

Turf Gossip.

By WHALEBONE.

FIXTURES.

May 23 and 24—Wanganui J.C. Winter.
June 1 and 3—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter.
June 1, 3, 5—A.R.C. Winter.

The hunter Galvata is now being worked at Ellerslie by G. Malcolm.

Mr H. Whitney intends sending Naunau and Oucasa to Auckland to compete at the A.R.C. Winter Meeting.

The Salvanan gelding Nurood, which met with a slight mishap after the Avondale meeting, is working again at Ellerslie.

It is rumoured in the South that a Wellington syndicate will race on a big scale in the Dominion next season.

Mr V. Croninga has disposed of Ashby to Mr J. Jackson, and the son of Oulizido is at present under E. Pope's charge at Ellerslie.

The hurdle mare Miss Explosion has made a good recovery from the operation performed by Dr. King for respiratory troubles, and is being backed about again.

It is reported in the South that Khoran is showing signs of soreness, but evidently he is not very bad, for he has been paid up for in the Great Northern Hurdles.

Messrs. C. Morse and J. A. Lucas, of Gisborne, will take a trip to Australia next month, and the horse Continance is also to accompany them to take part in the Melbourne Nationals.

The stake for the New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase has been raised to 1000sovs, which makes it the most valuable cross-country event in the Dominion. The Hurdle race remains at 100sovs.

The Hawke's Bay-owned Napper is the latest candidate to come into favour for the Great Northern Double, and he has been supported for the double event for a fair amount.

W. Ryan has taken up the position as leading horseman in the Hon. J. D. Ormond. Both F. D. Jones and L. Wilson have severed their connection with the Karamu stable.

Kopane is progressing satisfactorily in his schooling displays at Ellerslie, and the other morning, with Rebel to give him a lesson, was given a turn over the pony hurdles, fencing well for a beginner.

Private advice received in Wellington state that Benneages and Blakeney arrived safely in Sydney. The former is not to race until June 1, but Blakeney may be given a run at Rosehill this month.

Mr P. Boulan has decided to mate his naves, Chiara, by Culrasser—Quido, and Lady Chiara, by Soult—Chiara, with Seaton Delaval, and they have been shipped to Motiti Island for that purpose.

The recent meeting of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club is reported to be the most successful yet held by the club, an interim balance sheet shows a profit of a little over £2000 on the gathering.

The Castor gelding Paritutu was given his first schooling in June since his arrival at Ellerslie, when on Thursday morning, in company with Boulan, he was sent around the hurdles. The veteran shined with great dash, and his companion, which jumped well, was of very little use to him.

The hurdle-horses Don Quex, Fuss, Lloyds and Explosive did a strong working gallop of a round of the grass at Ellerslie on Thursday morning. Explosive finished in front, with Lloyds, Don Quex, and Fuss following in that order.

The Monoplane mare Monoplane is now working at Ellerslie under T. A. Williams' charge. Unless present intentions are altered, Monoplane will form one of that trainer's team for Australia on June 10.

At the Queensland Turf Club's May meeting, Evelyn 8 and 10, by Soult—Evelyn, was the Flying Handicap, and the Lily, by Bluejacket, the Trial Handicap.

The Auckland Cup winner of 1910, Walmann, is fast getting back to form, and is working along freely on the tracks at Ellerslie. He is now handled in the Cornwall Handicap at 10/2.

In framing his handicap for the Cornwall Handicap, Mr Morse assesses General Labour as a stone better than Mascout, which is the best of the other three-year-olds engaged.

Evidently the owner of Sullinda has changed his mind about taking the filly to Otago, for the daughter of Boston Delaval has not been nominated for that gathering.

The Bunde Scotland gelding Gaetic will, it is going well in the meantime, be brought to Auckland for the A.R.C. Winter Meeting, after fulfilling his engagements at Wanganui.

The tracks at Ellerslie are probably in better condition at present than they have ever been at this time of year. The work, however, is very interesting, but should live up during the next week or two.

If present intentions are carried out, the Southern trainer, J. Hatlaway, will bring Leontaur and the hunter Hakaui up for the Great Northern meeting next month.

The Sylvia Park gelding Seaman is putting up an unenviable record this season, and up to the present has competed in 13 races, winning once, running seven seconds, and two thirds.

