

his avidity for work and general courtesy to all who come into contact with him being household words at the Meadows and it is refreshing to know that all interested in this gentleman appreciate his efforts to give satisfaction.

San Fernando is in active commission again.

Mr R. Tait, the Hon. J. D. Ormond's manager at Te Hauke, is using as a hack, a half sister by Birkenhead to Hoity Toity a sweet stamp of a filly endowed with quality of a high grade. She is certain to prove more than ordinary when the period arrives for her to carry the colours.

**WANGANUI.**

WANGANUI, March 5.

Irish Rifle has been doing such good work on the local tracks that many are looking forward to his meeting with the cracks in the Jackson Stakes with great interest. Walter Raynor has the Musketry gelding in capital fettle, and it seems a pity that he was not engaged in some of the handicap events at the Wanganui Meeting.

I hear that the owners of Irish Rifle were approached the other day by someone anxious to purchase, but the price asked for the gelding (£400, I believe) was considered too much. However, such a brilliant customer only requires to keep sound to win a few good races yet.

It is stated that £600 was offered for Maniapoto, but the owner of the son of Soul would not part with the horse for that.

The Warrigate Jockey Club have received excellent nominations, I hear, for the various events at their annual meeting, to be held on the 22nd March.

Jimmy Peachey has three horses under his care in Wanganui now, viz., Mahoe, Belario, and Taramea, the latter a two-year-old by Mahaki out of Karaka (Mahoe's dam).

Dusky Morn failed to run into a place in the Newmarket Handicap, though many down this way liked his chance very much. In fact so much was he fancied that it can safely be said that an amount well over five figures would have come to Wanganui had Mr F. G. Moore's horse got home.

Though there was not the same amount of betting indulged in over the big boat race here last week, that has been recorded in many such races over in Australia, still there were several good winners here, and a deal of money has been left in Wanganui by Australian and other visitors over Webb's victory. What with the money spent in the town over the boat race and the amount which will be left behind by visitors to the races this week, it is doubtful if ever before so much has been circulated in a fortnight in Wanganui.

Given fine weather the Wanganui Jockey Club ought to score a big success with their Autumn Meeting, starting on (Thursday) and to be concluded on Saturday. The acceptances received are eminently satisfactory, and it is particularly pleasing to note that no fewer than 13 have been paid up for in the Wanganui Cup, whilst the Flying should be a slashing race, as there are 15 left therein. In both these events the class is really good, and some splendid racing is assured.

Since last meeting the Club have had a new members' and press stand erected, and a very fine structure it is. On the ground floor is situated the secretary's office, together with the weighing room, the handicapper's and the jockeys' room. On the first floor is the stewards' meeting room, leading out on to a balcony, the press room (also leading out on to the balcony from where a fine view of the races can be obtained). Then behind is another room for the stewards for luncheon, etc., with all conveniences. On the top floor is the members' room, also leading out on to a balcony, whilst on top is a turret or look-out station, from where the handicapper or stipendiary stewards (when such are appointed) can get an unobstructed view of the whole of the course. A number of new looseboxes have been built, and other improvements effected including the erection of birdcages for the horses. Altogether the club can now fairly claim that its appointments are equal to the best in New Zealand.

King's Birthday has had to be turned out for a lengthy spell. He struck himself some time ago, and though every care has been taken with the son of Sou-wester, the injury has led to his enforced retirement for the present. Mr E. G. Roddy, who has had the horse under lease, has just had a colt by Phaeton out of Splinter's dam taken up. The colt, which is only two years old, was bred by Mr Roddy himself, and should be able to gallop. The same owner has another likely looking colt by Nestor, which has not yet been handled.

Walter Raynor has a team of seven in his charge now. He had taken in hand recently a fine looking two-year-old full brother to Seaman.

**WELLINGTON.**

WELLINGTON, March 5.

The result of the Newmarket Handicap was looked forward to with considerable interest by numerous local sports, and the fact that amongst the runners this year there were several New Zealand bred horses whose form was familiar to followers of racing, in some measure tended to attract the attention of Maorilanders. Munjeet, however, appeared to be the only animal whose prospects of winning were seriously entertained, and the daughter of Stepniak received a moderate amount of support from local followers of form. Dusky Morn's newspaper reputation had apparently so intimidated the Commonwealth anti-post bettors, that when some intrepid followers of Mr Moore's gelding cabled for quotations, the Australian metallicians, anticipating another Solution, replied offering to lay absurd odds against Dusky Morn. Needless to add, no business resulted and the gelding's admirers have reason to thank more turf scribes who exaggerated his few moderate performances and thereby instigated the Australian layers to offer such prohibitive odds.

