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TURF TALK FROM THE SOUTH.

(By Telegraph.—Special to "Graphic")

CHRISTCHURCH, Saturday.

Canteen has resumed work at Wingatui. He looks wonderfully hearty after his spell.

The obstacle which I feared would cut short the career of the Forbury Park Racing Club has been surmounted. An agreement has been arrived at, under which the club will have the use of the course for a rent of £30 per day. It intends to race on three days next season—August 27, November 26, and March 23.

Musketry, who was leased to a North Island breeder last season, is back at Riccarton. If he is not sold it is the intention of his owner, Mr J. E. Ross, to send him to another part of the colony next season.

One of Mr Stead's fillies, a daughter of Mullifform and Suray, had the bad luck to injure herself the other day. It is not expected that the injury will affect her racing power.

The yearling sister to Vladimir, and the yearling half-brother by Lord Rosslyn to Pampero, have joined McGuinness's stable at Wingatui. The former has been named "Taa," and the latter "Puaa."

Toney, who won a race at the North-Otago Jockey Club's meeting last week, is a son of Cabotry, the speedy son of Apremont and Ebor, and won the Dundig Champagne Stakes and a number of jumping races.

H. J. Marr, an Australian trainer, has taken up his quarters at the famous Russley estate. Marr is owner of the Lochiel stallion Lord Loch, of whose arrival at Christchurch I notified you a little while ago.

Lady Rosslyn and Noblessa have left their racing careers, and have joined McGuinness's stable for the Hon. G. McLean's stud farm. The former is to visit Stepniak, and the latter Lord Rosslyn.

A colt by Musketry from the Custrasser—Blant mare Sealin, has joined Lewis's stable at Riccarton.

Zealous is being schooled over hurdles. She was given her first jump a few days ago, and acquitted herself most creditably.

Mr C. S. Fraser has succeeded Mr G. P. Wood as secretary to the South Otago Jockey Club. At the annual meeting of the club, held last night, the balance sheet showed the net receipts to have been £1920, and net expenditure £1743. The net profit was £177, as against a loss of £120 on the previous year. The loss was attributed to changes in dates to suit the agricultural show. The club's cash balance is £198.

CHRISTCHURCH, Tuesday.

Catherine Gordon fell while being schooled one morning last week, and her rider, H. Donovan, received a nasty shaking.

Social Pest and Sultans were schooled at the fences on Wednesday. The latter fenced capitally, but Social Pest, after jumping in a slovenly manner, came to grief at the post and rails. The same morning Khaki and Wet Blanket were schooled over the hurdles. The latter was hit by an obstacle, and cut one of his legs, though not seriously.

Bombardo, Blow Tom, Sultans, Social Pest, Khaki, Benzoin, Windwhistle, and Goldenmere are all doing strong work with a view of the Wellington meeting.

W. McDonald, the local trainer, who has been on a visit to the North Island, has returned to Riccarton.

Cyclas Parva has resumed work. The Christchurch Hunt Club will hold a point to point steeplechase next Saturday for a cup presented by Mr G. G. Eiad.

I regret very much to have to chronicle as a severe piece of bad luck which has befallen that plucky breeder, Mr J. B. Reid. Mr Reid had this season half a dozen exceptionally promising yearlings. Some of them caught cold, and as a precaution Mr Reid dosed the lot. As a result all fell very badly, and two colts by Saint Ilario, one out of Marlin, and the other from Sequin, died. Unfortunately the Marlin colt was the pick of the lot.

The Ashburton County Racing Club ended the season with a credit balance of £100 17/6. The stakes for the coming season will be the same as last year's.

Mr J. B. N. Grigg has been elected president of the N.Z. Metropolitan Trotting Club. Trotting has had a particularly good season. The report and balance sheet to be presented at its annual meeting shows it has made a profit of no less than £2295 11/7. The year opened with a deficit of £1117 12/6, and closed with a credit balance of £1235 19/8. The receipts from the tote amounted to over £8000, and the gate receipts to £2316 7. The sum of £6931 was distributed in stakes.

The Hon. Geo. McLean has sold Vladimir to Mr L. C. Haggitt. The price has not been disclosed, but the consignment will be managed by Rutledge.

Mr S. B. Myers, a member of the committee of the Dunedin J.C., is about to leave on a trip to Fiji and other islands. He will be away for about two months. Mr Bullock, another member of the committee, leaves to-day (Tuesday) on a visit to Hobart.

Trouble is threatened between the Forbury Park Company and the St. Kilda Borough Council. The latter body is demanding rent for a portion of the racecourse, which it declares encroaches on the roadway, and as the company refuse to pay, has instructed its clerk to remove the company's boundary fence.

