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THE HAWKE'S BAY MEETING.

[BY WIRE.]

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

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ALTHOUGH things in town are very quiet for a race week there is considerable speculation as to the probable result of the principal events to be run at the Jockey Club's meeting on Thursday.

North Atlantic is not as well as he ought to be, and my opinion is that Mr. Douglas' filly Ua will put down both he and St. Katherine.

The Hurdles ought to go to one of the visiting horses—General Gordon probably or Hiamoe. Couranto was bad when he returned from Wanganui, and I don't think he is at all well.

The following are my tips:—

HAWKE'S BAY CUP.

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Alf. Woods, who has been training Hinemoa and Kathleen for the Maoris, has handed them back to their owners.

Betting on the Cup is brisk. Crown Jewel and Morion, 100 to 25; Cynisca and Crackshot, 100 to 20; Thame, Kotuku, and Retina, 100 to 18; The Dreamer, 100 to 15; Lochness, Pearl Powder, Krina and Pani, 100 to 10; Torpedo, Seraph and Whisper, 100 to 8; Maid of Lorne, 100 to 6.

THE Forerunner—Forest Queen colt has been named Harmony.

Bert Newman has added Charybdis (a jumper), the Taranaki mare Lasswade (by Daniel O'Connell), and the racing pony Riverside to his string.

Private watches made the Wanganui Cup Race 3min 5sec—not 3min 6sec, which was the official time.

Brown Duke, who won the Bracelet six years ago at Hastings, has an easy life of it at Waipawa. He is in J. Lator's charge, but the Maoris are not racing him, and I think the old fellow has had his day.

Fraternité, my fancy for the Wanganui Cup, bolted after two furlongs had been traversed, and kept command of his rider for nearly a mile and a half. When it

came to racing at the finish he had to watch the proceedings from the rear.

Black Rose, the Canterbury Derby winner, is located at Waipukurau still. His list is full every year, but no good mares have been sent to him since he has been in the district.

The warning off of three metallicians by the Wanganui Club for laying totalisator odds is, I think, the commencement of a crusade against bookmakers all over the colony. The clubs intend to guard the interests of the totalisator, from which they derive a revenue, and will not stand interference from men who also endeavour to derive an income from that kind of business.

Fusilade (Musket—Wai-iti) is the lord of the harem at Mr. W. Rathbone's stud farm, situated a few miles from Waipawa, and the New Zealand Cup winner looked in a splendid state of health when I visited the establishment the other day. He has covered twenty mares—all belonging to Mr. Rathbone, who has gone to considerable expenses lately in selecting suitable matrons for his stud and purchasing animals to carry his colours on the racecourse.

He is out of the same dam as Francotte, the Southern animal, who at Dunedin some time ago showed such a speedy turn of foot, but who is now on the retired list. I was very much struck with the Apremont—Flatterer filly—a beautiful chestnut, who looked every inch a racer, and showed plenty of quality. She should turn out a very speedy mare, and shows it already in fact, for she leads her companions a merry dance round the paddock every day, when they have a gallop just for fun.

They will have plenty of it before they grow much older. A filly who looked the image of Merganser (Nordenfeldt—Albatross) next trotted up to have a look at us, and on inquiring if she was any relation to that mare, was informed that she was a full sister. Mr. Rathbone paid a good price for this youngster, who is similarly marked to her relative, whose success on the turf, when she is fit, will, I am sure, have to be chronicled. A half-brother to Patchwork was running about in the shape of a Nordenfeldt—Patch colt, who may yet be heard of. One of the biggest two-year-olds I have seen is the Cadogan—Athole filly, who boasts of relationship to Dunkeld and Heather Bell. She was taken up recently, but is again in the paddock owing to an enlargement of the bone. Owing to a severe accident which occurred in Auckland after Mr. Morrin's sale, the Johnny Faulkner—Tasmania filly is very backward in condition.

She got cut about terribly, and why they shipped her to Napier in her bad condition instead of keeping her for a few months until she got well is a mystery to me. Her leg is still far from being healed up, but is now fast doing so under the care of Mr. J. Laing, who has charge of the establishment, and who very courteously showed me round. The other young bloods in the crowd were a nice-looking two-year-old by Nordenfeldt—Aconite, two yearlings by Stoneyhurst—Waimakariri, and Stoneyhurst—Mignon, respectively, and a two-year-old of handsome appearance by St. George—Charm. All the youngsters, with the one exception that I have mentioned, are growing well, and are well looked after. They are fed morning and night in the stable, and turned out into a paddock in the day time. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon they run up from the end of the paddock to the stable as regularly as clockwork—they seem to know the time to a second, and are all assembled outside the gate as the clock strikes four. I happened to be there at that hour on the afternoon of my visit, and it was a treat to watch them galloping up—the Apremont—Flutter colt leading; the gate was opened as they arrived there, and in they marched to their respective compartments for their feeds.

Mr. Rathbone has a racing track near the stables, but I might mention that his racing string is located at Hastings, where they are in charge of Andy Robinson. King George, though, is at Maher's, at Waipukurau. Maher has had the colt since he came here, and Mr. Rathbone left him in his hands.

Maid of Lorne, by Lord of the Isles—Marie Antoinette, looked in good trim when I saw her the other day, but I think a short spell would do the half-sister to Silence good. A full sister to Kulmine named Whimsical occupied an adjoining box. This lady should greatly improve with age. Chatelaine, by Albany—Trinket, is another whom Mr. Gaisford expects to win a race with in the not far distant future. Jeannie Deans was out in the paddock. Rowley has charge of the quartette, and has won a few good races for his employer lately by the manner in which he has sent Maid of Lorne to the post. Mr. Gaisford, who is manager for Lord Henry Russell, is at present on a visit to the old country.

J. Maher has the string under his charge in splendid condition just now. He always turns out his horses well, and picks up a good number of turf crumbs from one end