

Inter-Provincial.

HAWKES BAY.

Horse movements—Tattersall's sweep—Hawke's Bay Jockey Club—Daredevil—Defiance—Merganser—The Melbourne Cup—Bloodshot's surprise—Newhaven's half-brother, Ocean.

NAPIER, October 31.

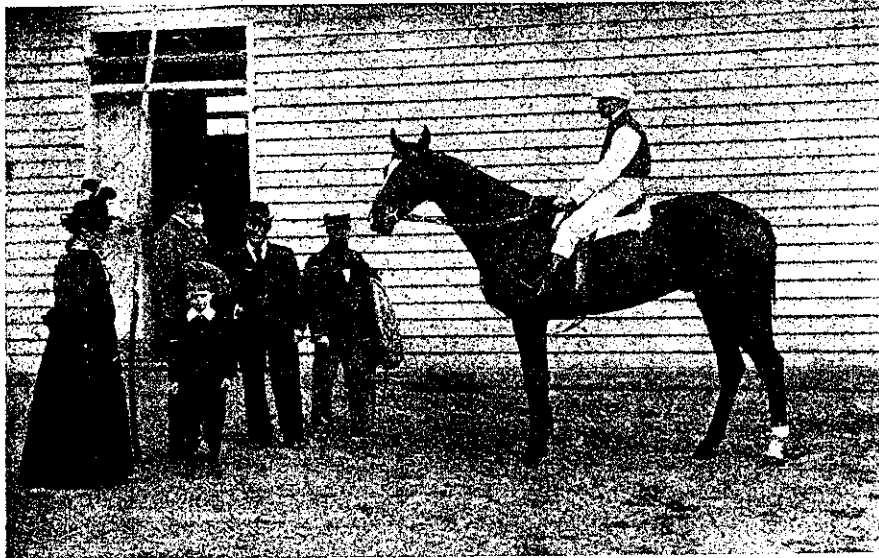
Whitaker, the Hawke's Bay horseman, who for a long time was associated with Alf. Ellingham when that trainer was so successful with Mr Pollard's team, but who has lately joined Gooseman's stable as first jockey, will steer the Dunedin horse, Black and Red, in his New Zealand Cup engagements.

The Hon. J. D. Ormond's representatives for the C.J.C. Meeting, Solitaire, Dauntless, Defiance, Daredevil, Bold, and Sir Launcelot, left by the Waihora on Thursday last. They were in charge of the genial Scot, Stewart Waddell, who has all the members of the team in great buckle. The horsemen, Moore, McKeague, and Atlas White, who are attached to the Karamu establishment, were also in attendance. By the same boat Mr J. R. McDonald's hurdle candidate, Kapua, was also a passenger, the well-known cross-country horseman, Alick Hall, being in command. The Mute gelding looks bright and muscular, in fact, I do not remember ever having seen him look so well.

Mr H. Rathbone, the Waipawa studmaster, has had an addition to his stock, the well-bred Taibos, by Malua—Norma, having produced a splendid colt foal to Mr L. D. Nathan's imported sire, Seaton Delaval.

Mr I. Vercoe, a resident of Clive, received a cablegram yesterday morning, containing the welcome intelligence that he had drawn The Chevalier in Tattersall's big sweep on the Melbourne Cup.

At the late agricultural Show at Palmerston North Miss Maud Donnelly, of Hawke's Bay, secured the first and special prize in the ladies' hack class with the well-bred and handsome-looking Huatai.



CREMORNE, with HUXLEY (jockey), MR MITCHELL (owner), and J. AISOPP (trainer).

past season, is now head lad at J. Maher's establishment at Hastings.

