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WELLINGTON.

Barman changed hands—Flying Shot and Leda out of form—Consistent running of Cheque and Sea Breeze—A well-deserved win for Mr F. Martin—Interesting particulars about the Wellington District Totalisator Permits—The Wairarapa Club make a reasonable proposal.

J. Taggart has purchased the jumper Barman (Somnus—Barmaid). He was brought down to The Hutt last week.

Flying Shot and Leda showed none of their previous form at Nelson. The latter returned on Saturday. Mr Davis scored with Swordfish under 9.8, he having only a neck the best of the finish from the Blenheim filly Princess, receiving a stone, who acted as runner-up to Sing Song (brother to Gladstone) the first day.

The Chainshot colt, Tutankai, did not show to advantage, and could do with a lengthy spell after the racing he has received on the West Coast recently.

What a good thing the Hurdles on the first day was for Freeborn. Mr Henry must have considered him pretty fair by raising him 30lb, and then he ran a dead-heat with Dromedary, who is none too forward at present.

A local correspondent suggests the name of "Ballinger" for the Chainshot—Sylph filly.

Mr W. Proffitt passed through on Friday last, on his way to Dunedin, to attend the coursing meeting at the Forbury.

mends the Wellington Metropolitan Club to remove the restrictions imposed on the Masterton-Opaki Club, if permits are granted to the Wellington and Otaki Clubs. At the same time, they consider that as this club is the only one which may be said to be entirely clear of the trouble between the Premier and your club, etc., and that we have had one meeting with the totalisator, which resulted in a loss of £50, my committee thinks this should be made up by a rate, struck on the three meetings mentioned, *pro rata*, as by our club racing, your clubs were enabled to each get a permit.—Signed, G. T. F. HUTTON, Secretary.

The Wellington Racing Club stewards meet to-morrow (Tuesday) to consider the matter, and should the totalisator permit be obtained, the meeting will probably be held on May 29th and 30th.

Are Problem and Lifebuoy, entered for the Avondale Meeting, the notorious and well-known geldings who have raced in the South?

Mr Jorgenson informs me that Strathbraan will not be taken to Egmont.

MANAWATU.

Mr W. H. Chitham intends taking up his residence in Auckland, for which place he will leave next week, taking with him the two-year-old sister (Marvellous) and four-year-old half-sister (First Sight) to Flying Shot, and, also, the two-year-old filly Bavaria.

The price paid for Barman, who was bought by J. Taggart, of Wellington, is said to have been under a century.

Barman's late owner has purchased, from Taggart, the disappointing Blenheim-bred Mount Morgan.

Lorelei is doing slow work, and there is a chance of her getting right again.

Umslopogaas is shaping well at the illegitimate game.

Brown, the rider of Lord of Misrule, was severely reprimanded for suspicious riding, but nothing was said to the owner. Surely it is about time racing officials recognised the patent fact that jockeys usually ride to orders, or that it is not always the rider's fault; and sometimes horses are "stuffed." In this case the form shown by Lord of Misrule was far inferior to his displays at Ashburton and Timaru. Still, the horse may have gone off, and it is highly improbable that Brown would again run the risk of disqualification, as he has only just been granted his license. Of course Lord of Misrule was at once scratched for all engagements at the meeting.

Jewel was a better favourite than Camel for the District Welter, and these were the only two in it at the finish, the latter finally winning by a length.

The North Canterbury J.C. Handicap provided a fairly interesting contest, and of the five contestants Salvo was a slightly better favourite than Magazine. The latter was in front at the top of the course, but here Salvo ran through from last position, and was soon in company with the leaders, Zola and Magazine. Salvo had gained an advantage of a length at the rails, whilst Magazine had dropped back beaten. Then Mona made a good run, as also did Zola, and Salvo declining to try, Zola won comfortably by a length from Mona, Salvo third.

