

The second day's races commenced with the Selling Hurdle Race, one mile and a half, six started for it. Inchkeith 9st 2lb won by three lengths from Kelpie 9st, Mayboy 9st, third. Trapper 9st, Blackboy 9st and Hector 9st also started. Time, 3m. 6½s. Dividends—inside £3 5s, outside £3 5s 6d.

The Provincial Handicap, one mile and a quarter—Blizzard 8st 4lb, 1; Palliser 8st 2lb; Occident 7st 10lb, 3; Retina 8st 7lb, Hazel 8st. Assyrian King 6st 11lb, Coinage 6st 7lb, and Crown Jewel 6st 7lb also started. Palliser was the favourite with Blizzard next in demand. The flag fell to a good start. Coinage made the running to the distance when Blizzard closed up, followed by Palliser. Half way up the straight the winner came away and won comfortably by a length and a half; Occident, who came with a great rush at the finish was a good third. Time, 2m. 15½s. Dividends—inside £3 10s. 6d, outside £3 10s.

Peerswick beat Enfield, Derby and seven others by a length and a half for the Novel Race.

Twenty-four horses started for the Winter Handicap Trot, two miles, Beaconsfield winning easily, Dana, second; Jane, third. Time, 5m. 15½s. Dividends—inside £11 15s, outside £10 3s.

St. Clair Welter Handicap, seven furlongs, resulted as follows: Galtee 8st 8lb, 1; Carronade, 9st 12lb, 2; La Rose, 9st, 3. Moraine 9st 5lb, Miss George 8st 12lb, Pique 8st 12lb, Tempest 8st 10lb, Dormeur 8st 10lb, Lady Bell 8st 8lb, Forest King 8st 6lb, Wayland 8st 6lb, and Lady Mab 8st 6lb also ran. Lady Bell led until entering the straight when Carronade and La Rose closed up; half way up Galtee came on full of running and won easily by a couple of lengths. The winner was afterwards sold to Mr. A. McMasters for 200 gns. Time, 1m. 33s. Dividends—inside £9 2s, outside £12 1s 6d.

The Consolation was won by The Idler, Wayland, second; Miss George, third; ten others being behind them. The winner was objected to on the grounds of suspicious running.

THE TURF.

[BY OLD TURFITE.]

Mr. EVITT has issued the handicaps for the Great Northern Steeplechase and Hurdle Race for the A.R.C. Winter Meeting, which takes place on the Ellerslie course on June 3rd. The acceptances are due to-morrow night, too late for this issue, so I have to go into the handicaps as they are. Mr. Evitt has not been quite so successful as usual, but he has had a difficult task to perform, as a great many of the horses entered are the veriest scrubbers that ever attempted either the little sticks or to cross a country, so the weeding out will be great. Taking the Hurdle Race first. Mr. Evitt has begun too low; he might have started at 12st 7lb, and then put the scrubbers in all in a lump at the bottom, only trying to bring the known horses together. Sentinel, 11st 12lb, from his running on the West Coast, has nothing to complain of with his impost. Darnley, 11st 4lb, is a smart horse, but why The Peer should have 10st 8lb on him one is at a loss to know. Criminal, 10st, has won several races on the flat, and is talked about as a good one over sticks. Try Fluke, 9st 9lb, ran well at the Takapuna meeting, and would have won if he had not blundered at the only hurdle left standing, so as he meets Bryan O'Lynn only on a pound worse terms he should hold him safe if he can stay home. Lonely is well in at 9st 7st; Good Day, at the same weight, is the blot of the handicap, but as she has met with an accident she is not likely to see the post. The others are not of much account. As very few of the foreign horses have arrived, it is a hard thing to spot the winner. Taking the handicap as it is—Sentinel, 11st 12lb; Kapo, 10st 5lb; Criminal, 10st; and Lonely, 9st 7lb, read the best.

The Great Northern Steeplechase has an entry of twenty-four. Many of them have never been over a steeplechase course, while others have not performed over the Ellerslie one, which looks easy; but the up and down hill tells on a good many of them. Sentinel, 12st, will find the weight too much for him, the course being heavy. Ingarangi, 11st 7lb, has

got over the country; being a big horse a few pounds will not trouble him. Jupiter, 10st 5lb, reads well, as at Wanganui he looked like winning when he went the wrong course. Takapu, 10st, must have a great show, while Parnell, 9st 11lb, has nothing to complain of; nor has Bit-o'-Blue, 9st 10lb, but his leg will most likely trouble him. Of the others—with the exception of Yum Yum, 9st 9lb—the question is what will get the course. Taking the handicap as it is, Ingarangi, Jupiter (if he comes), Takapu, and Yum Yum, read about the best. The A.R.C. committee have made two great mistakes. The first is holding their meeting on June 3rd, which falls on a Wednesday, and is not a holiday, and coming just after two other meetings the attendance is not likely to be large. Secondly, making the acceptances and general entries due only four days before the meeting instead of the week previous, so as to give owners and punters a chance of getting on with the books. Friday is always a bad day for acceptances and entries, and it is wonderful the A.R.C. committee did not see it.