When the news of the Melbourne Cup reached here this evening great surprise was expressed by turfites generally at the forward position occupied by the ex-New Zealander, Bloodshot. The reputed non-stayer was evidently a lot better than his previous owner had imagined. After his defeat in the Hawke's Bay Guineas of '95 Mr Stead fully expressed the opinion that a mile was beyond his tether. I wonder what he thinks now. Bloodshot's full sister, Searchlight, occupies a box at Gooseman's stables at Hastings, and is owned by Mr George Hunter, who will feel highly gratified at the forward position occupied by her brother. Had she remained sound and been able to see the post for the N.Z. Cup, taking one consideration with another, she would have been a hard one to beat.

WELLINGTON.

The Carterton acceptors—The Catesby Stakes acceptors—Darkey Jake and Charge—The drawer of Sabretache—Turf topics.

WELLINGTON, OCTOBER 29.

Mr John Coyle has reason to be proud of the acceptances received for the Carterton meeting. Out of sixty-seven horses handicapped, fifty-nine have accepted, and, of the eight non-acceptors, Selma has broken down and Challenger, Senator, and Oddfellow have accepted for other races. The only horses entered at the meeting not running are Master Jack and Minora. The meeting will be held at the Taratahi racecourse on the 9th and 10th November, and should be very successful.

There is considerable dissatisfaction among horse owners over the Otaki handicaps. On performances the big race looks the best of things for King's Own. This horse ran second to Swift for the Richmond Park Stakes, at Nelson, having a good field behind him, including Cheque (8.2), Leda (8.1), and others. Just previous, at Blenheim, King's Own carried 9.0 and beat such performers as Voltaire (8.5), Seabreeze (8.6), and Springtime (7.10), and won comfortably in 1min 33½sec for seven furlongs.

I am pleased to hear that Mr J. O. Hayward is getting some well-bred matrons on Gold Reef's list. Among those booked are—Falconet (Musket—Lovebird), Thyra (Robinson Crusoe—Cordelia), Balm (Dunlop—Frou Frou), Puwerewere (Nordenfelt—Pungawere), Caller Herrin (Hippocampus—Lizzie), Nectarine (St. Albans—Horticulture), Merry Maiden (Somnus—Lady Artist), Muriwai (Torpedo—Mystery Girl), Hippodamia (Hippocampus—Slander), Young Dinah, and mares by Somnus—Miss Puritan and Torpedo—Bay Leaf.

November 2.

Only six youngsters made the final payment for the Catesby Stakes, to be run on Thursday. One of these, the brown colt His Lordship, was taken across from Palmerston North by R. Ross. His Lordship is the only colt paid up for the race. He is well furnished, and is from Her Ladyship, by Puriri—Countess (sister to Contessa), dam of Princess Cole.

Darkey Smith, or Black Jack as he is familiarly called, drew Charge in Tattersall's big sweep. He cabled across, laying his owner £1000 to nothing. Jack is very popular, and his Wellington friends would be pleased to see him win.

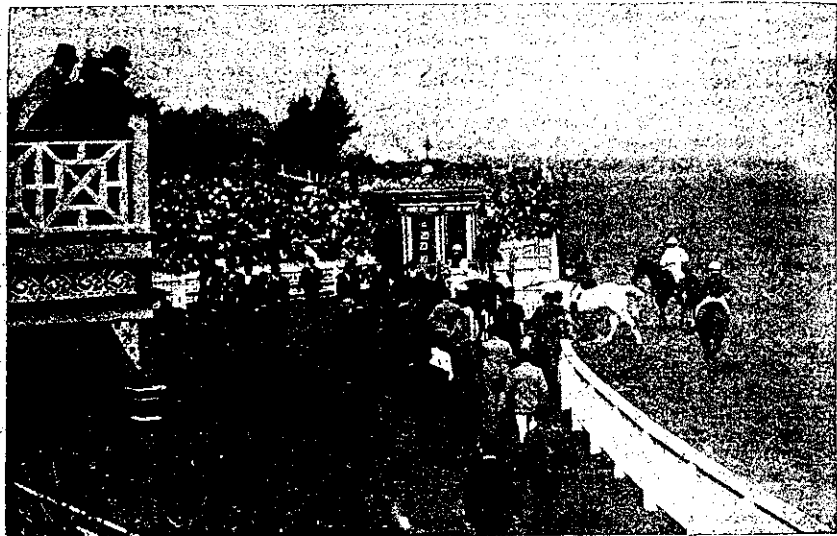
A gentleman in the Petone Woollen Company drew Sabretache in the same sweep.

