

District Lands and Survey Office.
 Auckland, 24th Oct., 1909.
NOTICE is hereby given that Section 1, Block IX., Kaupiri S.D. (Rangitikei County), advertised to be open for Sale or Selection on and after 21st October, 1909, has been withdrawn.
 (Signed)
G. MUELLER,
 Commissioner Crown Lands.



EXAMINATION FOR MINE MANAGERS AND BATTERY SUPERINTENDENTS' CERTIFICATES.

Mines Department
 Wellington, 1st Oct., 1909.
 An Examination of Candidates for Certificates as First and Second class Mine Managers and Battery Superintendents, under "The Mining Act, 1896," and First and Second class Mine Managers under "The Coal Mines Act, 1901," will be held on **TUESDAY**, the 26th January, 1904, and following days, at places to be hereafter named. All applications, with necessary certificates, and fee of £1, must be addressed to "The Secretary of the Board of Examiners under the Mining Act (or Coal Mines Act), Wellington," and must be received before the 15th December, or they will not be dealt with until the Examination in 1905. Forms of applications may be obtained at School of Mines (Rangitikei, Waikato), and Coromandel, also from Inspector of Mines, Thames, Westport, and Dunedin.
T. H. HAMER,
 Secretary to the Board of Examiners.
 (NOTE.—No candidate will be permitted to present himself for examination unless he holds an authority from the Secretary, stating that his certificate of service has been accepted by the Board.)

TURF FIXTURES.

October 21, 24—Wellington R.C.
 October 27, 28—Dannevirke J.C.
 October 28, 29—Gore R.C.
 October 29, 30—Poverty Bay T.C.
 October 29, 30—Masterton R.C.
 November 7—C.A.C. Metropolitan (New Zealand Cup)

TURF NOTES.

Swazman is the only Auckland horse engaged at the Poverty Bay meeting. His owner now resides there.
 The show jumper Desmond has won his owner, Mr. H. D. Morton, about £1200 in prize money.
 Tot Tot, by Splendor or Sweet William—Taurua, has foaled a filly to Explosion at Sylvia Park.
 Class, who won the Marlborough Trial Stakes, is sister to F.J.A., and as a yearling was sold for 350g.
 When the last mares left England, St. Frigidian was still at the head of the winning sires, Cobine was very low in the list.

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I have to acknowledge receipt from the New Zealand Trotting Association of a copy of the rules governing trotting for the coming season.

A very moderate lot of horses are engaged at the Poverty Bay Turf Club spring meeting, and several are amiss and unlikely to compete.

Five horses trained by J. H. Prosser, and some of them owned by that well-known trainer, competed unsuccessfully at the Otaki meeting.

The fields at the Otaki meeting were not large, but the club put through £240 more than last year, the turnover for the two days being £7047.

There will be a long list of starters for the Wellington Race Club's secretaryship, beyond a doubt. Applications are pouring in from all quarters.

This year's Nursery Handicap includes candidates from Hawke's Bay, Auckland, Christchurch, Wanganui, Westport and the Andrua and Hutt stables.

Mr Lowry should have had Royal Fusilier in the Juvenile Stakes at Riccarton, as that colt is brilliant and commences well, which is a strong point for springing.

Perserverance has joined W. Townsend's team at Ellerslie. He should be useful over the larger fences later on in the season.

Mr S. Bradley, the owner of Wairiki, left for the South last week in order to see his horse compete in the New Zealand Cup.

Coronation and Up-to-Date arrived at Ellerslie last week. Both are rather backward in condition, but look fresh and healthy.

Natro has shamed hands. He was put up for auction at Auckland's yards, and was knocked down to Mr T. Wylie for twenty guineas.

Mr D. McKinnon has kindly notified me that Miss Simon, by South—Pikau, and Heeper, by Loch Ness—Dreamland, have both foaled fillies to Flintlock.

