

Our Illustrations.

Among the illustrations appearing in this issue will be found a capital portrait of Miss Pansy Montague, whose original and artistic posing at the Opera House has been so generally admired.

The spring meeting of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club has been the chief racing event of the week, so that illustrations of some of the winners will be found of interest.

The new yacht *Rawhiti*, recently launched from Logan Bros.' yards, will shortly sail for Sydney in quest of international honours. She belongs to Mr. A. H. Pittar, and the results of her races on the other side will be watched with interest by all local yachtsmen.

We are getting into the bowling season now, the latest green to open being *Rocky Nook*. Views are given of the ground and many of the players taking part in the first matches last Saturday. A capital portrait of Mr. J. Bouskill, president of the club, is also given.

The golf links at Cornwall Park are always admired by visitors. The Club house shown in the illustration is a very handsome building, and is much used by members.

A coming event in which most interest is being taken already is the production of the Auckland Amateur Dramatic Society of "The Schoolmistress." Portraits of some of those taking part will command attention.

TRAINING NOTES.

ELLERSLIE.

SATURDAY.

Saturday being fine and the grass track in excellent condition, most of the trainers worked their horses there. Lady Annie, alone, led off with a six-furlong burst in 1min 17sec. This mare promises to be very fit next month. Annette, also alone, ran a mile all out, the last seven furlongs in 1min 31sec, but did not finish any too well. Scotty and Seabird ran a circle together in 1min 58 1-5sec, but could have improved the time. The former is putting on muscle. Girton Girl left six furlongs behind in 1min 20sec, all out. Sir Hector was labouring at the end of a six-furlong flutter. Monoform and Delania galloped down the six furlongs together. The syndicate may taste the sweets of victory with the former shortly. The speedy Syren sputtered for a few furlongs smartly. The Major was extended for a circuit, the time occupied being 2min 2sec. Kilderkin and Sonoma, each separately, had short spurts. Both are well forward. Landlock finished slightly in front of Leonator from the six-furlong post in 1min 18 4-5sec. Gladstone was much too fast for Lady Hune over five furlongs. Pearl Necklet did her best for six furlongs; the last half-mile took 53 2-5sec. Putty, moving nicely, left a mile behind in 1min 54sec on the sand. Deeley was in the saddle. Carl Rosa did 50sec for the last four furlongs of six furlongs. Austerlitz had a credit of 1min 35 3-5sec from the seven-furlong post on the sand. Lady Clements seemed to tire on the same track at the end of a slow six furlongs. Dardanus scampered over five furlongs, the last four in 52 1-5sec. Jean, who seems on the improve, negotiated six furlongs in 1min 17 3-5sec. Sir Gillead had Geordie well settled at the end of nine furlongs in 2min 1 1-5sec. The moderate Idol finished in front of the two ponies, Solitary and Hurihuri, in a five-furlong flutter, the first four being run in 51 3-5sec. Desdemona ran four furlongs in 49 3-5sec; it was the most taking sprint of the morning. Calle Iris was content with half-pace work on the tan. Waipuna held Pukekohe quite safe for a mile in 1min 49 1-5sec. Kola Nip went at top for a round; the first seven furlongs was run in 1min 32sec. Wee Tottie, finishing strongly, slipped over five furlongs in 1min 7 2-5sec. Silicia worked in company with Bonomianna; both look well. Woodmount sputtered alone, but does not improve much. Lovelink, who is back on the tracks, did a taking nine furlongs, with Moira Ma Chree for the first four furlongs and Dr. Quest the last five furlongs. The Dr. is going well. Inniskillen, General Average, Miss Rose, Solo, Nervine, and others were exercised. After breakfast King Paul did a round with J. Chaape up in 2min 21sec. Omati finished well in front of Fabanne in a five furlongs' dash in 1min 3sec. Golden Sands, who looks big and fresh, had a couple of medium-pace rounds (Gall in the saddle). This handsome daughter of Ladybird makes a noise. The Pikau colt sputtered a few furlongs. The musical Hohoro could not extend Takaroa in a six furlongs' bout. The time was slow, 1min 21sec. Waikato, alone, ran a strong round on the sand, and took 2min 1 3-5sec. to com-

