

by the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club for their Autumn Meeting next month.

The Committee of the Napier Park Racing Club have recognised the ability of their caretaker, Mr J. O'Halloran, and have increased his salary by £24 per annum.

Formidable, the four-year-old daughter by Torpedo and H.M.s. Pinafore, has been leased by her owner, Mr S. Pell, to Mr H. Moore. A nice cut of a mare she should earn distinction at the game.

A. (Paddy) Raynor has shifted his team Lord Bobs and Cat's Eye, on to the stables at Greenmeadows, recently vacated by McLaughlin.

Mr G. P. Donnelly is erecting training stables at Taradale. Presumably his team will now be given their preparations at Napier Park.

Strowan, who was recently acquired by a Palmerston North sport, arrived from Gisborne on Monday, and was the same day railed through to his new home. Lochiel's son looked in great heart, and should, with proper mating, prove a successful progenitor of the genius racehorse.

Captain Jingle has been registered as the joint property of Messrs D. E. Davis and J. McLaughlin.

Mahuta, who got second berth behind Helen Portland in the Thompson Handicap at Trentham on Wednesday, was bred at Te Mahanga Station. He is a son of Mahaki and Spring (Quilt-Brook), and as a yearling was knocked down to his present owner, Mr H. McManaway, for 32 guineas.

Local-owned horses were well up in the disposal of stake money and dividends at Trentham last week, Grand Slam, Kurawaka, Oxtan, Erl King, Sir Tristram, Medallist and Contender all doing duty on behalf of Hawke's Bay.

Lavinia is now a pupil of Harry Moore's, a patron of his stables having secured the mare.

An unregistered meeting was held at Kopua (Hawke's Bay) on Thursday. Despite the inclement weather a fair attendance was present. The winners were: Hurdle Race, Error; Maiden Plate, St. Leo; Pony Race, Kilby; Te Whiti Cup Himitangi; Handicap Trot, Sandy; District Race, Black Bill; Flying Handicap, Jean; Farewell, Kangaroo.

The Boyne's coming two-year-old sister was ridden for the first time last Friday. She is a sweet filly and full of promise.

OTAGO.

DUNEDIN, April 24.

Mr J. Ellis has had the misfortune to lose Ostachkoff, who died a few days ago. On a post mortem being held it was discovered the horse's lungs had almost vanished, which is somewhat remarkable, as Ostachkoff was a winner at the Taieri meeting held on Easter Monday.

The Trenton mare Madowla is proving herself a great fountain of speed, as since joining Sir Geo. Clifford's studs she has produced Quarryman, Glenowiet, King's Quest, Kirriemuir, and Glenculloch in five successive years. Next season will probably see her represented by a daughter of Treadmill, one of the best horses that ever carried the blue and gold checkers.

The Timaru horse owners who were prosecuted for the alleged acceptance of totalisator odds at the Plumpton Meeting, which took place in December last, were before the Christchurch magistrate, Mr H. W. Bishop, last week, and the cases were dismissed because the principal witness for the police declined to give evidence. It savors of a coincidence that the law was not set in motion until it recently became known that the detective had lost his position with the South Canterbury J.C., through the instrumentality of the owners who had been subjected to the indignity of being removed from the Plumpton Park course.

The Southland bred hurdler Andy Regan, has been shipped to Melbourne. He has been a winner but also a most disappointing customer. When owned by Mr T. Kett he showed some excellent work on the track, but never reproduced it in public. Mr Reid sold him to an Auckland buyer, who thought he had found a new Record Reign after the Lorraine gelding had shown him a gallop or two, but Andy goes off in a most unaccountable and unexpected manner, and leaves his party lamenting their bad luck. It is believed that the reason the horse goes to pieces is because he was reared on bad country, and is not robust enough to stand regular training. He is a splendid fencer and is an ideal hunter, who is sure to keep with the first flight.

Black Reynard accomplished a smart performance at Wellington by winning over sticks and carving out a mile in 3min. 14 1-5secs. with 9.10 on his back, but it does not equal Evenlode's 3min. 8 2-5secs., which was put up at the last N.Z. Cup meeting. The latter, however, carried 10lbs less than Black Reynard.

The appeal lodged against the disqualification imposed by the South Canter-

bury Jockey Club at its recent meeting is to be heard this week.

Evenlode, who is one of the best hurdlers seen out during the season, has been purchased by Mr T. Moutalt, the owner of Narcissus.

Cuirossetia, Lacy, and Heirloom were given a lesson over hurdles last week.