Wilson, the hurdle horse, broke a blood vessel soon after starting in the hurdle race on the first day of the Napier racing meeting, and had to be pulled up after going about a mile.

John Delaney, who rode with much success in Australia, and who suffered for a long time with consumption, passed over to the great majority before the last mails left Sydney.

The course at Otaki was very hard, and some fast times were no doubt done, but the timekeeper unfortunately got hold of a watch that made the events faster than they really were.

Mr Stead had to alter his colours which "trouble" carried in Australia. "Mr A. T. Danvers" races in New South Wales in yellow and black cap, so Mr Stead added black and white to his jacket.

At Whitigate Park, Blackpool, Eng., at the latter end of August, the gelding trotters Lady R. and The Moth met in a mile match for £200 a side. Lady R. won easily in 2.11.

In a five-mile scratch race at the Essex Amateur T.C. meeting at Dagenham, Eng., recently, Tuelie Hill beat Gamecock in 13m 10.30g, lowering Dr. Brino's record of 13m 20.30g, a prize of £100 attached to the performance, and only a new-comer, the two horses at the end of the journey.

The hurdle rider F. Lind was able to return home from Hawke's Bay to Wanganui on Thursday, though with both collarbones broken as the result of his fall with Midia at the Hawke's Bay meeting.

C. Jenkins is laid up with scarlatina, and it is unlikely that he will be able to ride for over a month. This will mean losing the Wellington spring, Canterbury Jockey spring, and Masterton meetings.

The native starter at Otaki (Mr Horitawaru) should resign in the interests of his club, as owners are getting shy of racing their horses under that official, who does not succeed in controlling the riders.

As soon as it was reported that Lady Lillian had gone wrong, Hewitt's services were in demand for other horses, and Mars has been mentioned as a probable mount for the "trougher" in the New Zealand Cup.

Promotion left for Wellington on Thursday, where he is engaged in the Nursery Handicap of four furlongs. W. Smith, his trainer, went with him, and also F. Speakman, who has been engaged to ride him at Wellington.

The 2 year old filly by South—a Dauphin mare, came down by road from Waiuku last week. She is a very shapely filly, being especially good behind, and has every appearance of being likely to go fast. Townsend will train her.

I have heard that, prior to meeting with a slight mishap before the Hawke's Bay meeting, Albufera, by South, who may strip next week at Wellington, was showing fair promise. It will be interesting to note how Promotion, the Auckland, will shape.

Class, the winner of the first two-year-old race of the season in Victoria, is a full sister to F.J.A., being by Wallace from La Tosca. She was purchased as a yearling by J. Scobie on behalf of Mr F. Cumming, who won the Melbourne Cup with Clean Sweep, for 350g.

Strathaven has shortened considerably for the New Zealand Cup. He has tightened up from 25 to 1 to 16 to 1. I quite expect this horse to run a good race in the now moderate field, and although I cannot fancy him as a likely winner, he should be able to annex one of the shorter races and so pay expenses.

The Hon. J. D. Ormond nominated more largely than any other owner for the Hawke's Bay meeting, having on an average about two horses in each event. Though his horses won eight races at Napier Park, his cheque was only a little over £400.

Mr A. T. Danvers, who recently resigned the secretaryship of the Napier Park Racing Club, saw the spring meeting through before handing the reins to his successor. Mr Danvers had been secretary to the club from its inception, as well as handicapper up till last year.

In consequence of C. Jenkins' illness, Hewitt has been engaged to ride for the Porirua stable at the Wellington spring meeting; but it is understood that he will ride Polias in his engagements. Hewitt rode in 10 races at the Napier Park meeting without scoring a win, but seven times he was second, twice third, and once unplaced.

Referring to the two-year-old race at Watwick Farm, "Martindale" says: "To my thinking, the most likely one of the quartette was Panthea, by Medallion from Nereld, whose name, by-the-way, does not appear in the last volume of the Stud Book. However, Panthea is a full sister to the New Zealand champion schiller, Herdsman, by Goldsbrough from Sea Swallow, by See Saw from Mrs Waller, by King Tom from Tighty, by Teddington, etc. At the yearling sales Panthea was passed in at 40g. She was a good game mare, but I think got slightly interfered with."