SPORTING ITEMS.

The Pakuranga Hounds will meet at Panmure bridge to-day at noon.

Karewa will arrive from Wanganui on Sunday next, having been purchased by an Auckland sportsman.

Duadine and Criminal arrived from the South on Tuesday last by the s.s. Wairarapa, and are located in Jimmy Kean's stables at Ellerslie.

Our Christchurch correspondent (in his special wire) informs us that Mr. R. J. Mason is leaving for Sydney with Scots Grey, Palliser, and Moraine, with the intention of either racing or selling. Mr. F. Paneti also intends leaving next week for Melbourne, taking with him the jumper Wairau, and Radiation.

George Clark who rode Disappointment in the Selling Trot Race at Potter's Paddock last Saturday and succeeded in placing on record the largest dividend that has been paid in this part of the Colony for 10s. tickets; viz., £136 16s., was the victim of a great disappointment. It is said that he had arranged with the owner of the horse to ride for him on the consideration that he (the owner) invested a ticket on the machine for him as a *quid pro quo* for his services, as jockey—a very moderate sum—as the tickets were only 10s. each. The owner, for some reason or other, omitted to perform his part of the agreement. Imagine Clark's chagrin after he had won, to find there was only one ticket on the machine, and that was not his. We call the attention to this item of the two lucky individuals who took charge of the machine and divided the spoil. As they are both genuine good old sports they will no doubt suitably acknowledge the jockey by whose exertions they benefitted.

"Mazepa," of the *Otago Witness*, has the following records, and as they may be useful to some of our readers who put a great deal of faith in the "time test," we so re-publish them:

THE BEST RECORDS TO DATE IN NEW ZEALAND.
Four furlongs—Sextant, 47½sec, in the C.J.C. Nursery Handicap, November, 1886.
Five furlongs—Forester, 1min 1sec, C.J.C. Flying Handicap, November, 1886.
Six furlongs—Necklace, 1min 14½sec, A.R.C. Newmarket Handicap, January, 1888.
Seven furlongs—Ruby, 1min 27½sec, C.J.C. Craven Stakes, Jan., 1888.
One mile—Cruchfield, 1min 42sec, April, 1891, C.J.C. Easter Handicap.
One mile and a quarter—Titbit, 2min 8½sec, C.J.C. Grand Stand Handicap, January, 1887.
One mile and a half—Tasman, 2min 36½sec, Ashburton Cup, November, 1888.
One mile and three-quarters—Waitiri, 3min 5sec, Auckland R.C. Handicap, 1887.
Two miles—Crackshot, 3min 30½sec, Auckland Cup, December, 1890.
Two miles and a distance—Gipsy King, 8min 51sec, Dunedin Cup, February, 1888.
Two miles and a quarter—Nelson, 4min, Auckland Cup, December, 1885.

BEST RECORDS IN AUSTRALIA AND AMERICA.
Four furlongs—Australian: Bis Bis, 48sec. American: Geraldine, 46sec.
Five furlongs—Australian: Acme, 1min 1½sec. American: Britannic, 59sec.
Six furlongs—Australian: Volcano, 1min 14sec. American: Fides, 1min 10½sec.
Seven furlongs—Australian: Carbine, 1min 27½sec. American: Belle B., 1min 23½sec.
One mile—Australian: Bookie, Kingfish, Paris, and Bungebah, 1min 40sec. American: Salvator, 1min 35½sec.
Nine furlongs—Australian: Corise and Blue, 1min 55½sec. American: Teuton, 1min 52½sec.
One mile and a quarter—Australian: Carbine, 2min 7sec. American: Banquet, 2min 3½sec.
One mile and a half—Australian: Prince Imperial and Megaphone, 2min 35½sec. American: Firenze, 2min 34sec.
One mile and three-quarters—Australian: Correse, 3min 3sec. American: Glidella, 3min 1sec.
Two miles—Australian: Carbine, 3min 25½sec. American: Ten Broeck, 3min 27½sec.
Three miles—Australian: Trident, 5min 25½sec. American: Drake Carter, 5min 24sec.

Yardman, by Don Juan, has been purchased by an Auckland sportsman for £75. Most likely he will be qualified this coming season for the Pakuranga Hunt Club Cup.

Disappointment paid the handsome dividend of £136 16s. in the Selling Trot at the Auckland Trotting Club's meeting held on Saturday last. Out of 304 investors, only one was on the winner. Messrs. Alison and Bailey had the luck to scoop the pool.

Epigram, who was imported to Australia by the late Sir Joshua Peter Bell, in 1872, died in Sydney the other day. Epigram was bred at Mr. Blenkiron's celebrated stud farm Middle Park, Eltham, Kent, in 1872, and was by Blair Athol—Ellermire, by Chanticleer. Epigram was the sire of a good many racehorses, Le Grand being among the list.