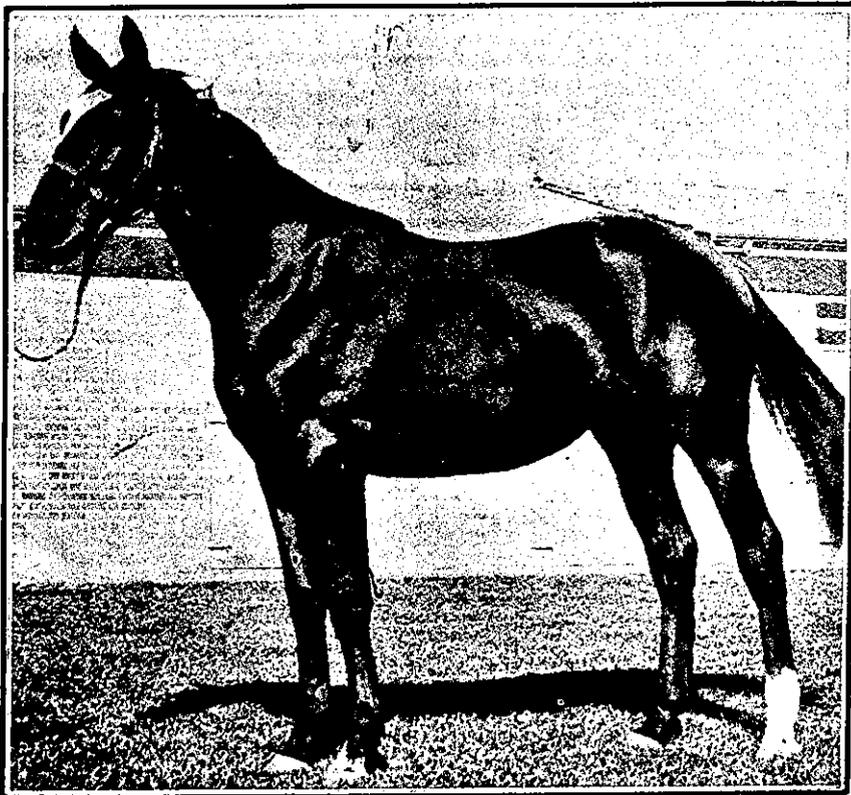
It is rumoured that a northern syndicate is negotiating for the purchase of the Forbury Park Racecourse, and if the place is acquired it will be converted into a "wonderland."

Timaru exchanges report that the match which took place between the trotters Kintore and Nellie S. for 50sovs. aside was won by the latter. It is reported that the betting was 6 to 4 against both contestants, and if that was really the case there was a golden opportunity going to make money with absolutely no risk, but it reads too good to be true.

The South Canterbury Hunt Club held their first meeting of the season last week with a three mile run, and the jumps were principally wire fences. Amongst the followers were Rowlock, Gnat, and Swagger, a trio of well known performers between the flags.

When Malster, the son of Bill of Portland and the Barcaldino mare Bailey, was put under the hammer at the termination of his racing career, one of those who had a commissioner bidding for the colt was Mr J. F. Reid of Ellerslie Stud. Mr Reid, however, failed to secure Malster. It was evidently a piece of bad luck for our country that the horse did not come this way. He has since sired some speedy sorts, and at the Randwick sales his stock were in demand and realised good prices.

The South Canterbury J.C. made a profit of £375 over their recent meeting. The stakes were £170 higher than the amount given away at last years meeting.



POSEIDON'S YEARLING BROTHER ORCUS, FOR WHOM THE RECORD PRICE OF 3050 GUINEAS WAS RECENTLY GIVEN.

The Hon. G. McLean's Notus is turned out at Warrington.

The two yearlings bought by Mr L. C. Hazlett in Sydney were shipped to Dunedin by the Wimmera and are due here on Saturday.

Mr J. Ellis will shortly be bringing in four yearlings to be trained. They are a colt by Multiform—St. Ouida, a filly by Blackstone—Spring Gun, a colt by Blackstone—Emmeline, and a colt by Blackstone—Invicta.

WANGANUI.

WANGANUI, April 24.

Owners are reminded that nominations for all events at the Winter Meeting of the Wanganui Jockey Club close on Friday, the 26th inst., at 9 p.m., with Mr. W. Hall, secretary.

It is the usual thing at this time of the year to hear the pessimists bewailing that there are no jumpers about, and consequently that the nominations for the various winter meetings will be small. However, I fancy that the nominations received by the Wanganui Club and also by the Auckland R.C. (which takes entries for its leading jumping events the same night) will be right up to the average, both in regard to number and quality.

The Egmont Racing Club have received splendid nominations for their winter meeting, which takes place on the 15th and 16th May, and there is every prospect of the gathering being a big success. Mr. George Morse will declare the weights on or about the 30th inst.

The nominations for the Hawke's

Bay Cup include Helen Portland, Fontenoy, and St. Joe, so that Wanganui is likely to be represented in the race.

Mr. J. Belcher informs me that he has been asked by a Victorian syndicate what amount he would be prepared to take for the Australian rights for his patent hurdles. It is evident from this, and also from the fact that inquiries have been received from Westralia and other States, that the patent hurdles are regarded with favour by racing men throughout the Commonwealth.

