

Inter-Provincial.

WELLINGTON.

Revolution and Revolt sold privately—The Wellington and Greymouth Jockey Clubs—The latter club wants the Wellington permit—The latter club cannot give what they have not got—A suggestion for a "Brunner Fund Race Meeting" at Wellington.

The Wairarapa Racing Club Meeting was held on Easter Monday and Tuesday without the totalisator. The weather was threatening on the first day and rained the second day. The attendance on both days was fair. Ten bookmakers paid a license of £5 per day to bet.

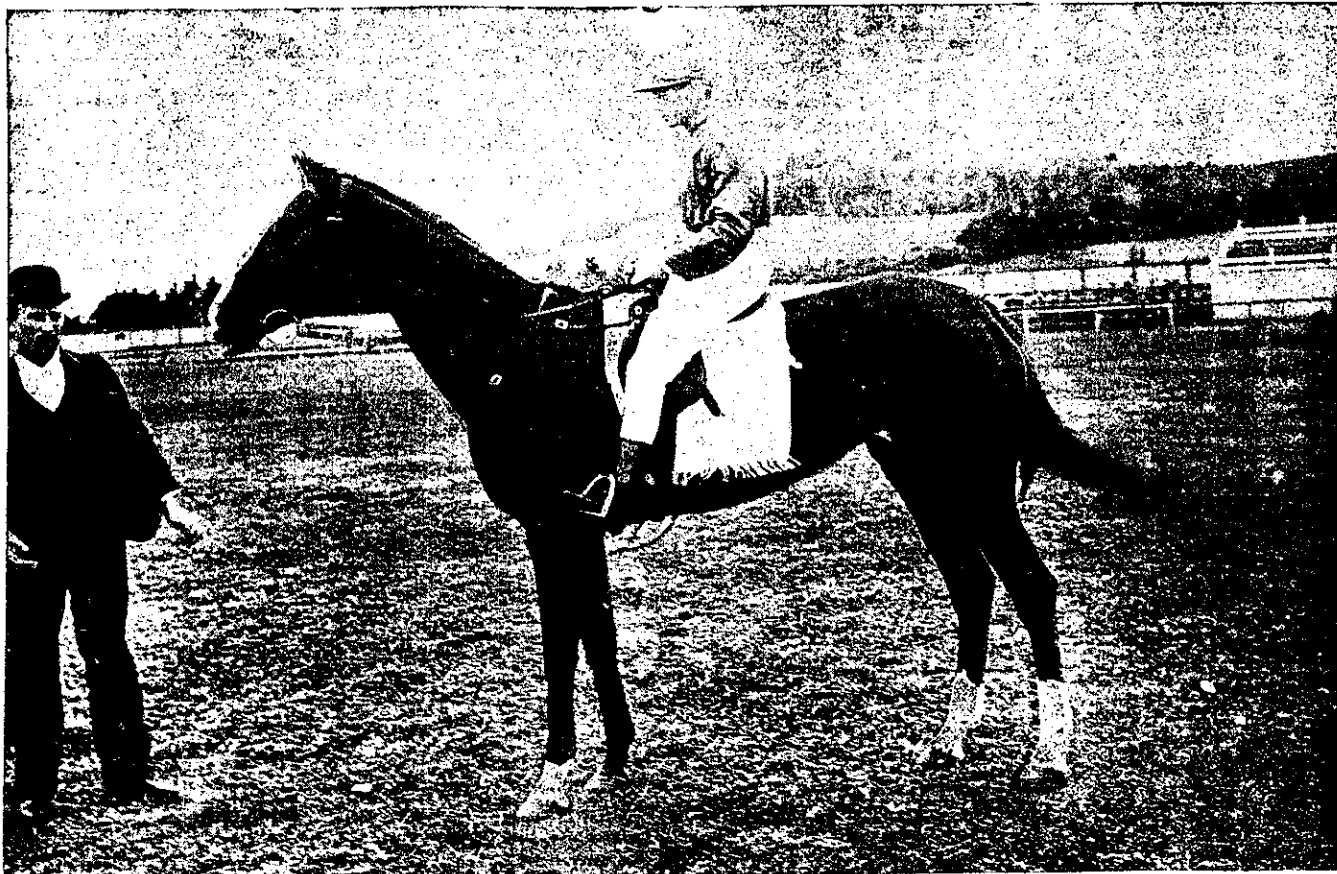
The racing at the meeting was about the best yet seen in the Wairarapa, the various events being splendidly contested, and Mr John Coyle was congratulated on the successful results of his handicaps.

