

ing to the bid of Mr R. Gooseman. The former realising 80 guineas and the latter 29 guineas. Mr Gooseman, it is understood, was acting for a patron.

Roseshoot still continues to do satisfactory work. He easily settled Trumpery in a go over the sticks, and on a couple of other occasions, on his own, did all that was desired in a tradesman-like style.

Float, one of his stable pals, who is engaged in the Winter Cup, also acquitted herself in a capable manner.

Eclair and Talune, who also figure in the lists of the National gathering, have been executing solid work of late. Neither have been asked any question over the impediments on the track since their preparation for the just finished Winter Meeting here. The end of next week will probably see the pair on their way to the National convincing grounds.

Gold Seal is pottering about, and so far the faulty leg has not given any signs of trouble.

OTAGO.

Dunedin, July 20.

The Southland trainer J. Lawson has the following team in hand at present:—Pellet (Leinster—Parvula), Follicle (Casket—Parvula), and the St. Ilario—Minarette yearling, a five-year-old gelding by Captain Webb—Cartouche, named Shield, Wairere (Papakura—Undine), Radiant (Sir Launcelot—Rodeout), Office Girl (The Officer—Tomboy), Order (The Officer—Spot), and Orderly (The Officer—Sabre). The last-mentioned quartette are rising two-year-olds.

The cabled announcement of the retirement from racing of Mr J. W. Larnach calls to mind that that gentleman was responsible for what was probably the longest ride ever achieved in this colony in 1870, when making a tour of the world. He landed at the Bluff and after purchasing some horses he and a companion rode to Auckland, and at the termination of the trip sold the horses at a profit. Mr Larnach was subsequently seriously injured in the hunting field in New South Wales. In a sportsmanlike spirit he mounted his cousin, Mr Donald Larnach, on his own hunter, and a horse which he had hired for his own use from a livery stable gave him a fall from which he has never completely recovered. Mr Larnach is one of the comparatively few who have achieved the distinction of achieving the sportsman's ambition of winning the English Derby when he captured it with Jeddah, who has been the greatest outsider to score in the Epsom prize.

The South Canterbury Jockey Club has appointed Mr C. A. Jefferson starter for their next meeting at a salary of £7 7s. The South Canterbury Jockey Club will in future give place money in all races in which the prize money is £50 or over. At least three horses are to start or there will be no third prize.

The South Canterbury Jockey Club have fallen in line with other up-to-date racing bodies, and is to have starting machines erected at the five, six, seven, eight and ten furlong posts on their track. The machines are to be Mr Rose's patent barrier, which have won general favour wherever they have been in use.

The Cromwell Jockey Club starts next season with a credit balance of £129 3s and a membership roll which totals 65. The profit on this season's transactions amounted to £90, and £480 is to be distributed in stakes by the club next season.

Fair Nell, a half-sister by Apremont to the recently defunct Sir Modred and dam of some excellent performers in Saracen, Loyalty and Bonnie Scotland, is to visit the Elderslie stallion Stepniak this season. Fair Nell has previously been mated with Musket horses in the shape of Maxim, Medallion, and Mosquetaire, but for some reason or other none of the produce proved of much account, and it will be interesting to note how the successful son of Steppe fares with Idalia's daughter.

An illustration of the fact that the interest in racing is on the up grade in North Otago was provided last week at the annual meeting of the North Otago Jockey Club by the fact that the attendance was the largest on record since the formation of the club.

Aeronaut, an aged gelding by Phaeton out of Sporting Grove—the aged dam of Perkin Warbeck II., Antelope, Prime Warden and Catherine Wheel (the dam of Treadmill)—won a Maiden Steeplechase on the first day of the V.R.C. National Meeting. He went out an outsider in the betting and was practically unsupported in the market.

The trotter Ruie has been sold to an Australian buyer. The St. Louis gelding has shown excellent form since he came to New Zealand, and in the land of his birth he should prove more than a useful sort on the track.

The Petrovna—Bagpipes case is expected to come up for decision in the near future but as far as can be learnt no date of hearing has been set down.

TROTTING.

NOTES FROM THE TROTTING CONFERENCE.

(From Our Wellington Correspondent.)

The Trotting Conference, at its recent sitting, made some important additions to its rules. The setting up of an executive of the Conference with supreme power to hold enquiries into matters concerning clubs, and also into the affairs of the New Zealand Trotting Association was a step in the right direction. Through circulars and letters clubs have recently been much exercised as to what takes place at the committee meetings of the Association. Such terms as slipshod has been applied to their actions; when full details of the recent enquiry reach clubs they will probably agree that it was a searching one. Further enquiry at the hands of the executive of the Conference should be unnecessary, as the present one should clear the air. Several delegates to the Conference, instructed by their clubs, asked the Chairman for explanations in connection with circulars, which were duly given, and accepted as satisfactory. Subsequently a resolution was carried unanimously thanking Mr Mark (the North Island member of the Association, who recently approached the clubs by means of a circular) for the manner in which he had carried out his duties to trotting clubs during his first year on the board of the New Zealand Trotting Association.

