

episode may have been educational—it was certainly instructive to a good many people—but it could hardly be called unselfish. It was about as selfish an action as was well possible, to induce a reformed character to return to the paths of wickedness simply to serve the ends of the Anti-Gambling League. What reliance is to be placed upon their further observations can be to some extent gathered from the following clause in the appeal: 'We have satisfied ourselves that the National Anti-Gambling League would in no way trespass on the liberty of the subject, nor meddle to the slightest extent with the sports of the country.' The italics are mine. I can only say that if the Bishop of London, Lord Nelson, Lord Halifax, and other less notable individuals who are responsible for this appeal have really, as they say, satisfied themselves that the Anti-Gambling League does not propose to meddle to the slightest extent with the sports of the country, they must be persons very easy to satisfy, and they can have taken very little trouble to make themselves acquainted with the actions of the Anti-Gambling League during the past twelve months."

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WELLINGTON.

The Ace off to Sydney—Permits granted to Otaki and Masterton Clubs—Lufra backed in Wellington—Bonovoree's dividend too big.

The jumper, The Ace (by Trump Card—Snowy River), has been sold as a hunter, and will be shipped to Sydney on Thursday night.

The Otaki Maori Racing Club's programme for May 25th has been passed. It is the same as originally issued.

The Masterton-Opaki Club has been granted a permit for a meeting to be held on Thursday, June 4th, and the programme is the same as that issued for St. Patrick's Day. Had the meeting been fixed a week earlier (20th inst.), the nine stone minimum would have been obviated.

Lufra was sent down here as a good thing for the double at Avondale on Saturday, and was liberally supported.

Surprise was expressed at the dividend Bonovoree paid in a field of five.

CANTERBURY.

Gillie will compete at Wanganui—Chainshot shipped to England—Sale of "Patsy" Butler's horses—Well-managed race club—Barnardo and Kulnine doing well—A question for Auckland owners to answer.

Gillie is to be taken to Wanganui, where he will be ridden by George Murray-Aynsley. Gillie is jumping the big training fences splendidly, and, if he stands up, will take some beating in the North. Perhaps he is not as good a stayer as some of them, but his pace is undeniable.

Chainshot was shipped to England last Saturday, per the s.s. Ionic, in charge of T. Clark.

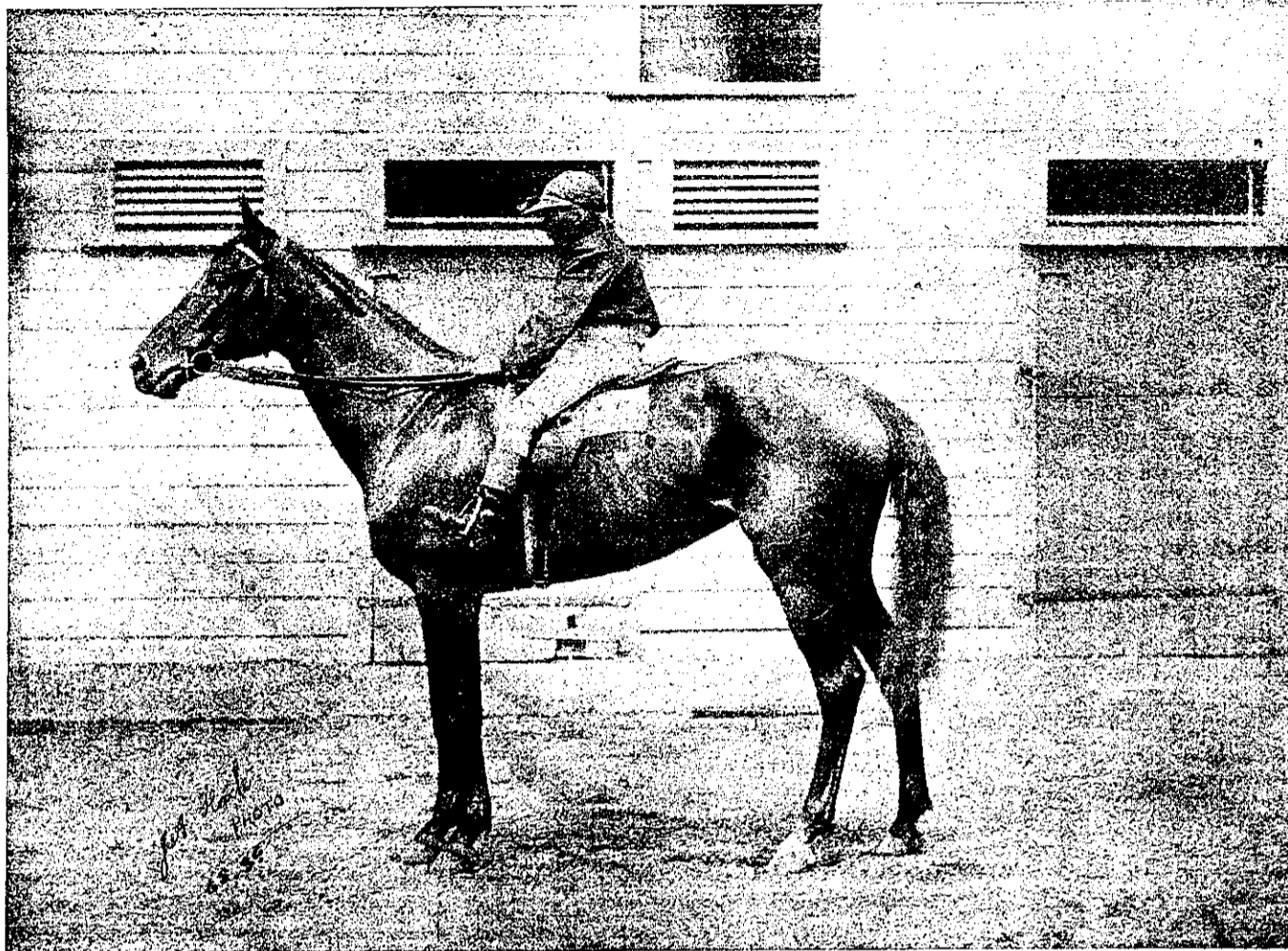
On Saturday, Mr P. Butler's horses were offered at auction. Liberator was purchased by Mr J. Oram for 150 guineas, and remains an inmate of Butler's stable. The old horse looked wonderfully well, and was as fresh as a daisy. Au Revoir, who may not stand winding-up again, went to the nod of Mr J. Meikle at 50 guineas. Medicus was cheap at 36 guineas, Free Holmes buying him. Salvo was bought by Mr G. Murray-Aynsley at 44½ guineas, a cheap horse. Padlock and Cannonball were purchased by Mr J. Meikle, at 25 guineas and 30 guineas respectively, whilst Venom went to Mr G. Murray-Aynsley for 17 guineas.