Master Agnes' stock accounted for six events. Mr Isaac Freeth has disposed of Revolution (Treason—Mischief) to a Wairarapa sport. Mr Freeth has also disposed of Revolt, Mr Campbell, of Wainuiomata (Wellington), being the purchaser.

The veteran owner and trainer (Mr Freeth) has had a disastrous season with his team. The deadlock between the Metropolitan Club and the Acting Colonial Secretary is still under discussion. The Greymouth Jockey Club are anxious to hold a meeting in aid of the Brunner disaster, and wired for the sanction of the local Metropolitan Club, with a view of securing the totalisator permit withheld from the Wellington Racing Club. This has elicited a letter, over the initials "J.H.P." which appeared in Tuesday morning's *Times*, and has been favourably commented on, and is likely to lead to action being taken forthwith. The Wellington Racing Club stewards meet on Wednesday, when, should they express a disinclination to adopt the suggestion, a strong committee will be formed with the view of carrying out the project. The following is the letter:—"The totalisator and the Brunner Fund. To the Editor, Sir.—I notice some correspondence has taken place between the secretaries of the Greymouth and the Wellington racing clubs, the proposal of the Greymouth Racing Club (the stewards of which are anxious to have the sanction of our local racing club before applying for an alleged 'left over' totalisator license) is with the view of arranging a race meeting ostensibly for the benefit of the Brunner Relief Fund. While not wishing to draw comparison between the manner in which horse racing is conducted on the West Coast and this province, I would like to draw attention to the central position of our local racecourse, which is most accessible, and conveniently situated for outside horse owners. I might also point out that if a race meeting is to be arranged for the benefit of the above fund, that Wellington is the best site for the same to be held. I would suggest that the stewards of the Wellington Racing Club at once assent to arrange a race meeting, and I feel sure a totalisator permit will be granted forthwith. Should the Greymouth Club consider they can raise £300 by the same means, there is no reason why they should not also be granted a permit and have their programme passed for the same laudable object. Should the stewards of the Wellington Racing Club not feel disposed to move in the manner I have suggested, an impromptu racing club could easily be formed and the Hutt Park racecourse obtained for a two-days meeting in aid of the Brunner Relief Fund. There are many influential sportsmen in Wellington who, I am sure, would take the matter in hand. The genial Mr Lyon, who acted as hon. sec. for the Hunt Club race meetings, would no doubt consent to act in the same capacity for a Brunner benefit meeting; whilst Messrs Evett and Piper, the W.R.C. handicapper and starter respectively, would be satisfied with

Sketches at the **A.R.C. Autumn Meeting.**

THE HEROINE OF THE MEETING.



Mr F. Watson's ch m ST. LAURA, 5yrs, by St. Leger—Miss Laura.

bare expenses for their labours, and thus a most successful and profitable meeting could be brought about. Indeed, I am sanguine the meeting would be a record one, as every influential racehorse owner in New Zealand would engage his horses, irrespective of the value of the stakes, and racing men would thus not be deprived of their winter meeting, while harmony might again reign all round, and at the same time the afflicted widows and orphans would reap a considerable benefit."

CANTERBURY.

Mr Stead's Sale—Cuirassow (Cuirassier—Albatross) admired—Kulnine in work—Vogengang leaving the race track—Silver Spec sold—New Forest and Golden Fleece coming to the North Island—Selections for S. Canterbury

Mr Stead's sale was most unsatisfactory, both to the vendor and the public. At the commencement of the proceedings Mr Pynr, the auctioneer, stated that it was almost unnecessary for him to say much about the character of the magnificent collection that he had to offer, as Mr Stead's stud required no words of his to enhance the quality of the high-class stock to be submitted. He did not intend to "trot," or to suggest values; he was entirely in the hands of buyers.

The first few lots submitted were brood mares and foals, and Mr Ormond, the well-known Hawke's Bay sportsman, secured some cheap lots, some of his purchases combining what is now so hard to get in the colony, a mixture of Traducer and Musket blood. As the sale progressed it became evident that anything good would have to be paid for, and as an instance of what transpired several times, I may mention that when the Auckland-bred colt, Uniform, was trotted into