Word from Napier states that Whakawera has improved considerably as the result of the racing at the Hawke's Bay meeting, and the gelding is spoken of as likely to run well forward in his Wanganui engagements.

The hurdle horse Captain is reported to be doing great work at Awapuni. It was intended to nominate the son of Captain Webb for the Great Northern Meeting, but the nomination was received at the A.R.C. office too late to be included in the list.

The gelding Jack Johnson was given a turn over the pony hurdles at Ellerslie lately. The son of Meriwae was very lame when he pulled up, and it does not look as if his owner would get a race out of him.

The form of The Native at the Hawera meeting shows him to be well forward, and he is now a good favourite for the Great Northern Hurdles. A win in the Century Hurdles at Wanganui would necessitate his carrying 7 lb penalty, which would bring his weight up to 10.13.

The filly Miss Winsome is a very light-hearted little lady, and in her work at Ellerslie of a morning gives her rider anything but an easy ride. Recently she must have bucked for a couple of furlongs before settling down.

The gelding Commander is earning an unenviable reputation for falling. Last week while being schooled at Ellerslie, he came down at the first fence of the double, giving his rider, Speckman, a bit of a shaking, while on another morning the stone wall brought him to grief.

The half-brother, by Soult, to Bronze, recently shipped to Sydney by Mr G. Currie, and which is said to be purchased at the yearling sales there, has been leased to an Australian sportsman, and is now an inmate of P. Nolan's stable.

On a recent morning at Ellerslie, Hantere, First Barrel, Orlan, and Khoran were schooled over the big circuit, going over the hill. The quartet jumped well until they reached the double the last time, when Hantere struck hard and came down.

Merrivanna, last year's winner of the Connolly Handicap, appears to be regaining her form, judging by her displays on the Trentham tracks. Her trainer, J. Ayres, entertains hopes of landing the black mare at the post in the pink of condition for next week's contest.

The Portna stable, which used to be a power in the jumping events when it sheltered The Guard and other great performers, is said to be withering. This is a tentative opinion, if the hack hurdler Torbelle is excepted.

Probable, which was recently sold for £5, won a double at the Ashburton meeting last week. As the stakes won were worth £140, and substantial dividends were paid in each instance, it appears that M. H. Ireland made a lucky purchase when he secured the Torpedo—Palmua horse for the sum stated.

In Gisborne the opinion is held that Continance is likely to turn out a better horse over the hills than Te Aru. This is a large order, but the friends of the horse mentioned state that he is jumping everything given him in his schooling tasks with ease. Moreover, his great pace will stand to him in any steeplechase.

The report from the South as to the mishap to Corazon would not be very reassuring to backers of last year's winner, but the fact that he was accepted for in the Great Northern Steeplechase would point to his trainer holding the view that the injury was not likely to be serious. Accommodation has been secured at Green Lane for the son of Coeur-de-Lion.

A good exhibition of jumping was witnessed at Ellerslie on Thursday morning, when Tui Cakobau (A. Ray) and Loch Fyne (V. Coleman) sent a schooling gallop of two and a-half giles over the big fences, going twice up the hill, the hunter Galvata (J. Brady) leading over the first round. Tui Cakobau does not seem to altogether relish the double, and did not jump it with any confidence, but outside that the trio fared splendidly and finished close together.

It is not very often one sees grey race-horses in training here, but at Ellerslie there are three—Flip Flap, by Loch Fyne, in T. A. Williams' stable, and a gelding by Haytree, owned by Mr J. Armstrong. Another of the same colour in M.

dura is expected to put in an appearance shortly, which will make a quartet of the light shade at headquarters—something of a record.

In view of the fact that two of them are engaged at Ellerslie, it is interesting to know that according to Southern writer, Dan Moraghan has a good team of jumpers in his stable at Riccarton and some of them should do well at the winter meetings. Included in the list are Dorado, who has been very free in his recent jumps, Outlander, Parallel, a chestnut gelding by Euroclydon, and a brown gelding by Hawiri. The two last are said to have shown much promise.

