

managed to appropriate the Open Hack Race, and his performance had a fair amount of merit attached to it, for on a slow course he cut out a furor with a 2 up in Im. 17.5-8, and was going very strongly at the finish. The well-bred gelding Portland, by Finland-Quiver, put down several heavily-backed ones in the District Welter Keop and the Australian-bred mare, Mary of Arzyle following him home. The latter is really a nice mare, but her excitable temperament always prejudices her prospects at the start.

Several Riccarton-trained horses left on Monday for Greymouth meeting, and in view of poor opposition, they should be worth following.

The meeting of the Waimate R.C. on Thursday next gives every prospect of being the most successful ever held in the district, the competitors including many Riccarton and Wingatui horses, besides others from Ashburton, Timaru and Oamaru.

The racing at the New Brighton Trotting Club's meeting on Thursday was of a very poor character, there being only one interesting finish throughout the afternoon. Ezzelbeer, which is owned by Mr. H. F. Nicoll, captured the big three mile Handicap, and though made a staunch favourite, his win took a lot of money from the book-makers. Robert Emmett had an easy task in the Autumn Handicap, and his victory was one of the most popular ever witnessed on the seaside course, for he is owned by Canterbury's foremost sportsman, Miss Button, who at one time used to drive and ride her own horses. Spider, who claims the honour of being a Winter Cup winner, started in three races at the Club's meeting, and was unlucky to lose his one of his starts. He was fouled in 1896, so that he has had a fairly busy time since he first carried silk.

CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

Glenculloch and Millionaire have been kept up to date since their return to the carton from Wanganui, but the former does not gallop with his one time brilliancy.

Cross Battery was responsible for several slow-catching gallops of late, but unfortunately she cannot be relied on to repeat them with the colours up. On Saturday last she was much too good for Sea King in a brush over four furlongs, which she left behind in 48.2-58.

Cannoeer, who has been on the retired list for some time, has been taken in hand again by J. Bridges, and appears to have thrown off his sorrows.

I hear that Elevation is intended to fulfil his engagements in the Manawatu Stakes, and he is bowling along in his work in great style. His half brother, Gravitation, will carry Mr. Bidwill's colours in the classic events at the Canterbury J.C. Autumn Meeting.

The Forbury Park Company intends cutting up the old racecourse, and selling it in small sections.

At a recent meeting of the Dunedin Jockey Club application was made by Mr. E. King, who was disqualified for six months, for permission to work in racing stables. It was decided to recommend King to make his application to the club that imposed his disqualification. Mr. B. O. Campbell wrote tendering his resignation as member of committee, as he intended leaving for England shortly. The resignation was accepted with regret, and Mr. W. L. Phillips was appointed to the vacancy. It was reported that some jockeys had made a disturbance at Wingatui after the last meeting there, and it was decided to write asking for an explanation before dealing further with the case. It was also deemed necessary to take some action as to his future behaviour. Trainers' licences were granted to J. Ross, A. McDonald, J. Rogers, W. Baird, and C. Campbell.

The yearling colts, by Soult-Sprite and Kitcheran—Success have been broken in by H. Thomson. The former gives every promise of developing into a high-class two-year-old.

A large number of Riccarton-trained horses are engaged at Oxford J.C. Meeting on the 18th, and others will make the journey to Waimate for the meeting there on Thursday. Several others have left for the West Coast to participate in the Greymouth Jockey Club's Meeting.

The sport witnessed on the second day of the New Brighton Trotting Club's meeting showed a decided advance on that of Thursday, as did also the attendance. The Marlborough-owned Dick Fly had a comfortable win in the Wainoni Handicap, but he was fortunate in the handicapping opposition of Lady Lillian and Royal Ribbon. This pair collided soon after the start, with the result that their gear was broken, and their chances extinguished. Prince Warbeck and Fenwick both trotted well, but had no chance with the winner, who was running over his favourite distance. A high-class field of ten, capable of going two miles in five minutes or better, contested the Brighton Handicap, and a splendid race was witnessed. The favourite, the name Discoverer ran to the front and appeared to be winning comfortably, but Ten Tree came with a great final effort, and scored by a length. Fused and Verax, the two favourites, did not run up to expectations, the former giving a wretched display. But-marie, the Nelson-owned gelding, gave further evidence of his usefulness by annexing the Aron Handicap, but he was lucky, for the seventh horse (Woodbury) had nearly caught him at the end of the mile, only to be ordered out of the race for anticipating the starter's bell. The best performance of the meeting was registered by The Heir in the Totebury Handicap, the brother to Fritz cutting out the mile on a rather slow

PERSONAL NOTES FROM LONDON.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

LONDON, February 7.

