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By order of the Board. JAMES KIRKER, General Manager. Auckland, 7th April, 1903.

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TURF FIXTURES.

April 22, 23—South Canterbury J.C. April 23 and 25—Wellington R.C. Autumn April 25—Waikarapa Hack Jinees (1904) April 25 and 26—Avaloude J.C. Autumn April 29 and 30—Manawatu R.C. Autumn May 6 and 7—Egmont R.C. Winter May 9—Christchurch R.C. Autumn May 14 and 15—Ashburton County R.C. May 16 and 20—Takapuna J.C. Winter May 21 and 22—Wanganui J.C. Winter June 3 and 6—Dunedin J.C. Winter June 10 and 11—North Otago J.C. Winter

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"Dispute." Auckland—Hewson 2.35.5ths. Advance 2.44.3/4. These are the official times registered for the Wellington Cup by the horses named.

TURF NOTES.

Wait-a-Bit, after a season at the stud, has been again put in training in Victoria.

Special trains will run to the Avondale Jockey Club's meeting on both days.

A jockey named R. Trevartha, at a recent Wsraltha race meeting, secured 13 firsts in 17 starts.

Royal Conqueror got cast in his box last week, and injured himself somewhat severely.

There is a little betting going on over the Avondale Cup and Railway Handicap double.

Sid. Hodge, a capable trainer and horse-meat, is going to Fiji this week by the Moura.

The ex-hack Governosa was sent back to Mr. Hatfield, her breeder, to Hawke's Bay after the Feilding meeting.

Reshique, by Recluse from the Maxim mare Motto, won a double at the Patua meeting.

Olago, whilst working at Ellerslie, was making a noise, and it was thought that his wind was affected.

Ingleswood, who won a race at Patua on Easter Monday and next day won a race at Feilding, is by Sylvia Park, son of St. Lezer.

Nominations close on Friday next for the winter meeting of the Takapuna Jockey Club.

Mr. F. Leslie has purchased the pony Sonica, by Soult from Dolly, dam of Solo, for £300.

Mr. Monte Mills, of New Plymouth, owns a coming two-year-old half-brother to Orloff by Gipsy Grand.

Mr. Morse, of Wanganui, has been appointed custodian of the Egmont Racing Club's course at Hawera.

Mr. Foley has purchased a grey pony gelding by Country Boy from Mr. Quiliven, of Palmerston North.

Surely a poorer lot has seldom contested a 2100-yard race than those lot in the opening jumping event at Avondale.

Mr. E. Greville, whose death was reported last week in Wellington, had a few horses racing a short time ago, and Sensation was one of his purchases.

Scrip, a double winner at the Waikarapa meeting, is a half-brother by Au Revolt to Rebellion, Revolve, and Revolution, from that once useful mare Mischief.

Mr. Fred Duval, well-known in the turf world, leaves on May 8th for America, and will be accompanied there by Mr. Ais Moss, the Dunedin bookmaker, owner of Castles.

Sonship, by Herkin Warlock—Lady of the Lake, died recently. Her colt foal, by St. Cyr, is being handled by Mr. J. A. Goodson, of Hawera, who owned the mare.

Among the well-known performers offered at auction in Sydney this week were Sequence, The Persian, Patuanga, and Fitzroy.

An American offer of £15,000 for the English Derby winner Aid Patrick elicited the reply from his owner that he was not for sale under £20,000.

Good Speed (Good-bye-Speed), who competed successfully at the Ryefton meeting last month, broke one of his legs on Wednesday week, and was destroyed.

The Federal Postmaster General has announced that the postal law forbidding "Tatt's" sweeps will not be extended to church lotteries, night hour sweep, etc.

Betting over the Thompson Handicap and Railway Handicap at the Wellington Racing Club's meeting, commencing on Thursday, has been slow locally, though several horses have been supported stoutly out for the mile race, Sharnpeel and Orlak being of the number. In the 1300-yard race a few supporters before the acceptance.

Viadmir was priced recently by Mr. J. Ellis. The figure asked was £750, but the trainer would not go beyond £575, and a winning contingency, so no deal resulted.

Sharnpeel, son of Cuteshy and Element, therefore full brother to Fakir, was about the best horse that competed at the Feilding meeting.