Mona has not done much work since the North Canterbury meeting.

Salvo Shot is being brushed along. This is a good horse, and I feel sure he will repay his owner some day.

The North Canterbury meeting resulted in a profit of £166 10s 4d, a result greatly due to the efforts of the secretary (Mr Clarkson), ably seconded by the other officials. An honorarium of £3 3s was voted the starter (Mr C. McConnor), £5 5s to the handicapper (Mr Creswell), and a bonus of £15 to the secretary, whose salary was fixed at £20. Considering that the newly-formed club has just held its second meeting, it speaks volumes for those piloting it that the club is in such a sound financial position. The committee of the club were empowered to negotiate with the trustees of the racecourse with the object of purchasing the property.

THE WINNER OF THE DOUBLE AT AVONDALE.



Mr Donald McKinnon's br m LUFRA, 4yrs, by Flintlock—Brown Rose.

Barnardo is showing great proficiency in negotiating the big fences at Riccarton. This horse is bound to be dangerous over big country if he keeps sound, as, in addition to his jumping ability, he has any amount of pace.

Fire King was ridden to hounds on Saturday last, but did not relish his task. He came down, giving Mr Murray-Aynsley a fall.

Kulnine is in steady work, and is to be given another chance at steeplechasing, the Grand National being his mission. If he only jumps the country, he will make the best of them travel.

Local sports are wondering how many of the "promoted" flat-racers will start in your Grand National Hurdles.

DUNEDIN.

Prime Warden retired at last—Euroclydon a certain starter at Dunedin Winter Meeting—Illness of a well-known handicapper—Dunedin Jockey Club likely to obtain a new course—Horses to be bracketed on the totalisator at Dunedin.

Prime Warden has run his last race, and will now go to the stud.

Euroclydon is looked on as a certain starter for one if not more of the events at our coming meeting.

Mr Geo. Dowse, our handicapper, has had a very bad turn of illness, having been laid up with inflammation of the lungs and pleurisy. From inquiries made to-night (Tuesday), I am pleased to hear that he is improving.

Dunedin is a great place for double betting. All our books are pressing business. 100 to 3 to half a sov is offered on the field in the N.Z. and Melbourne Cups.

Hippomones is doing good work, and is freely backed for the Birthday Handicap. Lady Zealand, Bellicent, and Black and Red are also in demand.

Bizarre is most frequently selected in the Tradesmen's Handicap. Beadonwell, Maremma, and Warrington are also in demand. Beadonwell is doing good work and regaining his old form.

The dispute between the Jockey Club and the Forbury Park people appears to be farther from settlement than before. It is very likely the club will shortly be giving up the old course altogether. They are making arrangements for the purchase of another property, and unless the company owning the Forbury make a considerable reduction in the purchase money, next season will see the Metropolitan club of Otago with a new course.

The following resolution was passed at the club's meeting on Thursday night:—"That the outside totalisator tickets be issued at 10s. Should any owner run two or more horses in the same race they will be bracketed together on the totalisator."

Mr H. Gourlay, jun., was appointed starter for the coming meeting.

HAWKES BAY.

The mysterious horse Martyrdom not being jumped—Good entries for the Park—Bookmakers tabooed at the Park—Tote permit received at last.

I noticed in a contemporary the other week the remark that Martyrdom was to be put to the jumping game, but her owner, the Hon. J. D. Ormond, says that there is no truth in the statement.

Mr Cooper, of Napier, has purchased Waitangi, the Foul Shot horse that I referred to some few weeks ago. It is not this gentleman's intention to race him, but he will use him as a hack.

Mr Frank Ormond will wield the starter's flag for the horse events at the Wallingford Combined Sports on May 22nd.

Excellent nominations have been received by the Napier Park Racing Club for the remaining events on their programme. With the weight alloted up to his usual standard, and if Captain Edwin will only favour the Park people with some of his very best in the way of weather, a successful meeting may be anticipated.

Mr John Close, president of the Napier Park Racing Club, left by the Tasmania for a trip to Sydney and Melbourne. His health has not been of the best lately, and his numerous friends—and they are legion—hope that he will benefit by the change.

The Napier Park Racing Club have decided to exclude bookmakers from their Winter Meeting.

After a wearisome and vexatious period of waiting, the Napier Park Club has received the necessary totalisator permit.

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