Mr. Murdoch McLean, who is over here buying plant for the Otira Gorge tunnel works, is well pleased with the result of his enquiries in England and on the Continent. "From what I have seen," he tells me, "I am fully convinced that we shall be able to finish the contract in the specified time, or very near it."

The Bishop of Auckland, the Right Rev. M. R. Neligan, M.A., has arrived in England, and will probably remain till the end of the year. The Bishop of Waiapu, the Right Rev. Dr. W. L. Williams, is expected at the end of this month. They will both attend the Lambeth Conference of Bishops and the Pan-Anglican Synod.

Recent callers at the High Commissioner's office: Mr. W. Mahoney (Christchurch), Dr. Adelaide Orehard (Christchurch), Mr. K. J. Thomson (Gisborne), Mr. W. E. B. Buckridge (Gisborne), Mr. A. H. Baskerville (Wellington), Mr. W. Cocks (Christchurch).

Mr. A. T. McCaw, of New Zealand, and the London Hospital, received his L.R.C.P. diploma at the last meeting of the council of the Royal College of Physicians of London.

Dunedin is represented in the pulpit of Spencer Place Central Baptist Church, London, in the person of the Rev. James Ings. Mr. Ings was born in Dunedin, and remained there till 1900. He travelled in Australia, and then voyaged to South Africa, and stayed there during the late war, visiting and preaching at Durban, Pietermaritzburg, Capetown, Ladysmith, and other places. He also travelled through Zululand, and preached to the natives through an interpreter. Leaving Africa, Mr. Ings sailed for England, and soon afterwards accepted a pastorate in the Scottish Highlands, at Grantown-on-Spey. Here he worked for three years, and then came up to London, which had always been the Mecca of his pilgrimages. On the death of the Rev. Philip Gast, who had been pastor at Spencer Place for 44 years, Mr. Ings was invited to fill the vacant post. At that time the congregation had dwindled to a handful. Mr. Ings quickly infused new vigour into the work of the church. He had the place put in good repair, and well lighted and ventilated and heated. As to getting in the people he had to go out to get them. He organised a brass and reed band, but had to buy the instruments and to dig out the players. That band, now composed of 20 men, has marched out into the streets every Sunday since its formation. "The scope for Christian work round here is illimitable," says Mr. Ings. "The social conditions are simply a menace to all London."

One of Mr. Ings's brothers, Dr. Joseph Ings, after a brilliant university career at Edinburgh, went as the first medical missionary sent from New Zealand to China. He died at Canton only recently at the early age of 29. His widow is seeking as a qualified nurse to continue his work in Canton. Another brother, the Rev. Robert Ings, is minister of Moonee Ponds.

Two more veterinary surgeons, Mr. Blair and Mr. Broom, leave London this month for New Zealand, under engagement to the Department of Agriculture.

The Cambridge University press has just published the first volume of a work by Dr. Richard C. Maclaurin, late Professor of Mathematics and Mathematical Physics at Wellington. The treatise is entitled "The Theory of Light; a Treatise in Physical Optics," and it is to be completed in three parts.