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

The following acceptances have been received in connection with the above meeting, which opens on Wednesday next:—

Trial Steeplechase Handicap of 50sovs, 2 miles.—Frost 11.3, Light 10.13, The Gryphon 10.12, Hurricane 10.8, Smithy 10.8, Eucharist 10.2, Umplopogans 9.9, Benedictine 9.7. Winter Handicap of 100sovs, 1 mile and a furlong.—H.N. 10.9, Ia 10.4, Curran 10.4, Tradewind 10.2, Menura 11.2, Eland 9.8, Muirove 9.7, Wainoo 9.7, One-shoot 9.3, Hemulua 9.0, Kohupapa 9.0, Fireway 9.0, Rapida 9.0.

Hawke's Bay Hurdle Race of 50sovs, 1 1/2 mile.—Bugs 12.0, Oracle 10.4, Comfort 10.0, Ogle 9.10, Hinekura 9.10, In the Van 9.3, Waireka 9.3, Sloughina 9.0, Tainoa 9.0, Evening 9.0. Hawke's Bay Hurdles of 200sovs, about 2 miles.—Murry Boy 10.0, Howelot 9.12, Kauruval 9.9, Meteor 9.0, Hurricane 9.0, Mourner 9.0, Cobra 9.0.

Hunt Club Steeplechase Handicap of 50sovs, about 2 1/2 miles.—Drags 11.11, Counterline 11.7, Benedictine 11.0, Garou 11.0, Guss Metal 11.0, The Gun 11.0, Hiarval 11.0. Corathian Stakes Handicap of 50sovs, 1 1/2 mile.—Hardwork 12.7, Mongonui 11.10, Muskerton 10.11, Andrew 10.10, Borax 10.10, Reclol 10.9, Kilo 10.0, Nadado 10.0, Sleepwell 10.0, Roka 10.0, Anadeja 10.0.

The following are the weights for the Ladies' Bracelet, 2 miles.—Borax 12.3, Repulse 12.3, Defoe 12.3, Creusot 11.12, Tigritona 11.12. Apris 11.2. Hawke's Bay Steeplechase of 300sovs, 3 1/2 miles.—Pipi 10.8, Frost 9.13, Jack-o'-Lantern 9.11, The Gryphon 9.7, Light 9.7, Cronje 9.7.

Rider's Terrible Injury.

Mr S. J. Morgan, of Woodville, who some time ago met with a terrible accident whilst riding, has given full particulars to the local press. "I was out as usual riding through the bush," said he, "when my horse somehow stumbled. I was unprepared for the shock, and was thrown against a bank of earth with the horse partly on top of me. My leg was severely jammed between the embankment and the horse's body. I received a terrible shaking. My whole nervous system was thoroughly upset. I began to suffer from debility and insomnia, and," added Mr S. J. Morgan, who lives in Palmerston Road, Woodville, "but for Dr. Williams' pink pills I would still be a weak, decrepit wreck. Even the smell of food made me sick, and I got very thin and low spirited. Both blood and nerves were hopelessly out of order. Well, at last I tried these pills, and they did strengthen me wonderfully. I had been troubled with terrible pain in my leg, but this gradually went away, and soon I had the full use of it again. Dr. Williams' pink pills," continued Mr Morgan, "filled my veins with new, pure blood, braced up my nerves, strengthened my spine, and brought me back to perfect health. They're the greatest blood-builder and nerve-tonic in the world. I am so hale and hearty now that I never feel the slightest ill-effect from my terrible accident."



SPRING GRIP DUMB-BELL

Ladies and Gentlemen, I fear there has been some misunderstanding as regards the method of using my

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GOLF NOTES.

(By Stoney Dead.)

The excitement last week in golfing circles was the extraordinary general meeting held on Saturday night. The meeting was called for a quarter to eight, and it was ten o'clock before all the business was finished.

At the annual general meeting held a short time back certain alterations in subscriptions were made which did not meet with the approval of the club as a whole. Consequently Mr Arthur Robertson took the matter in hand, and sent in a requisition, which was freely signed, to hold an extraordinary general meeting.

Before the annual meeting the committee had given notice of their intention to move at that meeting that the annual subscription should be increased. The attendance at the annual meeting was not as full as it might have been. The official returns, as shown by votes, gives it at 15. Personally, I thought the attendance was larger, but that is immaterial, as there is no doubt that there was not the attendance there should have been, brought about by illness in some cases, and the break-down of the railway service, which prevented the Remuera contingent from attending.