Goulbourn, who is engaged at the Carterton meeting next week, is the Palo Alto colt brought across from Australia.

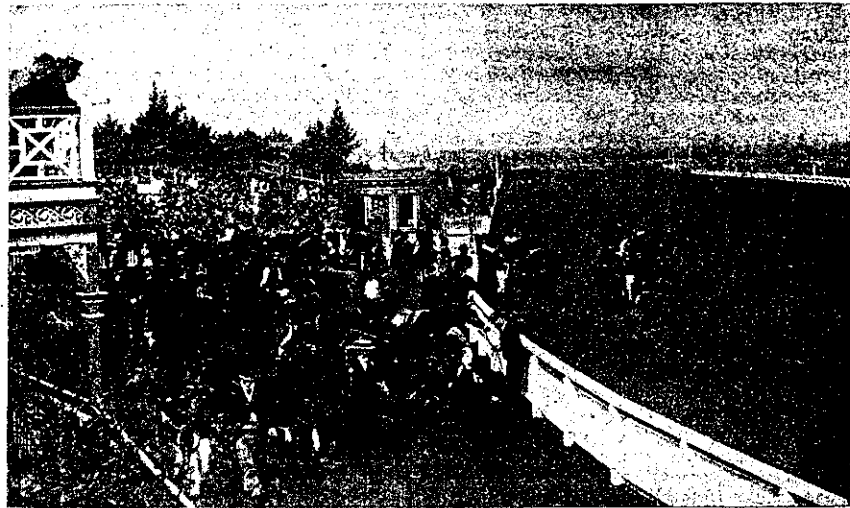
Selina (Petroleum—Belinda) has been mated with Rebellion.

Charlie Tully's filly, Pastolette (Derringer—Chatterbox), did not make the final payment for the Wairarapa Guineas, but will probably be seen out at Martinborough on Boxing Day.

One owner with a horse engaged in the Otaki Plate thinks it such a good thing for King's Own that he wired to accept with his horse on condition that the Blenheim horse did not accept.



CREMORNE RETURNING TO WEIGH IN.



CAULFIELD CUP HORSES WEIGHING IN.

That able-bodied cyclist, Gus. Peterson, intends leaving for Sydney next month, when he will have a cut at some of the big stakes offered in the adjoining colonies. He's as plucky as they make them, and I have no doubt that with a bit of luck he will not return empty-handed to Maoriland.

The monthly meeting of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club was held yesterday afternoon, Capt. Russell in the chair. Alfred Peterson asked the committee to reconsider its decision in not granting him a license; refused. The transfer from Major F. N. George to Thomas Bradley of the Carbine—Hestia colt was agreed to. Mr B. S. Grant interviewed the committee with regard to the disqualification of his horse, Greenstone, and it was resolved that the Onga Onga Hunt Club be written to, not with any view to alter the decision, but for further particulars for future guidance. W. Carr and Alfred Peters were granted trainers' licenses, and the following owners' permits were issued: G. Franklyn, W. Hales, and B. Speechy. Henry Hickey and William Lillie were successful in their application for a jockey's license. The Mohaka Racing Club (December 26th) and Rissington District Racing Club's (February 13th) programmes were approved. Reports were received from the club's private detectives, and it was resolved that book-makers should not be allowed on the course at the race meetings during the remainder of the season. Notices of motion to be laid before the Conference were discussed, and the president empowered to appoint a substitute in the event of his not being able to attend the Conference himself.

November 3.

It has not yet been definitely settled by his owner whether Daredevil will start in the Stewards' Stakes at Riccarton next Monday, it being more than likely the Maiden will be his mission, and if so he will take a lot of beating. In Daredevil's absence I like the Dunedin filly, Belle Clair's chance.