A hearty vote of thanks was also voted to the retiring Chairman, Mr P. Selig, who has filled the chair in an estimable manner during the past five years. Mr Selig regretted that he was unable to devote the necessary time to the duties, but would always be pleased to do anything that would tend to further the interests of trotting.

Mr G. H. McHaffie, the new Chairman of the Trotting Conference and also of its executive, is an enthusiast in trotting. He is President of the New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club, the most influential trotting body in the Australasian colonies, and he should ably fill the new position, and as head of the supreme body he will assist the executive to raise trotting to the highest standard.

The question of the number of totalisator permits available for trotting clubs was touched upon by the Chairman in his opening address. Thirty-three is the number to which they were entitled when the reduction was made by order of Parliament some time back. The Hon. Jas. Carroll, then Colonial Secretary, however, only allotted twenty-eight, and when approached by the Chairman of the Trotting Conference mentioned that he held some in reserve for emergency. The Conference unanimously resolved to wait as a body upon Sir J. Ward, Colonial Secretary, with regard to the five permits to which trotting clubs are entitled. Owing, however, to Sir Joseph's enforced absence at Invercargill, the Conference deputation failed to meet him. Mr James Colvin, M.H.R., however, undertook to assist those members of the Conference who resided in Wellington in placing the views of the Conference before the Colonial Secretary, the chairman having supplied all data. A deputation will be introduced by Mr Colvin next week and the matter fully placed before Sir Joseph Ward.

The New Zealand Metropolitan Meeting will take place on August 13, 17, and 19.

A horse forty-one years old died recently on the farm of Philip Putnam, Franklin, O., where, since a foal, it had been used continuously as a driver up to four years ago. He was sound in wind and limb, and died from old age.

Red Wilkes, one of the greatest of the sons of Geo. Wilkes, died at Shadeland Farm, Pa., April 29. He was thirty years old and a vigorous horse up to this year, having been bred to several mares this spring. His list of standard performers is a long one, and will receive quite a number of additions during the next few years, as he has left quite a number of youngsters from weanlings to five-year-olds that will be trained for records. Nine of his get took records last year, giving him a total of one hundred and twenty trotters and forty-six pacers in the list. His sons have made a good showing as producers, there being one hundred and four of them that have sired three hundred and nineteen trotters and two hundred and fifty-seven pacers. His daughters have produced well, one hundred and five having produced one hundred and twelve trotters, and forty-four pacers.

According to the "Referee," Ribbonwood's owner has issued a challenge to trot his horse against Almont or any other in Australasia for £250 or £500 aside; mile heats, best two in three, or three in five, or one mile, two miles, and three miles, best two in three. Match to take place within three months.

Totalisator permits have been allocated for the ensuing season as follows:—Auckland T.C., three; Ashburton T.C., two; Greymouth T.C., two; Gore T.C., one; Inangahua T.C., one; Masterton T.C., one; New Zealand Metropolitan T.C., four; New Brighton T.C., two; Nelson T.C., one; Otahuhu T.C., two; Plumpton Park T.C., two; South Wairarapa T.C., one; Tahuna Park T.C., three; Westport T.C., one; Wairau T.C., one; Hutt Valley T.C., one.

Mr C. E. Mark has returned from his trip South, where he represented the Auckland Trotting Club at the Conference, and was also present at the monthly meeting of the New Zealand Trotting Association. The question of Mr Mark's circular to the clubs was brought up at the latter meeting, the Northern member enquiring of the Chairman as to why it was considered to be incorrect. A long discussion followed, which appeared to prove nothing, and then the matter was dropped.