Mr Lowry may take Rose Maddler to Canterbury from Hawke's Bay for the C.J.C. Oaks. There was some talk of Rose Shield being sent to the States a few days ago, but whether she will go there is not yet settled. Rose Shield is eligible for maiden honours; still the Auckland Guineas may keep her where she is.

Nance O'Neill, the Canterbury-bred hurdle and flat mare, was making a noise at the last Grand National meeting, and is getting worse, unless the warmer weather does her good, she is hardly likely to continue in active service long. Mares are less frequently troubled in the wind than geldings or horses.

The victories of several horses at Hawke's Bay have earned them penalties for the Wellington meeting. Menura and Royal Fusilier have each in the Wellington Racing Club Handicap for their respective wins; Madrigal and Forest Ranger go up this in their engagements; but Bandmaster, Rose Maddler, and Idea escape on account of the small amount each won.

The trotters, Onehunga, by Messenger, and True Blue, by Benitwood, which had been leased by Mr R. Beckett to a New Zealand sportsman, had a very rough passage back to Sydney. Onehunga broke a leg and had to be destroyed. True Blue has since been sold to a trotting enthusiast in Sydney.

At Gladstone, Australia, last week, R. Lee was holding out some hay to the stallion Hooftie, who grabbed it and two of Lee's fingers at the same time. One of them was broken, the horse holding on and pulling Lee round the yard under the impression that he was trying to get the hay away from him.

Recently a West Coast horse owner took in hand a young horse that he had had grazing from the time it was a foal on a country friend's farm, and, wishing to pay for its keep, asked for an account and the owner of the land said he would be satisfied to have £2 on the horse on the totalistator the first time it ran. This was agreed upon, and as the gee gee won at the first time of asking, and returned over £11 to each investor for £1, the farmer thus gets well paid for his grass, as a matter of some £23. The owner of the young horse reckons the grass was cheap at the price, so that all concerned are satisfied.

Two-year-old form in the Hawke's Bay meeting was not of the best. Experience recently gained by several may help them a little, but if Galahad be really better than Sir Percival, which form in the Hastings Stakes will not indicate (stable auctions probably being upset by the heavy going), then Silkworm, who won, must not be too highly assessed just now. It would appear that no really first class two-year-old has been seen so far this season.

Sceptre is fast repaying Captain Hamar Bass for his outlay. Happy Slave, who ran her to a head in the Duke of York Stakes, was not a brilliant performer last year. She only ran in one mate company, winning three times in nine starts, her best effort being in the Heath Stakes at Newmarket October meeting, when she beat seven others over a mile, and her second to Caro in the Grosvenor Cup at Liverpool.

Amongst those left in the Victoria Derby is Emir, so it must be concluded that Mr E. Clarke has reason to believe that his horse will be fit to go to the post. The news about Emir has been of an unsatisfactory nature, nothing definite being known. Should he be hauled at the post fit and well he would no doubt be a strong favourite. The last advice re Emir are to the effect that Scobie brought him down to Newmarket along with his other horses, and that he was looking really well.

Owing to the hard ground a number of horses pulled up soon at Otaki, and will not be able to race for some time. Amongst those that suffered most were Tirole, Hispan, Valina, and Australia. Apprentice looked very faded. A number of the horses that ran at Napier Park would never have stood the racing on such hard ground as that at Otaki. The Napier Park course was in beautiful condition for infirm horses to race on.

Some time ago people were condemning the gets of The Officer, but they all appear to have pace and gallop well on soft going, where most of those of his representatives that were seen at Hawke's Bay meetings last week may always be seen to greater advantage. We shall see some really good horses by The Officer in time, I have no doubt, though some I have seen are rather straight in front and faulty about the joints.

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