plete his task. Le Beau, who looks big and lusty, had a couple of circuits' spring home. Apologue, with Deeley up, went at top for seven furlongs; the last five was cut out in 1min 5sec. F. Macmanemin's two-year-olds sputtered in couples, shaping well for three furlongs. The fastest brace finished under 39sec. The Menschikoff-Cressy filly, who has no mouth and seems very flighty, is inclined to make a bolt of it, was spurred. Lady Francis, assisted in the first part by the Majory colt, sputtered five furlongs in 1min 5 1-5sec. Little Mabel finished home with the mare. Bachelor, Frank Dodd, Te Papa and Mauki finished in this order after going twice round the schooling course and jumping seven hurdles. The jumping was a good exhibition. Several of Mr. Selby's hunters also jumped. Lucrece, by herself, ran a taking six furlongs in 1min 16 3-5sec. The track now being drier, Mr. J. B. Williamson's two-year-olds and two others slipped over three furlongs in 39sec. Loch Fyne has been put into work again, and looks blooming.

INTER-PROVINCIAL

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

CANTERBURY.

CHRISTCHURCH, October 11.

Joe Chamberlain was scratched for the New Zealand Cup at 5 p.m. on Saturday. Jolly Friar, who was considered to be nicely placed in the Stewards' Handicap, was scratched for all engagements at the Cup meeting at 12.20 p.m. on Friday last.

J. F. Buchanan owner of Secret Society and Ingeneuk, has purchased the English-bred horse Martian from Mr. G. G. Stead. Martian is now in work at Riccarton, and looks like standing another preparation.

Mystification, winner of the King Edward Handicap at Hawke's Bay, has incurred a 5lb penalty for the New Zealand Cup, his weight now being 6.3.

Golden Knight, who was showing slight signs of soreness a fortnight ago, is now apparently all right again. Hobbs expects to get the Wallace horse ready for the New Zealand Cup.

Huku, Narcissus and Canada will be the only Canterbury horses running at Dunedin. The two last-named have shown winning form lately, and should win again in Dunedin.

Machine Gun is thought to have an excellent chance of winning the C.J.C. Stewards' Handicap; 10.9 is a weight which the big son of Hotchkiss is thoroughly master of, and will be specially prepared for the race, and will be hard to beat. Mr. Stead has a fine lot to choose from. Whatever he relies on is certain to go out a strong favourite. Of the rest, Crichton, Solution and Ailsa appear to have a winning chance.

Cuneiform's victory in the Hawke's Bay Guineas cost the bookmakers some hundreds of pounds, but they managed to get the lot back over Kierawaka's defeat in the Juvenile Handicap. This youngster was the medium of heavy commission for the race in question.

The Ohoka Handicap, one mile, on Thursday last, was won very easily by Stepdancer (7.13), who beat St. Michael (9.0) by five lengths, De la Rey (7.10) being two lengths further away third. Alexis (7.9) was the only other starter. Stepdancer is being trained for the New Zealand Cup, having the minimum weight of 6.7.

There has been very little betting on the Cup during the week. Melodeon, Ghoorka, and Golden Knight have been backed for a few hundreds. Betting on the double—Cup and Stewards—has been fairly brisk.

The North Otago Jockey Club has received excellent nominations for its spring meeting this year. Quite a number of Riccarton-trained horses are entered, among them being Ability, Royal Crown, Tirole, Hilarity and Canticle.

A further payment of 6sovs for the New Zealand Cup acceptances and for Stewards' Handicap falls due on October 20.

That the Stepniak-Madder combination is brimful of galloping abilities is shown by the success scored by Madrigal, Rose Madder, Rubia, Munjeet and Mungista. There should be keen competition for the bay colt at the sale of Elderslie yearlings on November 9. Full brothers to Boris, Indian Queen (dam of King Billy), and Moscow are among the lots to be offered. Machine Gun had 9.9 when he finished behind Vladimir and Ailsa in the Stewards' Handicap last year. This year Machine Gun has 10.9, and is one of the favourites.

