Corporal, Yolette, Albnera, Mora, Piper and Terence were withdrawn from the Maiden Hurdles, the first event on the programme, leaving the good field of 11 to go to the post, and of these Le Beau was made a warm favourite. Culraguo and Jean were quickest to the first fence, but once over Fieramosca set out to make running, with Jean, Culraguo, and Lerida as his nearest attendants. Fieramosca was still in the lead as they went past the stand, and although Culraguo made a big effort to get on terms as they raced along the back, it was of no avail, as Fieramosca kept him at bay, eventually winning by three lengths from Culraguo, with the favourite, who was never dangerous, four lengths away third, a head in front of Doubtful. Loch Fine, Lerida and Kereru fell, their riders escaping without injury.

Lerida was the only one to drop out of the Maiden Plate, for which Golden Sands was made a slightly better favourite than Lycia. When the barrier lifted Golden Sands stumbled, losing a lot of ground, Mauku being the quickest on his feet, and he showed the way out of the straight, just clear of Lady Clements and Rookby. Going along the back, Rookby was on terms with Mauku, and a little further on he was in the lead, Mauku lying second and Lycia third. Passing the mile post, Rookby still had a couple of lengths' advantage, but as they turned for home Lycia was within a length of him, and at the distance she was on terms, and from here to the post the pair fought out a great finish, Lycia staying the longest and winning by half a length. Seatonia was four lengths further back third, just in front of Mauku and Golden Sands.

Romeo, Akarana, and Annoyed declined their engagements in the Empire Handicap, the big event of the day. There was very little to choose in the matter of favouritism between Gladstone and Putty, the colt being slightly the better favourite when the barrier lifted. There was no delay at the post. Mr O'Connor succeeding in getting them away to a beautiful start at the first attempt. Certainty and Gladstone were the first to break the line, but the latter was immediately steadied, and the former took up the running, closely followed by Geordie. Miss Lottie and Zulieka, with Gladstone and Jewellery at the head of the others, and in this order they raced past the stand and out of the straight. Going along the back Certainty and Geordie were still in command, Gladstone, who was having a bad passage next to the rails, being third, just in front of Jewellery, with Putty handy. Passing the mile post, Jewellery was on terms with Certainty and Geordie, the trio being a length in front of Gladstone, who made his run on the outside. Entering the straight the field swung out wide, and Putty got a clear run through on the rails, and he was almost with the leaders at the distance, where Gladstone had a slight advantage. At the terraces Putty was level with Gladstone, and, drawing out in the last 20 yards, won a good race by three parts of a length from the colt, with Durable two lengths away third. Jewellery was fourth, Certainty fifth, and Southdisk last.

Black and Gold, Avalanche, San Paulo, and Celerity were the defections from the Royal Handicap, punters going strong for Te Aroha, although Hohoro and Waitati were also well supported. Waitati rushed to the front when the word was given to go, and, setting a merry pace, he soon had a break of four lengths on the rest of the field, which was headed by Liberator and Lovelink, with Hohoro and Te Aroha a long way in the rear. Waitati was still bowling along in front as they turned for home, where Lovelink was second and Millie third, with Hohoro coming fast. At the distance Millie was in the lead, but Hohoro, sustaining his marvellous run, got on terms with her at the end of the stand, and, battling it right out to the end, won an exciting race by a neck. Lovelink was a length and a-half away third, and Waitati fourth.

Inniskillen was the only one to drop out of the Hurdle Race, Princess of Thule being the popular fancy. Sunshine showed the way over the first fence, but once over Princess of Thule took up the running, and she made play for about a mile, with Hakaria, Irish, and Evermore all in close attendance. Passing the stand the last time, Hakaria was in charge, and he showed the way out of the straight and along the back, three lengths in front of Irish and Princess of Thule, with Haydn hard ridden making up his leeway. Hakaria was still in front as they turned for home, where his victory was loudly proclaimed, but Irish caught him at the last hurdle, and, gradually wearing him down in the run home, won by two lengths, with Princess of Thule a length further back third and Haydn fourth. Sunshine fell at the last fence, his rider escaping unhurt.