It is stated that Helen Portland was somewhat lucky to win the Thompson Handicap, as Mahuta is said to have faltered momentarily when slightly ahead of the Dorchester filly, and thus lost the race. However this may be, the fact remains that Mr. Moore's filly made all her own running, and got home in time equal to the record for the race. Though Helen Portland had lightened up a bit as the result of her Auckland trip, she came on again rapidly, and in view of the good gallop she did just before leaving for Trentham she was strongly supported at the eleventh hour. Fontenoy ran a good race for over three parts of the distance, and the son of Haut Brion should score shortly. Needless to say the owner of this pair (Mr .G. T. Moore) was heartily congratulated on the success of his filly.

Mr. A. Cleave, proprietor of the "Sporting Review," was in Wanganui for a couple of days last week. He was here on business connected with his paper, which has a big circulation not only in Wanganui but up and down this coast. Mr. Cleave left again in his motor car on Sunday last

trained colt ran second. His stable mate St. Joe "came through" as a good thing for the Autumn Handicap, but failed to get a place, to the disappointment of a number of punters.

I hear good accounts of Motor's stock, and it will be matter for surprise if some of his youngsters don't distinguish themselves next season. The son of Hotchkiss is to stand in this district next season, so that breeders will have an opportunity of securing his services again, and no doubt they will avail themselves of it. Mr. W. H. Blythe was recently offered a big price for Motor, but refused to part with him.

WELLINGTON.

NOTES ON THE WELLINGTON R.C. AUTUMN MEETING.

The Wellington Racing Club's Autumn Meeting opened on Wednesday last. Although very little inclement weather was experienced at Trentham during the two days preceding the first day's racing, steady rain had fallen in the city, and many racegoers remained at home under the impression that it was raining at the racecourse. Those who braved the elements were agreeably surprised to find fine weather prevailing at Trentham, although slightly cloudy overhead. The course was in splendid order as was evidenced by the fast times put up. Black Reynard established an Australasian record by running one and three-quarter miles over hurdles in 3m. 14 1-5s. The Thompson Handicap was also a fast race, the time, 1m. 41 2-5s., equals that put up by Shrapnel during a dry season on the old Hutt Park racecourse, when he won the same race in 1903.

Although the attendance was not up to that of last year, speculation on the totalisator was exceedingly brisk, £12,842 being invested with the Club's totalisator. This sum included £2011 on the double machine which paid the lucky backers of Mr. Moore's pair (bracketed), Helen Portland and Fontenoy with Lady Annes, £32 18/. The total sum handled on Wednesday was £373 in excess of last year. This, considering that the threatening weather had kept many townspeople away from the meeting, must be considered highly satisfactory.

Prominent among the visitors were the Hons. Jas. Carroll and J. A. Millar, Sir Geo. Clifford, Messrs. A. L. D. Fraser, M.H.R., W. L. Clifford, H. D. Vavasour, Geo. Hunter, T. H. Lowry, W. J. Douglas, J. F. Buchanan and W. E. Bidwell. Other interested spectators included Messrs. J. E. Henrys, and Geo. Morse, handicappers, Danvers Hamber (editor "Referee"), and numerous well-known racing men from the provinces.

There were only three withdrawals from the Thompson Handicap—Pink 'Un, Munjeet, and Lord Soult. The former was not brought up from Christchurch, and Mr. Stead's trainer cancelled Munjeet's engagement on finding that the mare was out of sorts, not having recovered from the attack of strangles from which she had been suffering prior to the C.J.C. Easter Meeting. Lord Soult's party favoured his chance for the Railway Handicap. Thirteen were thus left to contest for supremacy, and from a study of the totalisator figures it will be observed that Jenkin's mount Marguerite was slightly the best favourite. St. Joe, Pas Seul, and Mahuta would each have returned their backers close upon £6, whilst Sherlock Holmes, the outsider, would only have paid a little over £9. The betting thus denoted that the partisans of each of the thirteen runners were fairly confident of success. The story of the race is easily told. The light-weights Fontenoy, Helen Portland, Mahuta, and Sherlock Holmes made play at their best pace with Marguerite, Contender and Mystification in handy positions. Fontenoy and Sherlock Holmes had shot their bolt at the distance post, and Mahuta appeared to be winning from Helen Portland, when the latter, by a supreme effort got up in the last few strides, and was declared the winner by a nose, much to the surprise of Mahuta's supporters, who thought their horse had secured the verdict. Chatterer headed Mystification and Marguerite during the last furlong, and the Porirua mare was never nearer the front than fourth. Pas Seul, Submarine and The Lark were amongst the last to finish.

The Railway Handicap was another slashing race. The whole field were running abreast two chains from the judge's box. Lady Annie's rider then called upon his mount, and she came strongly on the outside and won by a length and a-half from Medal-