THE BETTING MARKET

Messrs Barnett and Grant report the following business on the

- NEW ZEALAND CUP**
 1200 to 28 Rose Shield
 1000 to 25 Uranus
 1000 to 22½ Float
 600 to 40 Melodeon
 500 to 17 Lady Lillian
 500 to 25 Roseal

- GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE AND HURDLES**
 2500 to 1 Kohunui and Kahuwai
 1000 to 15 Slow Tom and Creusot
 1000 to 10 Aka Aka and Tupara
 1000 to 8 Haydn and Cavalry, Aka Aka and Cavalry, Slow Tom and Cavalry
 1000 to 7 Comfort and Cavalry
 900 to 11 Aka Aka and Lissa
 800 to 15 Aka Aka and Tahae
 700 to 1 Haydn and Spalpeen
 700 to 10 Slow Tom and Lissa
 700 to 7 Pipi and Roseshoot
 600 to 9 Aka Aka and Kremlin
 500 to 10 Aka Aka and The Guesser
 500 to 3 Papatu and Trumpery, Comfort and Trumpery

- Mr Alf. Adams reports as follows on the
GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE AND HURDLES
 250 to 2½ Slow Tom and Regulation, Moccasin and Roseshoot
 400 to 4 Slow Tom and Killarney, Slow Tom and Tahae, Haydn and Kremlin
 500 to 5 Slow Tom and The Guesser
 200 to 2 Slow Tom and Ia, Haydn and Spalpeen
 200 to 1 Slow Tom and Lissa, Comfort and Lissa, Moccasin and Cavalry, Kaitere and Lissa
 400 to 5 Slow Tom and Waiwera
 700 to 15 Slow Tom and Roseshoot
 550 to 5½ Slow Tom and Spalpeen
 300 to 3 Slow Tom and Hautapu, Aka Aka and 'uku, Moccasin and Creusot
 450 to 5 Slow Tom and Cavalry
 200 to 4 Slow Tom and Kremlin
 200 to 3½ Comfort and Waiwera
 500 to 3 Aka Aka and Trumpery, Kaitere and Waiwera
 450 to 4 Aka Aka and Waiwera
 150 to 1½ Aka Aka and Roseshoot
 300 to 2 Aka Aka and Medallius
 505 to 5 Aka Aka and Ia

- NEW ZEALAND CUP**
 440 to 30 Melodeon
 270 to 18 Achilles
 270 to 12 Rosal
 140 to 4 Oblivion
 110 to 5 Bulawayo
 250 to 8 Romeo
 200 to 5 Red Gauntlet
 150 to 3 Cyrus
 100 to 3 Black Reynard
 100 to 1 Inglewood, Akarana
 100 to 4 Grand Rapids
 300 to 12 Ghoorka
 300 to 27 Rose Shield
 230 to 10 Lady Lillian
 160 to 4 Mahutonga
 300 to 15 Martian
 380 to 7 Nonette
 200 to 4 Heroism

Mr J. Loughlin Dunedin, reports the following quotations on the

- NEW ZEALAND CUP**
 16 to 1 Melodeon, Martian
 20 to 1 Achilles, Ghoorka

- 25 to 1 Cruciform, Convoy, Romeo, Grand Rapids
 33 to 1 Regulation, Black Reynard, Golden Knight, Uranus
 50 to 1 Nonette, Halberdier, Shrapnel, Full Cry, Rose Shield
 100 to 1 Shrapnel Shell, Beau Seaton, Nightfall
 200 to 1 Geordie, Manawaru, Sandy, Okoari

GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLES AND HURDLES

- 750 to 14 Haydn and Roseshoot
 650 to 13 Slow Tom and Roseshoot
 1000 to 1 Victory and Medallius
 500 to 1 Sultana and Defoe
 1000 to ½ Kohunui and Taura

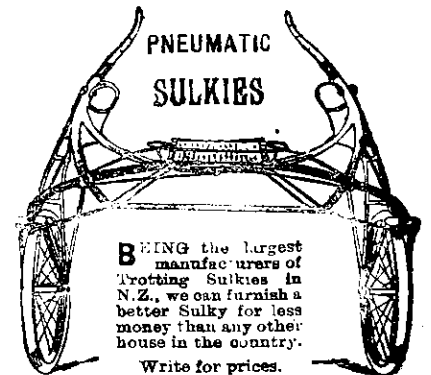
WINTER CUP

- 200 to 16 Scotty
 100 to 7 Regulation
 300 to 6 Livonia
 200 to 2 Ropa
 100 to 8 Vladimir
 200 to 4 Bandmaster

Mr W. Lyons reports business fairly brisk on the Christchurch Grand National Double. The following are some of the principal lines done.

- 500 to 10 Slow Tom and Roseshoot, Slow Tom and Spalpeen, Slow Tom and Waiwera, Comfort and Roseshoot, Haydn and Roseshoot
 500 to 5 Comfort and Ia, Comfort and Newtown, Kaitere and Waiwera
 200 to 4 Comfort and Spalpeen
 200 to 3 Comfort and Creusot, Kaitere and Roseshoot
 200 to 2 Kaitere and Tupara, Haydn and Lissa, Haydn and Spalpeen
 500 to 7 Haydn and Tahae

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