I notice more than one North Island paper refers to Golden Knight as being owned by Mr. Stead. Golden Knight was sold by Mr. Stead to J. C. N. Grigg, owner of Calibre, at last National meeting.

Beau Seaton won a double at Kurow meeting last week. There was not a great deal of merit in the win, Beau Seaton's opponents being Regiment, Rosebloom, and Patuna.

The three-year-old filly Canticle, by Seaton Delaval-Cantabrice, had a soft win in the Maiden Hack Race at Ohoka. Getting off the mark quickly Canticle soon got in front, and cantered home eight lengths in front of Escort. Curat was third.

In the Handicap Trot, one mile, at Ohoka, Crown Child, who finished second to Coldstream, paid a dividend of £51 15s. There was only half a ticket on Crown Child.

Big dividends were the order of the day at Ohoka. In the Hunters' Flat Handicap the winner, Helios, paid £12 18s; King Stork, winner of the Welter Handicap, paid £11 2s.

Several horses who have been better days here were running at Ohoka and Kurow meetings. Scottish Minstrel, Ilex, and St. Michael are a trio who have won some of the principal handicaps in bygone days.

OTAGO.

DUNEDIN, October 11.

The Kurow Jockey Club was favoured with splendid weather, and had a record attendance for its annual meeting held last week. The totalisator receipts were £2078 as against last year's total of £897. This year the club, which now races on private property, excluded the book-makers.

The Dunedin Jockey Club have secured new offices in Rattray-street, but will not move from their present address for some little time.

Since joining Rutledge's stable the Stepniak colt Rio Grand has improved a good deal, and galloped fairly well over six furlongs on Saturday last.

Vladimir has come on nicely during the past month, and although his fetlock carries a slightly enlarged appearance and the pastern underneath the joint is a shade too thick for beauty, the son of Mist gallops and walks without a trace of unsoundness.

Tramontana, the three-year-old brother to Vladimir, has joined R. Ellis' stable. The colt, who started once only as a two-year-old, when he carried the Zetland spots in the last Welcome Stakes, has been somewhat of a disappointment, but should not prove dear at the 100sovs at which it is understood his breeder disposed of him.

Armamento, the good-looking three-year-old son of Lord Rosslyn and the Hotchkiss mare Escopeto, was shipped to Wellington on Saturday, and goes into W. Davis' stable at the Hutt. It is understood that the price paid for the colt, who has been showing promising work, was 400 guineas. W. Davies trained Armamento as a two-year-old. He was raced only once last season.

Beau Seaton did not race over generously when he scored his dual win at the Kurow meeting last week, and although he looked an orchid amongst a bed of cabbages as far as looks and condition went, he had a close go with what proved weakish opposition each time he carried silk. The ancient Le Loup gelding Ilex was amongst the field which contested the Kurow Hunt Club's Cup. Ilex made his first appearance on the turf in 1895, when he raced as a six-year-old.

Two fairly well-bred ones in Rosebloom and Hemlock filled the first and second places in the Maiden Plate at the Kurow last week. The first-named is by Obligado out of The Hilarious mare Primrose, and the other is an Australian-bred son of Padlock and the Pilgrim's Progress mare Kate Craig, who looks like proving a bargain for the 20 guineas paid for him at Mr. H. Friedlander's yearling sale of 1903.

According to the conditions attached to the D.J.C. Spring programme, Beau Seaton gained 17lb in penalties for his dual win at the Kurow, and that is the probable reason of his falling out of the Mosgiel Handicap. To earn such a penalty for form almost entirely devoid of merit reads somewhat farcical, particularly when it is remembered that the horse had plenty of weight in the original handicap.

The South Canterbury Jockey Club are contemplating the advisability of placing a semi-classic race on their programme. Mr. C. A. Jefferson has been appointed starter for the S.C.J.C. Spring Meeting at a remuneration of seven guineas.

It is understood that the Kurow Jockey Club's recent race meeting resulted in a profit of £140 or £150.

Zephyr (St. Clair—Mistral), own sister to Pampero and Mist (the dam of Vladimir) has been sent North on a visit to St. Ambrose.

Mr. St. John Bucky's mare Proposal, by St. George—Apropos, has produced a colt to the imported horse Obligado.