Half the 10 acceptors dropped out of the Maiden Steeplechase, Ludo, Muriwai, De La Rue, Mora, and Leona being withdrawn. Inniskillen was made an even money favourite. When the flag fell Rolf set out at a great bat, and he piloted the field for two-thirds of the journey, where Inniskillen, who was in second position almost throughout, took charge, and he led over the water the last time with Major (who lost a lot of ground by slipping into the water jump the first time around) in second place. Inniskillen was first to jump the last hurdle in the straight, where Major almost got on terms, and Inniskillen had to be hard ridden to get home by a length and a half; Rolf was 30 lengths away third. Andy Regan pulled up, and Terence fell on the top of the hill, his rider escaping injury.

Only two, Opotiki and Miss Cutrander, failed to come out in the concluding event of the day, the Pony Race, for which punters went strongly for Sonoma. The favourite and Sally Horner were quickest to begin, but before they had gone far, Storyteller rushed to the front, and she soon had three lengths' advantage of Sonoma and Sally Horner, who were at the head of the others. At the distance Storyteller still held command, but Sonoma, coming with a rattle, just managed to catch her a few lengths from the post, and beat her a neck, with Sally Horner two lengths away third. The later results are:—

Royal Handicap of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of stakes. Five furlongs.—Mr W. Lovett's b g Hohoro, aged, by Tasman—Lady Moth, 9.12 (McLeod), 1; Mr J. Hannon's ch m Millie, aged, 7.0, 2; Mr J. B. Williamson's br c Lovelink, 3yrs, 7.4, 3. Also started: Alba Rose, 8.5; Te Aroha, 8.3; Desdemona, 8.0; Liberator, 7.11; Waitati, 7.2; Klondyke, 7.0; Lady French 6.12; Merry Soult, 6.7. Won by a neck. Time, 1.5. Dividends, £3 14/6 and £4 2/6.

First Handicap Hurdles of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs out of stakes. Two miles.—Mr J. B. Williamson's b g Irish, 5yrs, by Eton—Asthore, 10.2 (Phillips), 1; Mr W. Foss' br m Hakaria, aged, 10.12, 2; Mr M. Deeble's br m Princess of Thule, aged, 11.6, 3. Also started: Haydn, 11.0; Evermore, 9.6; Sunshine, 9.4. Won by two lengths. Time, 3.59. Dividends, £3 15/6 and £1 4/6.

Handicap Maiden Steeplechase of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a steeplechase exceeding the value of 25sovs at time of entry. About two miles and a-half.—Mr H. Waldron's br g Inniskillen, 5yrs, by Fraternite—Nightingale, 11.0 (Howard), 1; Mr T. Wyllie's b g Major, aged, 9.10, 2; Mr W. S. Willett's br g Rolf, aged, 10.8, 3. Also started: Andy Regan, 10.5; Terence, 9.7. Won by a length and a half. Time, 5.32 3-5. Dividend, £2.

First Pony Handicap of 70sovs; second pony to receive 10sovs out of stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards, 14 hands 3in and under. Five furlongs.—Mr T. Wyllie's ch m Sonoma, 4yrs, by Seaton Delaval—Maratea, 9.4 (Rynn), 1; Mr P. James' b m Storyteller, 4yrs, 6.7, 2; Mr H. Bernard's b m Sally Horner, aged, 7.3, 3. Also started: Forth, 9.4; Orange and Blue, 9.0; Inspiration, 8.7; Gladys Rose, 7.7; Grenose, 7.0; Dr. Quest, 6.10; Little Mabel, 6.9. Won by a neck. Time, 1.5 2-5. Dividends, £2 11/6 and £2 14/6.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

WANGANUI, Friday.

