warwick Farm Stakes at Warwick Farm, while in her four races at four years she was unplaced each time. Poinard is by Metal from Pona, by Gozo (imp.) from Hippona, and Poitrel is her second foal.

News has reached Sydney that the Sydney Cup winner Cadonia broke one of his legs in Germany in 1919, and had to be shot. Cadonia was by Prudent King (imp.) from Enooma, by Grafton (imp.)—Aureole, by Chester from Aurelia, by Musket, and was the best stayer Prudent King sired. Cadonia was originally raced by the late Mr. J. C. Williamson, of theatrical fame, but after that gentleman's death became the property of Mr. "J. Birks," who, after his Sydney Cup victory, sold him to the German Government for 2000 guineas.