A couple of veterans that performed well at Feilding were Chasseur, who showed a lot of his old dash, and Legion of Honour, who has a partially for the Feilding course.

Plain Bill, the 'chaser, was in evidence at the Feilding meeting—not, however, racing, but as the starter's hack, and it is evident he is not to be raced this winter.

Old Gun, a good jumper who has won a number of hack hurdle races, and Artizaz, a Wanganui hack were sold during the progress of the Feilding races for \$50 and \$65 respectively.

Deerstalker, a colt that I fully expected might some day make a good horse, was one of those that succumbed to the exigencies of racing in Riccarton, and has probably said good-bye to the turf.

The appeal case, Walters v. the Auckland Racing Club, will come before the Judges appointed by the conference on Wednesday at Wellington. Major Pitt will represent the A.R.C.

No three-year-old pony has ever jumped so quickly in prominence from a weight-increasing point of view as the South pony Sonica, the treble winner at the A.R.C. autumn meeting.

Acceptances for the first day's racing at the Avondale Jockey Club's autumn meeting, which opens on Saturday next, were received last night. Most of the events have filled satisfactorily.

An important stud purchase has been effected by Mr. Hugo Friedlander, of Ashburton, who has secured the highly successful stud horse Pilgrim's Progress as a leading sire for his stud.

The price reported as having been paid for Septive, £2000, is far and away the highest sum ever given for a mare. Far larger sums have been given for stallions for stud purposes.

A private telegram received on Saturday from Melbourne states that the stallion Pilgrim's Progress has been purchased by Mr. Hugo Friedlander for Feilding Lodge Stud at Ashburton.

The committee of the A.J.C. has finally decided to include a Stires' Produce Stakes in future programmes for the coming season, but it has been found inadvisable to begin with one before 1865.

Sir George Clifford's horses were in great form at the autumn meeting of the Canterbury Jockey Club. Trendmill, by Hill of Portland, ran like one that is likely to develop into a Derby colt.

The Auckland Trotting Club's autumn meeting is in commotion on May 2nd. Nominations, taken by Friday night, are almost entirely of local horses, but there is sufficient material for a good meeting.

Many Aucklanders will remember the light-weight H. E. Meyers ('Kaiser') when riding for the late Jas. Keau. 'Kaiser' had a ride at the Feilding meeting, but is not often seen in the saddle.

Oru, the Scanton, Delaval—Tamera filly, leased for some time by a patron of Prosser's at Porirua, was sent home recently to her owner, and won a race for him at Patua on Easter Monday.

Mr. W. C. Phillips, of Hawera, lost his blood mare Britence the other day. She was by Somnus, and was the dam of Fairbrook, Silver Star, and Perseverance. She also has left a couple of untried ones by Sylvia Park.

Santol, the erratic colt, who was last fancied for some of the big Australian handicaps last season, is being given a trial over hurdles. His full brother, Regretter, was very successful over the short stiles.

It was currently reported that Mr. Pulec intended to take Ribbwood to America, but the fact that the little racer is to be shipped to Melbourne shortly, would seem to show that the Christchurch sportsman has no such intention.

The fat is in the fire over one of the races run on the last day of the A.R.C. autumn meeting. A wrong one liberally had to pay the penalty for so doing.

Two Canfield jockeys were endeavouring to solve the intricacies of the income tax papers. "I wonder if they make its part on for loss of meeting?" said one, who is reputed to exercise a very powerful "axist."

"You bet," was the terse rejoinder. "Well, which of those blooming headings do they come under?" said the first speaker. The friend smiled, and replied, "I think you'd be quite safe. Bill in nothing most of your blood mounts under the head of 'Income from Personal Expendit'."

Wallace, Carline's best son by Australia, had two good two-year-olds in F.J.A. and Emir to represent him at the A.T.C. Easter Meeting. The last-named carried a mile in 1.39 3/5—a record for a two-year-old.

A good deal of interest is being taken in the approaching winter meeting of the Egmont Racing Club. There is a large number of hacks in training at Hawera alone, and local nominations are expected to be good.

Though beaten in a maiden hack race at the Waikarapa meeting, Mr. Carter's two-year-old filly St. Alba, by St. Lezer from Cutraha, ran fairly well, and would have been closer to Scoria, the winner, had she not stumbled at the turn.