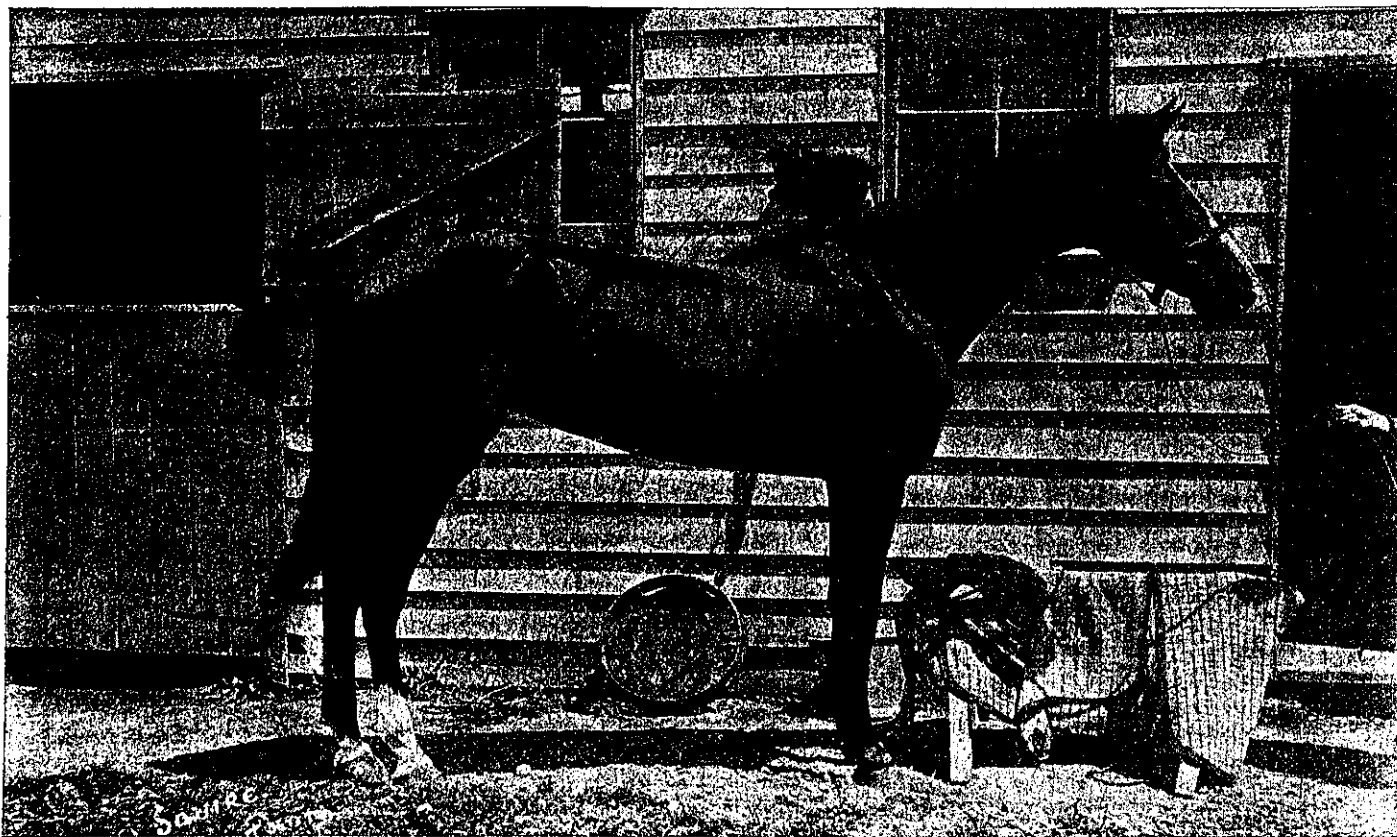
A protest, on the ground of inconsistent running, was dismissed. Zola had previously run unplaced in the the Stewards' Stakes. The winner was the outside of the party, and paid £19 12s.

Frenchy won the Rangiora Welter, beating Mona and Fire King, and seven others. Dividend, £10 14s.

Rangiata won the Novel Race, hard held, and was bought in for £66. The race was only worth £22 10s. nett., and the dividend, £1 16s.

Marino will be taken north to fulfil his Hawera and Wanganui engagements.

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pose the same amendment to a clause which does not exist in another law, the latter clause being objectionable and the one which the amendment is meant to supersede. Quicker action can be obtained at Albany by introducing a direct amendment to the above section of the Wilds bill, which, it appears to us, would under any circumstances be absolutely necessary, even should the same amendment be added to the Page and Austin bills, now before the House. The Spirit is first, last, and all the time in favour of any measures which will reduce the undue restriction under which trotting and racing sport now suffers, but if pool-selling is to be removed from the list of felonious offenses it must be by amending the Wilds law."

Fergus's pair, Cheque and Seabreeze, were the best at the meeting so far as form was concerned, and the former appears very partial to the Richmond track, and scored heavily there last year.