The R.M.S. Mamari leaves London today, February 7th, for New Zealand, via Capetown and Hobart. She takes the following passengers for New Zealand ports:—Mr. J. Abbott (Lyttelton), Mr. E. Adams, Mr. T. Adams (Wellington), Mr. and Mrs. C. Allen, son and daughter (Auckland), Mr. and Mrs. J. Bainbridge (Wellington), Mr. and Mrs. J. Bannatyne (Auckland), Mr. G. Barson (Wellington), Mr. H. Beale (Wellington), Mr. and Mrs. W. Bendall (Wellington), Mr. F. Bishop (Wanganui), Mr. R. Bodley (Wellington), Mr. T. Bradley (Wellington), Mr. and Mrs. A. Brett (Wellington), Mr. and Mrs. G. Broom, son and daughter (Wellington), Mr. J. Bryson (Timaru), Mr. W. Burbidge (Lyttelton), Mrs. J. Burnham and two daughters (Wellington), Mr. and Mrs. A. Cahill (Auckland), Mr. J. Garmalt (Grey-mouth), Mr. A. Corner (Wellington), Mr. D. Coulter (Lyttelton), Mr. M. Crystal (Wellington), Miss A. Dadey (Auckland), Mr. C. Duncan (Auckland), Mr. W. Eddleston (Auckland), Miss L. Elder (Auckland), Mr. C. Fort (Auckland), Mr. A. Goble (Wellington), Miss J. Gourdie (Port Chalmers), Mr. and Mrs. E. Guest and family (Auckland), Mrs. E. Haiselden and daughters (Wellington), Mr. and Mrs. F. Hale (Wellington), Mr. S. Hallett (Auckland), Mr. and Mrs. J. Head and 2 sons (Nelson), Mr. J. Hicks (Gisborne), Mr. I. Hobbins and family (Port Chalmers), Mr. W. Holgate (Wellington), Mrs. C. Jarman (Wellington), Mrs. E. Jeffrey, Miss I. Jeffrey (Lyttelton), Mr. R. Kirkpatrick (New Plymouth), Mr. and Mrs. G. Kroner (Wellington), Mr. T. Lakin (Wellington), Mr. W. Lewenden (Wellington), Mr. J. Libson (Lyttelton), Mr. J. I. Locking (Auckland), Mr. R. McConnell (Napier), Mr. H. McDowall (Wellington), Mr. A. Martin (Wellington), Mr. W. Mathers (Lyttelton), Mrs. E. Mountford and son (New Plymouth), Mr. W. Murphy (Auckland), Mr. A. Noble (Auckland), Mrs. S. Parker (Wellington), Mr. T. Pickett (Wellington), Mr. H. Pudney (Wellington), Mr. and Mrs. J. Ramsden and daughter (Auckland), Mrs. M. Rimmer and son (Auckland), Mr. and Mrs. C. Robb and family (Port Chalmers), Miss A. Robinson (Nelson), Mr. J. Rolinson (Wellington), Mr. J. Sanderson (Wellington), Mr. J. Shirreff (Gisborne), Mr. J. Simpson (Wellington), Miss E. Slade, Miss M. Slade, Miss J. Slade (Wellington), Mr. E. Smith (Wellington), Mr. G. Smith (Lyttelton), Mr. T. Taylor (Port Chalmers), Mr. W. Taylor (Wellington), Mr. B. Thomas (Wellington), Miss A. Tonge (Wellington), Mr. M. Trembath (Greymouth), Mrs. M. Trow and family (Wellington), Mrs. A. Twist and sons (Wellington), Mr. G. White (Greymouth), Mr. L. W. Whittaker (Port Chalmers), Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilkins, son and daughter (Auckland), Mr. E. Wilson (Auckland), Miss E. Wimbles (Wellington), Mr. and Mrs. T. Wood and family (Wellington), Mrs. S. Worm (Wellington).

Mr. James Adamson, M.A., LL.B. (Edin.), the new Dean of the Faculty of Law at Victoria College, Wellington, leaves England by the P. and O. liner Himalaya on February 14. Mr. Adamson, who is 37 years of age and unmarried, is a member of the Faculty of Advocates in Edinburgh and a practising member of the Scottish Bar, to which he was called in 1896. He had a brilliant career in the law classes and as a law graduate at Edinburgh University, taking first prizes in many subjects. One of his examiners, the Professor of Scots Law at Edinburgh University, wrote to him as follows: "I beg to congratulate you on the best set of papers I have ever had the pleasure to examine." Mr. Adamson is deeply read and thoroughly versed in his profession. He gained the degree of Bachelor of Laws "with distinction" in 1896.

Rumour has been busy during the week respecting the future movements of the New Zealand football players, whose official tour so far as the Northern Union is concerned will terminate at Cheltenham on Saturday week (says the "Athletic News" of February 3). Nothing official, however, can be announced, for assuming that "provisional overtures" have been made by Northern Union clubs for the services of several of the more prominent players, it would be a most unwise proceeding for those interested to make public the negotiations, for the Northern Committee are determined to have the following rule respected, which was adopted on May 30:—"Resolved, that any club, player, official, or authorised agent guilty, directly or indirectly, of approaching any New Zealand player prior to the termination of their tour, the club or the club they represent shall be absolutely debarred from obtaining the transfer of such player, or using his services under any circumstances." We stated last week that Todd had been granted permission by his committee to terminate his agreement after the Cheltenham match, and it is now hinted that two more prominent players in Smith and J. R. Wynyard have not signed the new schedule which was drawn up at Leeds last Monday, and in which the other men accepted the terms offered for the tour which is to take place in New South Wales at the commencement of the next Australian football season. If the two men have been "approached" during the prohibited period, the successful clubs will need to satisfy the Northern Union Committee of the bonafides of the negotiations.

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