The Hon. J. Carroll, who was present at the Waikarapa Racing Club's autumn meeting, had a nomination in the Maiden Hack Race in Manawatu, a two-year-old filly by Mahaki from The Brook. She did not start, however.

Gothe, by Gipsy King from a Morphous mare, a hunter who finished second in the Rangitikei Point-to-Point Steeplechase, was sold to the Egmont Club. She will, and shortly goes to Melbourne. Sir O. Forke acted for Mr. Clark in the purchase.

Katerina, who has won a number of races recently in the Waikarapa district, is by Hindocoe Jack from Evelyn, a Dimeses mare that won races over country about 13 years ago. Evelyn was seen by the writer during the week doing duty with a companion in a drag plying to the races.

It would have an educational effect were stewards of some of our Auckland out-country clubs to travel and witness country meetings in the more favoured, well-landed districts between Taranaki and Wellington, where most of the clubs are up-to-date in the way of racecourse appointments.

Chasepot (Martini Henry—Miss Katerina) who raced for a long time in Sydney, has been purchased by Mr. J. Gove, and goes to Inini. Chasepot, judging by the fact of his winning one race, and running second in another at Sumbury last week, is a fair form again.

An American exchange says that the son of the W.C. 3rd-stud Strophylus Church, the Whirling Wind, was sold recently, stating that he fell from grace by winning £1000 gambling, and buying property with the proceeds. He resigned, but still holds the property.

Dampers was somewhat backward in condition at the C.J.C. autumn meeting. Viadmir ran sour, and Red Gauriel wore a jaundiced appearance. Blazer, who was sent away by his owner to his trainer on condition that he would not race him again, looked likely to improve.

Achilles has now won a dozen races in succession, his earnings in stakes totalling well over £2000, a good return for the 100 guineas for which he was originally purchased. A full brother to Achilles, who is named in the stud in the name of Sir Gilbert, is N.S.W. this week.

Novette was taking his ease in Frank McManamin's paddock, near the racecourse, while the Auckland racing news was being scanned. Scores of racegoers mounted the wall to pay their respects to the champion, who is now apparently again as sound as ever, his leg showing no signs of disorder.

The Wellington Racing Club's solicitor having advised that neither the lease nor the regulations framed by the trustees of the course make it permissible to issue licenses to bookmakers, the Racing Club have decided not to issue any licenses to bet at their forthcoming meeting.

Tamara, dam of Nestor, died recently down Taranaki way. This mare, in a trial at Ellerslie, when trained by G. Wright, ran the fastest mile and three-quarter gallop in private trial. It has even been got to within a whisker of a private record for the mile of six gallop even to-day, though horses are rarely tried so far now.

A Charters Towers racing starter was recently fined £7 7s, cost of new set of teeth, 10/6 dentist's fee, £1 for lost time, and costs, for dealing out stouch to a racing patron who looked over a hind part of something of the kind. They always were more lively than dignified up north.—"Butler."

One of the best of the Queensland trotting horses, The Chief, a handsome grey, by Chiefolma son of Childo Harold, changed hands last week, being sold by Mr. W. Hill, for 150 guineas, to go to South Africa. The Chief is said to have a private record for the mile of something considerably under 2.30.

Full Cry, who ran with success at Takapuna and Taranaki, was taken to Feilding to run at that meeting, on the eve of which, however, he knuckled over, and his owner feeling that he might go altogether, wisely decided to rest him in a private paddock for the sea-side at Taranaki and swim him, in the hope of being able to race him next month.

Never in the history of racing has an owner won any particular event ten times in succession, as the recent shows Mr. Stead to have done. That gentleman's horses have accounted for the Canterbury Handicap Stakes ten times in successive years. Sir George Clifford's colt Trendmill, by beating Machine Gun, prevented the Marlborough stable adding one more to the long list.

Deery Martin was playing bowls on Easter Saturday and Monday at Featherston and Masterton, on which days the Waikarapa race was in full swing. Thinking that the long-time trainer was on his way to the race meeting, a friend suggested that he had come a long way for his sport. Martin stated that he had not attended a meeting in his life, and that he had since since the memorable year when Korari and Fishbook competed there.