The following acceptances have been received in connection with the Wanganui Jockey Club's meeting, which takes place on Wednesday and Thursday next:—

WANGANUI STEEPLECHASE.—Three miles.

	st. lb.		st. lb.
The Guard	12 7	Victory	9 12
Slow Tom	11 10	Nedador	9 8
Moccasin	10 9	Waiterere	9 7
Creusot	10 6	Defoe	9 7
Pipi	11 4	Athol Maid	9 7
Tupara	10 3	Cairo	9 7
Evening	10 0	Kaimoe	9 7

Borough Handicap, six furlongs.—Calvalry 9.0, Black Reynard 8.12, Solution 8.10, Ballarat 8.9, Boris 8.7, Shrapnel 8.4, Lass o' Gowrie 7.12, Catspaw 7.5, Spoil 7.4, Hamua 7.0, Noween 6.13, Perdy 6.7.

Electric Hack Race, five furlongs.—Maui 9.6, Sir Geraint 9.3, Blessbok 9.0, Gowain 8.12, Royal Flush 8.5, Swop 7.13, St. Claimer 7.10, Sedgemoor, 7.7, Hinmai 7.4, Opaene 7.4, Paper 7.3, Jolly Friar 7.3, Fontenoy 7.0, Snip 7.0, Zephyrus 7.0, Almadine 7.0, Fair Jess 7.0, Hurrah 7.0.

May Hurdles, one mile and three-quarters.—Levant 11.0, Miss King 10.11, Waiwera 10.8, Cavalry 10.7, Inspan 10.4, Midia 10.0, Pushful 9.13, Racma 9.5, Valkyrie 9.5, Bagpipes 9.3.

Kaitoke Hack Hurdles, one mile and three-quarters.—Valkyrie 10.12, Sleepwell 10.12, Talune 10.12, Guelder Rose 10.1, Throstle 9.10, Needlework 9.10, Waiterere 9.10, Katoa 9.6, Queen Bess 9.4, Vaihua 9.2, Taxpayer 9.3, Commonwealth 9.0, Kohatu 9.0.

Conolly Handicap, one mile and a distance.—Paritutu 8.12, Ghoorka 8.10, Regulation 8.6, Asteroid 8.3, Auratus 8.1, Solution 7.11, Full Cry 7.11, Exmoor 7.10, Ballarat 7.9, Shrapnel Shell 7.0, Heroism 7.4, Spoil 7.2, Noneen 6.13, Hamua 6.13, Ngatarea 6.13, Variation 6.12, St. Lyra 6.12, Flamen 3.12.

Porua Hack Flat, one mile.—The Leader 9.5, Mari 8.13, St. Joe 8.13, Blessbok 8.9, Grenade 8.3, Gawain 8.1, Benair 7.13, Mansiul 7.13, Royal Flush 7.10, Iseult 7.9, Benmore 7.8, Leithen 7.8, Silverlene 7.8, Immolation 7.8, Opaene 7.5, Victoria Park 7.5, Amaryllis 7.5, Bourassque 7.3, Shanks 7.8, Barea 7.2, Kuroki 7.1, St. Cyress 7.0, Westward 7.0, Moa 7.0, Wild Duck 7.0.

Century Hurdles, two miles and a distance (run on second day).—Creusot 11.4, Trumpery 11.0, Miss King 10.9, Tupara 10.7, Waiwera 10.6, Cavalry 10.4, Inspan 10.1, Midia 9.11, Pushful 9.11, Racma 9.8, Bagpipes 9.2, Needlework 9.0, Waiterere 9.0.

WANGANUI NOTES.

WANGANUI, Saturday.

The weather was fine and the track was in good condition for training operations this morning. Most of the visiting horses are here, and some good work was done. Blesshok, Hurrah, and Zephyrus were first at work, the latter pair slipping over a merry five furlongs, Zephyrus shaping best. The Porirua team did slow work. The Guard looked particularly well. Fife a couple of rounds at a strong pace, and appears very fit. Shrapnel did a couple of rounds with occasional fast sprints, moving well. Opaene covered a fast half-mile. Full Cry and Victoria Park were associated for a mile, the former finishing a chain ahead in 1.48. Kuroki and Fair Wind were companions in a solid seven furlongs. Catspaw shaped well over the schooling hurdles. Creusot, Athol Maid, Defoe, and Sunnos then had a go over the fences, all jumping splendidly. Sunnos only did one round, but the others continued, Creusot and Athol Maid clearing the obstacles in great style. The latter stumbled after taking the hencoop the third time, and turned a somersault, breaking her neck. Her rider, Jack Hercock, got a nasty spill, the mare rolling over him. Luckily no bones were broken, though his chest is injured.