Amongst the mares on Welbeck's visiting list this season are Lady Lillian (Phaeton—Lady Zetland), Nautiloid (Musketry—Nautilus), Grasshopper (Simmer—Toitoti), Beauty Sleep (Medallion—Lottery), Robinilla (Robinson Crusoe—

Campanialla), and Miss Betty (Chainshot—Hermione).

TARANAKI.

NEW PLYMOUTH, October 7.

P. Johnson did not attend the Wanganui meeting, desiring a spell after the large amount of travelling he has done recently. He still has Kaharoa under his care. The big gelding is doing well, but one of his forelegs has still a suspicious look. The three-year-old gelding by Sylvia Park from Surf is coming on nicely, and gives promise of making a galloper. The other day Johnson added a three-year-old filly to his stable. She is by Sylvia Park from a full sister to Battleaxe, and came from the Inglewood district.

There was a good deal of betting here over the Hawke's Bay fixture. Heroism seems to have run a decent race on the second day when he got second to Lyrist. The Grafton gelding may yet win a decent stake for his owner.

Mr. E. J. Carthew, of New Plymouth, who went over to Sydney to see Maniopoto run, was one of the original syndicate of three who bought the son of Sout from Mr. W. Elliot, of Waitara. Mr. Carthew says it is hard to explain how Maniopoto lost the Epsom Handicap. With respect to the Victorian engagements he thinks Maniopoto should run well in the Melbourne Cup, considering the way he shaped when he won the Metropolitan.

It is reported that Mr. H. E. Good has purchased Mr. W. Glenn's third interest in Maniopoto, and therefore now two-thirds interest.

A correspondent informs me that the Hawera tracks are being well patronised, trainers getting their charges ready for the district fixtures. There is, however, nothing special to record.

HAWKE'S BAY.

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING VENTURE.

NOTES ON THE MEETING.

It must be truly allowed that as regards weather the metropolitan club of this district seems to have a lien on the favourable samples, for though the climate may be mixed, and that badly, just before the gathering, the days of the reunion are sure to be of the best possible description, and Wednesday and yesterday were no exceptions to the old-time rule that the best in the way of weather was not too good for the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's fixture. Naturally, where the crowd is, there also is the bullion, and this fact is well borne out by the sums registered on the automatic dispenser of odds, the investments for the two days totalling £13,035, an increase of £2177 over the sum rung on at a similar gathering last season.

Mystification, who has been battling at the business for the past two years, and always giving a respectable exposition, experienced no great difficulty in securing the coveted annual in the King Edward Handicap. Like most of his sire's get, he is endowed with legs of the best quality, and as his heart is in the right place, he should in the future be found worthily carrying the popular colours of the squire of Porangahau, who, unluckily, was not present to see his representative hailed the winner.

Boomerang carried out the good idea formed of him as a two-year-old by running a good second to Apremont's chestnut son, but had Whakawehi been more artistically handled he would have given a good deal of trouble to suppress.

Mahutonga, the absolute last of the pack, looked big and lusty, but did not shape as well as his track efforts led to expect, but the state of the ground was greatly against his style of locomotion, and though so badly defeated, should, later on, with the going in the top of the track, be seen to greater advantage than was the case this week. My contention that Whakawehi did not have the best of judgment and talent on his side, or, rather, on his back, in the King Edward, was borne out by the creditable style in which he ran in the October Handicap when piloted by Gallagher, for it must be borne in mind that he was giving age and weight to his conqueror, Assayer, who is a much improved horse to what he was a year ago.

In this affair Mahutonga again performed badly, but his essay was too bad to be true, and on these grounds too much weight must not be attached to the third-rate display that he gave. A few more gallops will probably get him right, and with the track in his favour he is sure to retrieve his laurels. Horses, like men, are suited by conditions, and it's a certainty that with a fair wind that the handsome son of Quilt and Maude will make amends for his poor efforts this week. His half-sister by San Fran—Kurauaka also failed in his essay in the Juvenile Plate, owing, no doubt, to the fact that she was trained by Prosser and ridden by Jenkins. She was installed first choice; she was slow to leave the