When the committee's motion was moved it read "That the annual subscription be raised to three guineas." A long and very full discussion was raised, and the hon. treasurer and the hon. secretary were each bombarded with questions. The answers to these questions put the matter in the light that at three guineas the club must go to the bad, and at four guineas the committee would have to be economical to make ends meet. An amendment was then put that the annual subscription be four guineas, and after several strong speeches were made it was carried by 8 votes to 7. The fact was that the meeting reckoned up the position of affairs better than the committee did, and this the committee themselves admitted at the extraordinary meeting. Their favourite expression on Saturday night was, "I must eat humble pie."

Then the general meeting attacked the other questions of subscriptions. It was felt by the members that the entrance fee should be lowered. After considerable discussion it was reduced to one guinea, thus making the first year's cost the same under the new subscriptions as under the old. A number of people look on the question of entrance fees to golf clubs from what I consider a wrong point of view. What they say is, "We who have been members for years have suffered great discomforts, and have put up much good money to bring the course to the state it is, and let those who come in now pay for what we have done in the past." This is a truly human proposition, but surely the right way to look at this matter is this: "What money we have expended is gone and cannot be recalled. What we want is new members up till the time that the course is becoming too crowded. The more members we have the more money the committee can spend on the course, and the greater enjoyment we shall take in playing. By all means encourage new members to join, and do not frighten them or prevent any joining by the fact that there is an entrance fee." On this argument perhaps it would be well if there was no entrance fee. A man who is thinking about taking up golf says, "I should like to try this game, but do not know if I will stick to it. Why not join and try the game. It will only cost me the usual subscription for the year, and I can drop out if I don't like it." Once get such a man in and he is hooked; and he is likely to make a trial if it is going to cost him more than it does other men for what he looks upon as a trial season?

There is no question that the annual meeting made an oversight in not dealing with the life membership subscription.

Till Saturday night it stood at 15 guineas. This is out of all proportion to an annual one of four guineas. Consequently the committee were right in the action in putting all obstacles in the way of preventing members becoming life members at 15 guineas. Had they acted ultra vires and declined to elect any member for life till after the extraordinary meeting I feel certain that matters would have been put right by resolution of the club.

The result of Saturday's meeting was this: That had the dissatisfied members been present at the annual meeting they would have voted as the majority at the meeting. To show how right the majority were one must look at the voting. At the first meeting four guineas was carried by the bare majority of 8 to 7. Four weeks' discussion and the lucid explanations of the club's position by the hon. secretary and the hon. treasurer left the motion without a seconder, and it was withdrawn. Though Mr Robertson failed to carry any of his important motions, yet the thanks of all those who have the welfare of the club at heart are due to him. Saturday night's meeting cleared the air in many directions and strengthened the club.

The new business done was that the life membership subscription was raised to 25 guineas. There was a strong party present who wished to do away with life membership altogether, but they were defeated. The same party then tried to make the life membership figure a prohibitive one, viz., 50 guineas. This also was negatived. Perhaps the meeting made one mistake; but it is so small it is hardly worth while discussing. The life membership for non-playing members was raised from 5 to 10 guineas. Considering that only two members have become life members it is a matter for no comment.

There is one matter to which reference was made by the hon. secretary and last year's captain, about which a few remarks will not be out of place. I refer to the up-keep of the greens and how the groundmen put in their time. I will make a bold statement, and it is: "Since the introduction of golf to courses where any considerable amount of labour is required there never has been one single club where a complaint has not been made that the committee are not getting the equivalent in work from the groundmen to the wages they are drawing." The reason for this is that unless one is an extraordinary close observer one never notices what work has been done. I remember this fact being brought home to me on an English course, where for some days three men were weeding on one large green. This is very slow and tiresome work, as the man uses a weeder shaped like a table fork. I passed these men twice a day for some days, and really could not see any result of their work. Yet they had been working steadily the whole time. The hon. secretary pointed out how rolling work had been done last week at the ninth hole, and asked how many had noticed. I don't suppose anyone who was unaware of the work having been done had the slightest idea that it had been done.

On Saturday several matches were played for the Hanna prizes. In the senior division Mr Peele played Mr J. Burns, and beat him very comfortably. Mr Peele played a good game, and if he plays against Mr Hooper in the final as well as he did with Mr Burns he will have a good show of winning. In the junior division, Dr. Lewis had a very close match with Mr P. Upton, getting home by one at the 18th. Mr W. E. Bruce and Mr C. Heather had a hard tussle. They were all square at the 18th, and Mr Heather won the 19th. Mr Bruce was very unlucky in being hit by his own ball at the second hole. He played a shot near the rocks, and the ball rebounded from a rock and hit him so severe a blow on the ankle that he was limping for the rest of the afternoon.