Creusot went on for two rounds on the flat at a solid pace. Slow Tom covered two rounds on the flat in good style, while Cavalry shaped well over the hurdles once round. A large number of others did from fair to medium work.

WANGANUI, Monday.

Some good work was done on the tracks yesterday morning. Ghoorka and Flamen were associated over a mile and a distance, finishing well together. Waiterere had all the best of The Guard in a two mile gallop. Catspaw ran a fast seven furlongs, the last six in 1.23. Slow Tom covered a mile under 1.48. Moccasin cantered on the plough, but is apparently not too sound. Full Cry easily held Cavalry, as did Heroism Grenade. Trumpery, who is in capital nick, went twice around in great style.

Heavy showers fell through the night, and steady rain this morning made the tracks soft. Shrapnel shaped pleasingly over two rounds. Ghoorka (Oliver) beat Exmoor (G. Price) by eight lengths over a mile, which occupied 1.47¼. Guelder Rose, with Maui, ran a mile in 1.51, the former finished a bit in front. Waiterere shaped better than The Guard in a useful gallop of two circuits. Blesshok and Catspaw ran five furlongs in 1.6, the former had a slight advantage at the finish. Trumpery did two rounds at a solid pace, moving splendidly. Full Cry beat Cavalry eight lengths over six furlongs. Slow Tom did a couple of rounds over the hurdles excellently; while Pipi jumped the gorse fences in good style. Taxpayer jumped much better than Bagpipes over the hurdles, while Eurus shaped in better style than Victory and Tupara over the fences. St. Lyra was badly beaten by Benmore over seven furlongs. Moccasin worked on the plough, but there were strong suspicions of unsoundness as he walked away.

TURF TALK FROM THE SOUTH.

(By Telegraph.—Own Correspondent.)

CHRISTCHURCH, Friday.

The Messrs Friedlander evidently contemplate going out of breeding as well as racing. Not only do they announce the racehorses Catherine Gordon, Makaroff, Czarevna, Count Gorton, and General Symons for sale, but also that their stud at Ashburton is for disposal. The stud is the largest in the South Island, and probably in New Zealand, and includes the stallions Pilgrim's Progress, Finland and Formosan.

The San Francisco—Miss Gladys colt in Mr Stead's stable has improved greatly in appearance since his arrival in Canterbury.

McCracken has again taken up his two-year-old Harvest, by Clanranald—Golden Vale. The youngster, who is in poor condition, is being hacked about for the present.

The purchaser of the San Francisco—Waitemata filly, one of the yearlings sold privately out of the Kelburn stud, was Mr J. Buckley, of Oamaru.

Golden Knight has resumed work after a lengthy spell, in view, I presume, of a visit to Sydney next spring.

Grand March, who was a winner at the Ashburton meeting last week, has had his name changed to Grand Stand.

Slow Tom, Bagpipes, Tupara, Eurus and Taxpayer were shipped for the North on Wednesday to fulfil their respective engagements at the Wanganui Jockey Club's Winter Meeting. They were accompanied by Pipi, who was on his way through from Dunedin.

The Amberley Steeplechase Club has decided to hold its annual race meeting on August 31.

The Steeplechaser Pipi passed through Christchurch from Dunedin on Wednesday on his way to fulfil his engagement in the Wanganui Steeplechase. Before leaving Dunedin he ran four furlongs in 54sec.

C. O'Connor's starting at Ashburton was the theme of general admiration. Mr O'Connor left on his return to Auckland on Monday.

Sychem has returned from Wellington to Dunedin, and is now an inmate of McDonald's stable.

The Dunedin trainer, Mr McDonald, was married a few days ago to Miss Low.

(By Telegraph.—Special to "Graphic.")

CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

The weather has been cold and wet for the greater part of the last week, and training operations have been conducted at a disadvantage.