the ring, a bid of 100rs. was immediately forthcoming, quickly followed by 150g. "It is no good, gentlemen," said Mr Pyne, "Mr Stead cannot sell at anything like that price." "Well, then, 200rs." "No, the price is simply absurd." Then 250rs. came like a shot, and then 275gs., but it was no good, and out went Uniform. Naturally, Mr Stead could dot "throw" his stock away, but there was no instruction, so far as I could see, to allow the animals to be "dispersed to the four corners of the colony." It was noticeable, too, that some of those offered, notably Grand Cross, who is unsound, and Osmania, who has a "knee," were allowed to remain in the ring sufficiently long to find new owners. "Oh, well," said the auctioneer, "we don't charge anything to allow you to look at them," and by the time the last lot was reached—Medallion—one bystander remarked that he thought "it was no use bidding, as it seemed there was no intention to sell." "Oh, yes there is," replied both Mr Stead and the auctioneer; "but if I," said the former, "have to keep any, I might as well keep the lot." Some of those sold were bargains, but no real good, sound animals, with the exception, perhaps, of Missfire, were sold. Personally, I am pleased the Yaldhurst horses have returned to their old quarters, for it would have been a great loss to the ranks of Canterbury sportsmen had Mr Stead retired. He has kept the best, and has sold some of the best brood mares ever foaled, and he is just as much entitled to "cull" his stud as was Mr W. R. Wilson.

The best animal, in my opinion, trotted round the show-ring was the two-year-old Cuirassow (by Cuirassier—Albatross), and if he does not turn out as good as Merganser I shall be surprised. He is, I think, one of the finest animals I have ever seen, not merely in one particular, but look at him where you will, the more enthusiastic one

gets. Looking over the young horses that have returned to Yaldhurst, and seeing in what capital condition they have been kept in, and with such material for his trainer to work on, it can be easily understood how Mr Stead wins most of the weight-for-age and classic races.

Kulnine is once more at Riccarton, very big, certainly, but he should be about when National time comes round.

The annual meeting of the Christchurch Hunt Club was held on Monday night, Mr P. Campbell in the chair. The report and balance sheet was read. Last year's receipts were £712 16s, and expenditure £634 4s 7d, leaving a credit of £78 12s 2d.

The appointment of officers was held over till a future meeting, as also was the question whether two or three farmers' races should be inserted in the point-to-point steeplechase.

The first meet of the present season will be on Saturday next.

Mr T. Sheenan informs me that it is unlikely that Vogengang will be trained again.

I hear Lakeshell may be tried again. He is undoubtedly a brilliant horse, but I do not think he will stand.

Silver Spec has changed hands, and I hear has gone to Marlborough.

New Forest has been purchased by a North Island sport, but I did not hear the buyers name.

Golden Fleece has also been purchased from Sir G. Clifford, and she will be taken North, and may then cross the Tasman sea.

The tracks at Riccarton are being top dressed. Matchwood, by Maxim, is to be added to the "list."

The Ashburton Meeting took place last Friday, but the weather was simply beastly, both saddling paddock and course being inches deep in mud and water. Cannonshot proved how good he is, by carrying top weight, and beating a decent second-class lot in the Netherby High Weight Handicap, but Warrington who finished second did better later on in the Allenton Handicap, which he won by a head from Miss Orwell. Lord of Misrule appropriated the big race, one mile and a quarter. He won easily from Salvo and Prime Warden, the latter being last, and only three started. Poor old Warden seems to have lost all form.

Skirmisher is to be sent to his owner's place at Oamaru, where he will have some months spell.

Nautilus Shell and Colbeck are also to be turned out.

Gillie, the steeplechaser, is improving with every gallop.

Mona may be given a spell.

I fancy the following for the South Canterbury meeting, on Thursday:—High-weight Handicap: Lord of Misrule or Speculator. Washdyke Welter: Ventura. Autumn Handicap: Culverin or Vandyke. Flying: Warrington or Cannon-shot.

HAWKES BAY.

Congratulations to Hon. J. D. Ormond—J. Oakenfall off to Coolgardie—Safe arrival of blood stock—Napier punters in funds—Ebor's win welcome news—Successful Jockeys.

Several Hawkes Bay sportsmen sent the Hon. J. D. Ormond congratulatory telegrams, upon receiving the news of the victory of his colt Dauntless, in the Challenge Stakes at Riccarton. The win must have been all the more acceptable to the registered owner of the "cerise jacket," as the colt was home bred.

Napier backers profited considerably over the success of Acone and Donald McKinnon in Auckland, and with Hopeful and Dauntless in winning form at Christchurch, coupled with Lotion's dual win at Fielding they have been in great glee. Stay-at-home punters, therefore, had no reason to complain, and as I have before mentioned, if local owned horses do

THE WINNER OF THE TWO STEEPLECHASES.



Mr J. R. Martin's b m CARBUNCLE, 5yrs, by Carbineer—P arl.

Plates by N.Z. Photo-Process Co.

Photos by J. A. Slack

For fit and finish Geo. Fowlds' suits to measure excel all others