It is rather puzzling to follow Mr Morse in his weights for the Millen Hurdles at the A.R.C. meeting, especially in his treatment of most of the horses as compared with Sphinx. In the race under notice the daughter of Bluejacket had 9.11 in the saddle, running third, after looking all over a winner. The last fence was reached by her, but she was dropped. For that performance she has been dropped 5 lbs, and meets Nape Nape on 17 lbs, Pip Sins (the former pair finishing in front of her), and of those she beat Surplus and 15 lbs the worst of it, Blue Mount 4 lbs, Hezloy 1 lb, and Tenfold 8 lbs.

The gelding Black Northern, recently purchased by Mr W. Montgomery, has gone into C. Coleman's charge. Lately at Ellerslie, with F. Howard in the saddle, Black Northern was sent a schooling gallop over a round of the hurdles in company with Jack. At the hurdle near the five-furlong post Haku hit hard and nearly came down, and Black Northern eased up a bit. Coming to the hurdle by the sod wall the son of Salvanan whipped off, and it was only the third attempt he was got over. After jumping, he was once round the tan, but stuck up repeatedly, and had to be led for about a furlong before he would start off. The display was not what one would expect to see in one for his new owner, who was present to watch the exhibition.

TURF TALK FROM THE SOUTH.

CHRISTCHURCH, Tuesday.

It is understood that arrangements have been completed for Mr G. D. Greenwood's team of horses in the Great Northern Cup, and that their trainer, R. J. Mason, will follow on June 20. No doubt the team will be a select one, although nothing definite about Mason's future plans has been announced. It is finally regarded as certain that he will take up his residence permanently in Sydney, and continue to train for Mr Greenwood. This will not mean the retirement of Mr Greenwood from the Dominion, as that gentleman will continue to race at least a few horses here, and they will be under the charge of P. V. Mason, who it is understood will set up quarters at Riccarton as soon as Messrs. Sturt Bros. take over the Yaldhurst property, which they recently purchased from R. J. Mason. The departure of the famous Yaldhurst trainer will mark a notable event in the turf history of this country.

F. P. Claridge has received two additions to his active brigade. They are the Singlestick gelding Shillinglech and the aged gelding, both horses are looking lusty and well, and are apparently in order to commence a preparation for jumping events, but Claridge will scarcely be able to have them ready before the Grand National Meeting. Claridge is also backing a full brother to the Sydney gelding, but he does not propose putting this gelding into active commission for some little time.

Hobbs has recommissioned the Soult gelding May coil, which has been enjoying a lengthy respite. Last spring this youngster showed a fair turn of speed. The Mentschikoff Lady Melton coil, purchased by J. R. Heale from the Sydney stable, has been ridden. He is a well-sprung and promising looking youngster altogether. Hobbs has now a formidable looking lot of yearlings under his care, and they should show the greatest part in next season's juvenile races.

Mr G. Payne, the owner of Armwell, has returned from a trip to Melbourne. He brought back with him a four-year-old gelding, in which he is very much interested, present placed under the care of R. Langley. F. Christmas has had an addition to his team in the shape of a rising three-year-old filly, by Field Battery, from Soult Girl, which on appearances and breeding gives promise of developing into a useful filly.

H. B. Emerson's application for a Jockey's License having been refused by the Canterbury Jockey Club on the grounds of his not being in regular employment, he will now have to alter his plans, and look around for some other kind of work. Emerson had been engaged by the owner to drive Probable in his Ashburton engagements, and therefore the club's refusal came at a particularly unfortunate time. Seeing that Emerson had only just forfeited his trainer's license owing to his horses in training having been sold, the executive body certainly did not think much time to find the regular employment necessary for him to gain the coveted license. It would scarcely have been going beyond the rules if he had granted himself a conditional license for a month, and if at the end of that time he had not secured sufficient mounts it could then have withdrawn the license.

The Bunde gelding Dorado gave a satisfactory display in a schooling task over the big fences. His stable companion L'Amille accompanied him, jumping the hurdles alongside the steeplechase fences, and in a schooling gallop over the big fences Corazon was very lame after the race for the Ashburton Cup last week, hence his withdrawal on the following day.

It is interesting to note that at Ashburton Maura's is going uncommonly well. The St. Ambrose gelding is engaged in the Oamaru Cup at 7/1. He won the race last year under 6/7, and the increase of

the distance from a mile to a mile and a quarter should not injure his prospects.