Mr F. Martin was so disgusted with the way Review and Kinglake had previously shaped, that previous to going across he informed me Fletcher would have his last trip with his horses to Nelson. It was therefore fortunate for the latter that Review won the Cup. The opinion of an experienced trainer who was present is that Swift got up in the last strids. King Wai did no good at the meeting.

The amount put through the machine at the Nelson Meeting (£4314) was £1284 more than last year.

The new owners of Rangiata had a good win She has been tried over fences and shapes well with him in the Novel Race at Rangiora on Thursday last.

A local writer states that Mr Banks is the new owner of Osmanie, and Miss Banks led the filly off the wharf last Sunday.

Mr J. L. Doogan, the popular secretary of the Greymouth Racing Club, was in Wellington last week, and attended the Nelson Meeting.

Shearsby failed to win a race at Nelson with Hesitation, and I am afraid the daughter of Gipsy King is not much good. She was receiving two stone from Swordfish the second day.

The Whareama Racing Club hold their annual meeting on Queen's Birthday.

Freeborn (brother to Mr Dan O'Brien's Freeman, who won the Grand National) is in charge of his owner, Mr H. J. Towsey, who rode him at Nelson. He has gone on to Egmont.

Mr H. M. Lyon has received the following letter in reply to his memo. to the Wairarapa Racing Club:—"In reply to your letter of the 2nd inst., the stewards met this afternoon, and I am instructed to inform you that they have resolved that the Wairarapa Racing Club recom-

Glencg is improving greatly, and should show to advantage in cross-country events during the winter.

CANTERBURY.

Temporary retirement of "Patsy" Butler—The North Canterbury Meeting—Jockey Brown severely reprimanded—Owner not asked any questions—An outsider wins the Cup—Rangiata buys himself out—Chainshot off next week—Barnardo jumping well—"Just in time."

The whole of Mr P. Butler's horses will be offered for sale at Tattersall's on Saturday next, including Au Revoir, Liberator, Padlock, Salvo, Medicus, Cannonball, and Venom. Ill-health is the cause of Mr Butler's temporary retirement.

The North Canterbury Meeting on Thursday last proved a most enjoyable gathering. The weather was all that could be desired, and the attendance a record one. The course was fairly good, although heavy in places. Speculation was good, £2007 10s going through the machine, which is £500 more than the investments last year. The district is governed by a prohibition committee, but the stewards generously supplied alcoholic refreshments, and I am pleased to say that the meeting was financially successful. Lord of Misrule was reckoned a good thing by the alleged knowing ones for the opening event, the Winter Oats, but the money put on Nicholas at the finish foreshadowed what would win. "Nick" won easily by a length from Salvo Shot, Nirvana close up.

St. John wound up the days' proceedings by winning the Flying Handicap by a length, from Fire King, with Jewel third.

Chainshot will probably be shipped to England next week.

Fire King has taken kindly to hurdle-jumping, and although he is not a stayer, his pace should greatly help him.

Gillie is jumping well, and is regularly ridden to hounds by Mr G. Murray-Aynsley, as also are Pastime, Industry, and Ellesmere.

The Christchurch Hunt Club has agreed to substitute a small programme of races, to be contested at Riccarton, instead of the usual point-to-point fixture.

Bisley (brother to Barnaby) has not been out during the last few days, but there is nothing seriously wrong with him.

The owner of Salvoshot was very indignant at the manner in which his horse was ridden at Rangiora.

Belligerent is now in Murray-Aynsley's stable. Several of Mr Stead's two-year-olds were at Riccarton last Saturday. They are all looking well, especially Cuirassow, Gold Medallist, and Multiform.

Jewel is now an inmate of Lunn's stable.

Barnardo is jumping the steeplechase schooling fences in great style, and should be become proficient will take a lot of beating over the big country at National time.

"Breaking-in" is now in full swing at headquarters, most of the youngsters having already received their initial lesson.

Just before the start for the Novel Race at Rangiora, £45 arrived by wire for Rangiata, sent back from Dunedin, and had it not been for a false start the money would have been toe late.

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AVONDALE RACES.
 SATURDAY, 2ND MAY.
 On Saturday, 2nd May, Special Trains will run to Avondale Races, as follows:—From Auckland, 12.10 and 1.10 p.m.; Newmarket, 12.20 and 1.20 p.m.; Mount Eden, 12.27 and 1.27 p.m.; reaching the racecourse crossing at 12.40 and 1.40 p.m. respectively. Returning to Auckland immediately after the last race.
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