The report circulated last week that Machine Gun had left for Australia was wrong—the son of Hotchkiss will not be shipped until Friday week at the earliest. It is probable that he will be accompanied by Sandy. The pair will go in charge of D. Price, and will be ridden by Hewitt. W. Solomon, part owner of the pair, will also make the journey. The mission of the horses will be suburban racing in Sydney.

Machine Gun, who is located at Riccarton, is doing good work, and is looking very well.

The stewards of the Christchurch Racing Club further considered the Manjess case last week, and decline to alter their previous decision. It is probable, however, that the last has not been heard of the matter. Meanwhile, Lewis, owing to his disqualification, has decided to sell his training stables at Riccarton. It is probable that the property will be purchased by D. Roberts.

G. Aynsley has broken in three yearlings. They are a filly by Bundook—Myth, a colt by Sant Ilario—Nantes, and a filly by Explosion—Sybil.

Huku, The Mohican, and The Guesser, in Aynsley's stable, are all being pushed along in view of the Dunedin meeting.

J. McCracken has purchased the rising two-year-old brother to Goodsight from Mr Busch, of North Canterbury.

It is understood that Mr Buckley has arranged to place Convoy and Phaetontis in D. Moraghan's hands, to be prepared for their winter engagements. The pair are to be brought to Riccarton after the North Otago Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting contest.

A gelding by Mannlicher has joined C. Piper's team.

Jacket, the filly by Grafton—Blue and Gold, has been thrown out of training and been sent up to her owner's place (Stonyhurst) for a lengthy spell. Her place in Cutts' team has been taken by Lady Wayward, who has thrown off the lameness which prevented her racing at the Hutt and Riccarton last month.

R. Parker, who took Mr J. B. Reid's yearlings over to Sydney, has returned to Riccarton.

The only "schooling" work done last week was by Narcissus, Secret Society, Huku, and The Guesser. The two former gave a capital exhibition over the hurdles on Thursday, and Secret Society and Narcissus jumped the small sticks on Saturday. Secret Society showed improved form, and the others fenced well.

The yearling filly by Phoebus Apollo is being ridden. Other youngsters which are acquiring the rudiments of their education are a filly by Euroclydon—Stephanie, and a colt by Stepniak—Illusion.

The three months' disqualification imposed on Hewitt by the Dunedin Jockey Club expired this week.

GOLF.

At the Cornwall Park Golf Links, Auckland, on Saturday, the competition for the prizes presented by the captain (Mr W. B. Colbeck) for junior and senior players was commenced. Results:—

Seniors: L. Mair beat C. Heather by 3 up; C. Gillies beat E. W. Payton by 3 up and 2 to play; J. Sykes beat P. Lawrence by 1 up; Dr. Lewis beat H. Gilfillan by 5 up. J. W. Hall, J. C. Burns, and H. D. Bamford had byes.

Second Round: H. D. Bamford beat J. C. Burns, 3 up and 2 to play.

Juniors.—First Round: Messrs P. T. Upton, J. S. Rutherford, A. Walker, J. Rendell, J. B. Macfarlane, D. MacCormick, S. D. Ball, and E. A. Dargaville received byes. A. N. Cooper beat J. A. Kallender, 1 up on the 19th; P. H. Pickering beat Dr. Dudley, 5 up and 4 to play; H. B. Lusk beat C. F. Minnett, 3 up and 2 to play. Messrs H. Horton, B. K. Dawson, W. W. Bruce, and C. R. Pollen received byes.

Second Round: P. T. Upton beat J. S. Rutherford, 5 up and 4 to play; D. MacCormick beat J. B. Macfarlane, 3 up and 2 to play; S. D. Ball beat E. A. Dargaville, 7 up and 6 to play; H. Horton beat B. K. Dawson, 6 up and 5 to play; W. W. Bruce beat C. R. Pollen, 4 up and 3 to play.

Messrs E. Turner and W. Heather have to complete the first round for the seniors, and Messrs C. Nathan and F. V. Kelly the first round for the juniors.

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