Defiance is considered by his owner to have a good outside show for the Cup.

Previous to Merganser visiting Gold Reef an application was made for Robinson Crusoe's services, but it had to be refused, as Angler's son's list was full for the season.

W. Carr in whose nomination Kauri Gum and Hilda II. competed so successfully during the

Newhaven, the hero of the V.R.C. Meeting, has a half brother by Eridisford in the Rangitikei district. He was one of the prizes won in the St. Albans lottery by a resident in those parts. Ocean is the name that has been bestowed upon him. Since Newhaven's victory Ocean must have risen in value greatly.

Fairly good acceptances have been received by the Town and Suburban Racing Club for its fixture. Next Monday being a general holiday the management may expect to be liberally patronised in the way of attendance. As a rule some bouncing dividends are collected at Taradale, a point which finds a lot of favour in the punter's eyes, more especially those who have a go at the big outsider. Mr Binnie, the energetic secretary and handicapper, has been having a busy time of it this week, and may he see his efforts crowned with success.

Mr Allan Donald, of Featherston, has had the misfortune to lose a two-year-old bay colt by Petroleum—Nector, who became entangled in a barb-wire fence and sustained such injuries that he had to be destroyed. The youngster was engaged in the Wairarapa Hack Guineas next season.

The first of the Catesby's to score was Sortie, the Barosina (Leo—Diosina) colt taken to Australia, where he was engaged in the two Cups and the Champion Stakes. He lost his maiden status in the Granville Stakes, at Rosehill, on the 17th inst. Plotter, another of the first of Catesby's progeny, has since scored at Oamaru.

Mr George Humphries, the popular representative of the Press Association, and senior member of the Press-room at Hutt Park, leaves shortly for Wakapuaka. He will be greatly missed in local sporting and athletic circles.



THE CAULFIELD CUP FIELD RETURNING TO SCALE.

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CANTERBURY.

Riccarton training notes—Fabulist gallops well—Euroclydon, Lady Zetland, Quiltiri, and The Shrew performing well—The uncertain Daystar—A busy week.

CHRISTCHURCH, OCTOBER 31.

At Riccarton this morning three prominent New Zealand Cup candidates were out. Fabulist, Day Star, and Black and Red galloped a mile and a half on the sand. The pace made was strong throughout. Fabulist finished ten lengths ahead of Black and Red, who was half a length in front of Day Star. The time was 2min 43sec. The gallop was an exceedingly good one. Fabulist is very fit, and has undergone a better preparation than any other horse engaged in the Cup. Day Star pulled up sound. Quiltiri galloped a mile and a half in 2min 41sec. Lady Zetland also went well in a gallop over the same distance. Lotion is not showing good form. Acone and St. Laura look really well.

November 3.

This morning some capital work was done. Dalliance and Montacute ran a mile and a quarter in 2min 21sec, Bisley ran a mile alone in 1min 47½sec. Quiltiri, who is now looking really well, galloped a mile and a quarter in 2min 17sec, the last half mile taking 52½sec. Fabulist galloped the Cup distance with his weight up. Mahaki ran the first mile and a quarter with him, and Rustic accompanied him the last six furlongs. The last mile and a half took 2min 45½sec. Fabulist maintained a good even pace all through, and pulled up quite sound. Acone and Armilla finished together in a gallop over six furlongs, which were covered in 1min 20sec. Defiance led Pompom over a mile and a quarter, which took 2min 18sec, the last mile being cut out in 1min 50sec. Voltigeur, who also started, finished two lengths behind Pompom. Defiance had the pull in the weights. Marquis of Zetland easily beat Bizarre over six furlongs. St. Laura and Skirmisher galloped the same distance, finishing together in 1min 20½sec. Solitaire, Daredevil, and Dauntless, galloped six furlongs finishing in line, the time being 1min 20sec. Lady Zetland beat Lord Roslyn and Black and Red in a gallop