Stanley, the winner of the S.A.J.C. (Ade-laide) Cup, like Highborn, was never raced until he was four years old. They are both by Grandmaster. Many others, if they were made geldings and kept, would pay much better than if they were raced as two-year olds; but few owners have the patience to wait; they want to make money as soon as they can.

It is stated that Mr. W. S. Tatham intends taking his cross-country horse, Uranus, to Australia, where he will make his first appearance in the Steeplechase at the Tattersall's Club Meeting in Sydney, afterwards going over to Melbourne to compete in the V.R.C. Grand National, where no doubt he will give a good account of himself.

The annual meeting of the Canterbury Jockey Club was held on the 22nd inst., when the following statement of accounts were read. Total income for the year was £11,442 15s. 3d, and the expenditure £11,061 12s. 10d. A profit was made on each of the four meetings—on the Grand National meeting £264 17s. 6d, spring meeting, £524 2s, summer meeting £5 2s 6d, and autumn meeting £65 9s. 8d. The report and balance-sheet were unanimously adopted. Mr. C. Tabart was re-elected judge, Mr. G. G. Stead treasurer, and Mr. Thomas Acland clerk of the scales. The committee and stewards are nearly identical with those of last year.

ZEALANDIA RINK.

MESSRS. WINCH AND Co. brought off their second Sheffield Handicap (120 yards) at the Zealandia Rink, the first two rounds being run on Saturday last, the third and final on Monday. The attendance was not so good as it should have been, the Auckland public being prejudiced against this kind of sport, thinking that it is all pre-arranged. There is nothing of this kind, and the best man wins. This was proved on Monday night, when the final was run, the winner starting at 10 to 1. At the finish there was not more than a yard between the four competitors. The running throughout was good, the majority of the heats resulting in close finishes. The following are the details of the running:—

FIRST ROUND.
First heat.—J. Roberts, 16yds, 1st; D. Grubb, 16yds, 2nd; E. Collin, 9yds; Egan, 16yds. Time, 12 2-5sec.
Second heat.—R. Keenan, 10yds, 1st; G. Laxen, 10yds, 2nd; J. Roberts, 16yds. Time, 12 1-5sec.
Third heat.—H. W. Brierly, 10yds, 1st; J. A. Wilson, 14yds, 2nd; C. E. Carter, 16yds; J. Mills, 17yds. Time, 12sec.
Fourth heat.—G. Quaid, 17yds, 1st; B. Hughes, 17yds, 2nd; H. Tidmarsh, 12yds. Time, 12sec.
Fifth heat.—H. Simson, 10yds, 1st; J. Simson, 16yds, 2nd; J. Linden, 8yds; J. Frost, 12yds. Time, 11 7-10sec.
Sixth heat.—J. Wells, 5yds, 1st; A. R. Bailey, 14yds, 2nd; W. J. Trubshaw, 12yds. Time, 11 7-10sec.
Seventh heat.—T. McEnteer, 15yds, 1st; J. McDermott, 8yds, 2nd; S. Murphy, 8yds; W. Purdy, 7yds. Time, 12 2-5sec.
Eighth heat.—F. Murphy, 14yds, 1st; S. Sadgrove, 16yds, 2nd; H. Hales, 14yds. Time, 12 1-5sec.
SECOND ROUND.
First heat.—H. Simson, 1st; beat Sadgrove and Laxen. Time, 12sec.
Second heat.—McDermott, 1st; beat J. Roberts and McEnteer. Time, 11 7-10sec.
Third heat.—Quaid, 1st; beat Carter and Wilson. Time, 11 7-10sec.
Fourth heat.—Wells, 1st; beat Brierly and J. Simson. Time, 12sec.
Fifth heat.—Bailey, 1st; beat Keenan and F. Murphy. Time, 12sec.
Sixth heat.—S. Murphy, 1st; beat Grubb and Hughes. Time, 12sec.
THIRD ROUND.
First heat.—Wells, 1st; Quaid, 2nd; beat Murphy. Won easily. Time, 11 6-10sec.
Second heat.—Bailey, 1st; H. Simson, 2nd; beat McDermott. Won by 15 inches. Time, 11 6-10sec.
FINAL.
H. Simson, 1st; Quaid, 2nd; Bailey, 3rd; Wells, 4th. Won by 6 inches. Time, 11sec. Not more than a yard between the four. Wells was put back a yard, and was slow off the mark; his was the worst track of the four.
HURDLES.
First heat.—H. Simson, 6yds, 1st; beat Collin, 7yds, and S. Murphy, 1yd. Good race; won by 1 yard. Time, 15sec.
Second heat.—Wells, 4yds, 1; beat A. R. Bailey, 10yds, and McDermott, 8yds. Won easily. Time, 15 4-5sec.
Third heat.—J. Simson, 10yds, 1st; beat F. Murphy, 6yds, and Purdy, 7yds. Won easily. Time, 16 2-5sec.
FINAL.
J. Simson, 1st. H. Simson and Wells, dead heat for second place. Time, 15 4-5sec.