

and the Gores—and having just come of age, he walks into possession of his titles and estates at once, and can do what he pleases. One of the things he pleases is to marry Maudie Darrell. Good heavens, how he is envied! But his family don't like it, and are doing their level best to put a stop to it. Lady Gerard—the young peer's widowed mother—is a friend of the King, and she has begged him to reason with the boy. But King Edward himself is not proof against the charms of pretty actresses even now. He is said to have lately expressed and shown such admiration for Mrs Brown Potter that consternation is no word for the state of mind of his regulation country house set who always make the party invited to meet him. Meanwhile, everybody is betting on Lord Gerard, and Lord Dalmeny mutters curses in pure Yiddish.

[To have acknowledged the above early in the article would have spoiled the reader's enjoyment. It is the work of a clever Yankee London correspondent.]



TURF FIXTURES.

- April 12 and 13—Soutland R.C. Autumn
- April 12 and 13—South Canterbury J.C. Autumn
- April 13 and 14—Masterton R.C. Autumn
- April 22 and 24—Wairarapa R.C. Autumn
- April 22, 24, 26—Auckland R.C. Autumn
- April 22, 24, 26, and 29—Australasian Jockey Club's Autumn (Doncaster Handicap and Sydney Cup)
- April 22, 24, 26, and 29—Australasian Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting
- April 24 and 25—Canterbury J.C. Autumn

TURF NOTES.

The Middy is still being restricted to walking exercise.

S. Lindsay, the well-known horseman, arrived from the South last Tuesday.

E. Power, the erstwhile chack Victorian jockey, who died recently, left £4500.

Lady Annie's name was left out of the list of acceptors for the Easter Handicap in error.

Paritutu's withdrawal from the Avondale Handicap was a bit of a blow to double backers.

Strathroyan has incurred a 7lb and Auratus a 10lb penalty for the A.R.C. Easter Handicap.

Mr E. J. Watt's team for the A.R.C. Autumn Meeting will consist of Starshoot, Boomerang, and Lolret.

C. Weal did not have a single representative competing on the opening day of the Avondale Autumn Meeting.

The filly by St. Clements—Marie in J. Chasaf's, Jr., stable has had the name of Lady Clements claimed for her.

Southern writers comment pretty strongly on some of the races at the recent Wellington meeting.

Huihuru was passed under the pony standard at Ellerslie yesterday morning by Mr O'Connor, the A.R.C. official measurer.

Seabird hurt herself while competing at the recent Paeroa meeting, and she was not seen out at the Avondale gathering.

Solitary was passed under the pony standard yesterday by Mr O'Connor, but the pony by Regal, in D. Moran's charge, failed to get under.

Rambler, who burst a blood-vessel on Monday morning, was on the course again yesterday, but was restricted to walking exercise.

It has been definitely decided not to slip Talune and Moccasin to South Australia to fulfil their engagements at the Oukaparanga meeting.

The gelding by Leclaus out of a Nator mare, purchased at the last Agricultural Show by C. Coleman, has had the name of Leconator claimed for him.

Jewellery is still standing up to her work at Ellerslie, and will probably be seen out in some of the minor events at the A.R.C. Autumn Meeting.

The A.R.C. Committee have endorsed the disqualification of three months imposed upon the jockey W. Sharp by the Waiuku Racing Club.

A Press Association telegram states that despite the wretched weather of last week the Wellington Racing Club come out even over their meeting.

The New Plymouth pony Huihuru showed a lot of pace in the early stages of the Pony Handicap last Wednesday, but died away to nothing at the finish.

Austerlitz has at last made a return for the purchase money expended upon her last autumn. Her owner, Mr J. McVicar, came from Dunedin on purpose to see his mare race.

Young Bert Rae, the Ind whose foot was amputated as a result of the train accident a short time ago, has recovered sufficiently to be discharged from the Hospital.

It is not yet definitely decided whether Regulation will be a starter in the A.R.C. Easter Handicap or not. Punters would do well to hold off a bit until the owner's intentions are made known.

Illyda is still very much on the big side, and one morning last week he was sent about four miles on the tan with the sweaters on, with the object of taking off some of the superfluous avoirdupois.

The Auckland Trotting Club have been granted permission to hold their Autumn Meeting on the Takapuna Jockey Club's course. The Takapuna track is an ideal one for trotting.

Although Golden Lily's name still appears in the Great Easter and Autumn Handicaps, that mare is not in the colony, being shipped to her new home in Australia a week or so ago.

Both Laing and McConnon have appealed against the disqualification inflicted upon them by the Nelson Jockey Club for alleged foul practices in connection with the hurdle race run at the club's meeting.

Instead of treating the members of the Victorian Club to wine (as per custom of lucky owners on such occasions), Mr J. H. Whitehead, the owner of Dividend, donated £50 to charity, and also made presents to the lads in Hickenbotham's stable.

The acceptances received on Friday night by the Auckland Racing Club for the Easter Handicap are considerably above even what the most sanguine expected. Twenty-four acceptances out of an original entry of 24 is highly satisfactory.

Full Cry ran a surprisingly good race in the Railway Handicap last Wednesday, and at the distance it looked as if he would win. He tired a bit in the last half furlong, and had to be content with the barren honour of third.

Orange and Blue has evidently regained her lost form, and in the Pony Race last Wednesday and Saturday, she simply made backs of her opponents, and after three furlongs had been covered, she was out by herself, and nothing ever got near her.

One of the features of the opening day of the Avondale Meeting was the success of horses sired by Soult. No less than five races were won by the descendants of Mr Walters' horse, while on the second day three of the St. Simon horse's gets were successful.