The Castashore—Stephane gelding Gungway, which promises well as a jumper, has changed hands, and goes into G. A. Jones' stable.

Go lightly was sold at the conclusion of the Ashburton meeting to a patron of J. Lewis' stables at Ashburton.

Lady Marsia, which has been resting since the Easter meeting, has rejoined M. Hobbs' team.

WAIRARAPA NOTES.

The Woodlands Hunt Club recently made an application to the Wellington Racing Club for financial assistance as the club had no totalisator permit, and that one source of revenue—the bookmaker—had been done away with by law. The Wellington Club has now declined to give a donation of £10 to the Woodlands Club. A similar application was made by the club to the Masterton Racing Club, but the latter has informed the club that, while sympathising with it in its position, the Masterton Club itself was in financial difficulties, and could not at present make any donation.

The refusal to grant a totalisator permit, and the abolition of the bookmaker, has wiped the Wairarapa Hunt Club out of existence, it having been decided to wind up the affairs of the club.

Rally Shannon has been scratched for all engagements at Wanganui.

Xavier, which was engaged in the Wanganui Steeplechase, has broken down, and is to be given a lengthy spell.

WANGANUI ACCEPTANCES.

The following acceptances have been received for the first day of the winter meeting of the Wanganui Jockey Club:—Gladiolus 9.0, St. Toney 8.6, Mikara 7.13, Khamis 7.12, Merry Frank 7.5, Inura 6.13. Over-time 6.13, Simple Sam 6.10, Afterthought 6.10, Thrive 6.0, Lady Kitchener 6.8, Handsome Maid 6.8, Allurement 6.7.

Century Hurdles, two miles and a quarter.—Paisano, 12.0, The Native 10.4, Koran 10.4, Woolloomooloo 10.3, Burro 10.0, Silva 9.10, Cornehan 9.10, Sandy Paul 9.10, Stevens 9.10, Waterworks 9.10, Passive 9.9, Merry Lad, Gaelic 9.4, Scaman 9.0, Darby 9.0.

Connolly Handicap, one mile and a quarter.—Muga 13/1 8/6 (including 7/1b penalty), Hyron 8.4, Memph 8.1, Labour Day 7.12, Lady Mentschikoff 7.11, The Rover 7.9, Merivonia 7.8, Coronadet 7.5, Golden Loop 7.0, Miscal 6.11, On the Shaughran 6.10.

Purna Hack Handicap, one mile.—Boodle Boy 9.3, Simple Sam 8.8, Amber and White 8.6, Lady Volga 8.4, Draft 8.3, Manara 8.0, Mister Tupuhi 7.10, Topnotch 7.10, Wakeham 7.8, Prosper 7.6, Teatua 7.7, Tawai 7.7, Eastwind 7.6, Kiwaiti 7.2, Silver Rose 7.0, Miroette 7.0, Kilrain 7.0, Nebulus 7.0.

Wanganui Steeplechase, about 3 miles.—Antarctic 12.3, Continance 12.0, Sir Lethe 11.8, Friends 11.8, Whakawera 10.10, Lovell 10.6, Orlan 10.6, Kaimseppel 10.3, Durand 10.2, Beehive 10.1, Glenmore 10.0, Taha 9.12, Winlata 9.11, The Spaniard 9.8, Zante 9.7.

Hack Steeplechase, about two miles.—Hantere 10.8, The Spaniard 10.6, Hill Less 10.5, Morse 10.5, Drudger 9.11, Tondergite 9.11, Makiri 9.9.

Kaitoke Hack Hurdles, about one mile and three-quarters.—Scaman 11.0, Koran 10.8, Outlander 10.8, Silver Close 10.4, Dogger Bark 10.2, Topnia 10.2, Te Patu 9.12, Golden Water 9.12, Nara 9.10, Sphinx 8.9, Canadian 9.5, Bismarck 9.4, Torbelle 8.4, Kokako 9.0, Fusilier 9.0, Epsom Downs 9.0.

He caught a tram, a boat, a bus, some 8-9, a cricket ball,

He caught his typist first.

The chief clerk through the wall,

He caught both 'roo and wallaroo,

Upon his annual tour;

But saved himself from catching cold,

With Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

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Secretary.