Lady Annie fretted terribly before the start of the Railway Handicap at Avondale last Wednesday, and when she left the paddock to go to the post, she was in a perfect lather. Not a few good judges deserted her at that account, although she started a red hot favourite.

Sunshine was made favourite for the Maiden Plate at Avondale on Wednesday, but she was never prominent. Her poor showing was a big disappointment to her connections. Her win on Saturday in the Maiden Hurdles, however, fully recompensed them.

Visitors who were at the Wellington Racing Club's Autumn Meeting state that Signman was lucky to win the Thompson Handicap. It was almost a certainty that both Regulation and Kaharoa would have finished in front of him had they got anything like a decent run in the race.

The injury that befell Marshal Soult is evidently of a serious nature, as he has been allowed to drop out of all his autumn engagements. It is understood it is a hurt hoof that is the trouble, and this being so it is hard luck for his owner, Mr A. Hughes, who has had a very bad run lately.

Those interested will do well to note that all routes will be required to be re-measured by the A.R.C. official measurer before they are eligible to compete at the A.R.C. autumn meeting. Mr O'Connor will be in attendance daily at Ellerslie for the purpose of measuring ponies.

Two valuable yearlings from Wellington Park Stud have been sold to a party of Mr James Scoble's stable in Ballarat, whence they will be shipped shortly. One is a chestnut filly by Thorobe Apollo from Lady Augustus and the other is a brown filly by Hotchkiss from Crescent.

Cannogate and Dingo were both schooled separately at Ellerslie last week, jumping both the big fences and the hurdle race. Cannogate was a bit out of form since he last raced, clearly showed that he had lost none of his cleverness in negotiating the obstacles. Dingo also jumped well.

The Melbourne "Sporting Judge" states that when Gladstone returned to the enclosure after the Newmarket Handicap had been run, blinking off several pairs of boots was noticed from her head to her tail. It was therefore very apparent that she had been closely hemmed in at some part of the race.

Cannogate walked away apparently sound after competing in the hurdle race at Avondale last Wednesday. The old fellow, out of his after a bit, and has been indulged in swimming exercise during the last couple of days. Cannogate raced in the nomination of his owner, Mr J. Marshall.

Bellman was sunning well in the hurdle race for about a mile at Avondale on Wednesday when he dropped right out of it, and finished about two or three hundred yards behind the winner. On being pulled up it was found the old chestnut had broken down on his appearance. It looks as if he will be off the scene for some time.

At the monthly meeting of the A.R.C. Committee, the following licenses were granted:—Training Licenses for the Jockeys: A. Dixon, W. Smith, R. Penton, J. Griffin, W. J. Borden, J. H. Quinn, Jas. Stewart, J. McAuliffe. The following programmes were passed:—Auckland Trotting Club's Autumn Meeting, Cleveland Polo Sports, and Hamilton Polo Club's Sports.

The nonsuit point raised by the defendants in the case arising out of the alleged infringement of the cards for the Wellington Racing Club's summer meeting, has been decided in favour of the plaintiffs, and further hearing of the case was adjourned till to-morrow (Thursday). The decision of the case is of the greatest interest to racing clubs, as the sale of cards is a big source of revenue.

The Wellington Racing Club's stewards were not satisfied with Trumpey's display on the opening day of their autumn meeting, and had her rider (Cameron) before them to explain the marks on her horse. Although not altogether satisfied with his explanation, they took no action, but warned him that he would be closely watched on the second day. The mare, however, did not fulfil amongst the acceptances.

Caulie Chiel competed in the Autumn Handicap on the concluding day of the Wellington Racing Club's meeting with one of his hoofs tied up. Experts who were present state that had he been warmed up before the race he would probably have been returned as the winner, as when they had covered half the journey he must have been over a dozen lengths behind the leaders, but at the finish he was galloping over everything.

Donovan, whose death was reported by cable a few weeks ago, was insured at Lloyd's for £8000. When Mr Moore, the veterinary, reported to the Duke of Portland the seriousness of the aged horse's injuries Miss Grace thought that he was to be destroyed immediately without the attendance of the insurance agent. The horse was subsequently skinned, and his hide will be used as hair-covering, as a memento of so famous an animal, whilst his hoofs will also be preserved.

Speaking of the probable existence of a Jockey's Ring in England, the well-known authority, "Sportman" of the "Sportsman," recently said: "I do not often bet, and when I do I like to have my modest investment on something that appears to be as near a certainty as possible; and, quite in accordance with the old proverb, I should like to bet that the average jockey of today is incapable of telling you, after a race, not only what the other horses have been doing, but even what he has been doing himself. And so say many more."

Voluminous police reports prove that the more restrictions the French Government place on turf speculation, the larger the number of those clandestine betting offices which are known to everyone save the police. The "Matin" has interviewed M. Vell-Picard, a member of the sub-committee deputed to examine the complex question of betting. M. Vell-Picard has enumerated all the arguments in favour of the intervention of the Government with regard to turf speculation, and he thinks that the only way out of the difficulty is the creation of a betting ring, with an admission fee of 20fr. (16s.) on the course.

As showing the interest evinced in a good horse, the crowd that witnessed Wairiki's arrival last week was a good proof, fully 600 persons being present. The horse was brought across in a special box made for the purpose, and it was almost impossible for the safe conveyance of an animal. The horse was landed in splendid condition, although he walked very short after being landed, nothing else could be expected under the circumstances. No doubt Mr Hurdley will be greatly relieved now he has his champion home again.

The racing war has commenced in America, the prominent owner, E. Corriago, having lost a dispute with the owners of the Jockey Club consequent on having taken a leading part in conducting race meetings in opposition to those held under the auspices of the body named. In addition to

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