Past form and track work pointed to the Victorian horse Scotland as an animal that would be hard to beat in the big Flemington sprint event. The weight adjuster had thrown him in to the handicap with 8st 4lb (only one pound more than he awarded our hack racer Dusky Morn). Scotland's followers were in consequence not slow to step in and back him heavily. A local sport received advice from a leading member of the Australian ring that "should Scotland keep right he was sure to win the Newmarket." This information reached several Wellington backers with the result that Scotland was a very bad horse for local starting price men operating on Saturday last.

The Porirua trainer, J. Prosser, has left for Wanganui with Marguerite, Gold Crest, Swimming Belt, Taitoki, Kurawaka, and the hurdlers Maui and Atahua. All these horses are reported in excellent health and should play a prominent part in the events for which they claim engagements.

W. Davis's pair Ballara and Yosami have been brushed along during the week and have also left for Wanganui.

A Sydney metallician, who assisted at the recent Dunedin race meeting refers somewhat disparagingly to the "canny Scotchmen" he met on the Wingatui racecourse. According to him they stood and stared at the layers like people viewing monkeys at the zoo; but it apparently never entered their heads to ask the odds or make a bet with the licensed book-makers.

Metallicians operating at Dunedin got hit up pretty badly over the victory of Armamento in the Cup. His owners, a couple of layers, took all the odds on offer. That they won a fair stake is evident from the fact that when Armamento subsequently finished amongst the also starters on the concluding day, his party did not even trouble to ask for quotations. Probably they won enough over the Cup.

Apparently the prohibitive license fee imposed by the Woodville Racing Club was resented by the metallicians with the result that co-operation was resorted to, and a syndicate appointed to do business on the Commonwealth basis. It is reported that upwards of £250 was divided after the close of the meeting amongst those who pooled.

The President of the Wellington Racing Club, Mr J. B. Harcourt, leaves for Europe shortly. His Wellington friends

met at Trentham on Saturday last and entertained him at a "send off" lunch. Mr Harcourt will be absent for seven or eight months.

**NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS AND ACCEPTANCES.**

**HANDICAPS.**

**NAPIER PARK RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.**

MARCH 17 AND 18.

OMARANUI HACK HURDLE ARCE, one mile and three-quarters. — Taura 11.0, Reservoir 10.4, Atahua 10.3, Matakokiri 10.2, Papatawa 9.13, Te Kainui 9.9, Commander 9.8, Concussion 9.6, The Clipper 9.4, Land-o-Nod 9.3, Cavalcade 9.0, Bushranger 9.0, Haurangi 9.0, Boadicea 9.0.

ESK HANDICAP, five furlongs. — Gold Thread 9.0, The Squatter 8.8, North Head 8.7, Dan Leno 8.5, Wharekura 8.3, Ikon 7.13, Hydraulic 7.6, Sand Stream 7.5, Yosami 7.4, Maiora 6.13, Niwaru 6.13, Wonderbohm 6.12, Waihuka 6.9, Robin Link 6.9, Papuke 6.7, Ngahere 6.7, Mistletoe 6.7, Spark 6.7.

NAPIER CARNIVAL CUP, One mile and a quarter. — Gold Crest 9.0, Marguerite 8.12, King Billy 8.5, Mystification 8.2, Tangimoana 8.1, Hipporofa 8.0, Douche 7.11, Sir Tristram 7.9, Loiret 7.9, Downfall 7.8, Chatterer 7.7, Aeolus 7.7, Uenuku 7.7, Aberration 7.5, King's Lynn 7.3, Splendid Idea 7.2, Kurawaka 7.0, Arc Light 6.10, Chicane 6.10, Kairoma 6.9, Oasis 6.7.

WELTER HANDICAP, seven furlongs. — Gazeley 10.13, Hipporofa 10.12, Aeolus 10.6, Martyrium 9.13, Pantaloon 9.0, Pretty Maid 8.13, Prize Bloom 8.10, Oakburne 8.9, Lord Bobs 8.7, Olympus 8.7, Fairland 8.7.

SAPLING STAKES HANDICAP, five furlongs. — Aborigine 8.13, Chanteuse 8.3, Kautuku 8.0, Chantress 7.8, No Trumps 7.7, Contendant 7.6, Gold Lace 7.4, Berengaria 7.4, Splash 7.0, Lady Menschikoff 6.12, Steady 6.9, Remission 6.9.

REDCLIFFE HACK WELTER HANDICAP, six furlongs. — Dan Leno 9.9, White Lie 9.5, Waikaraka 9.4, Bluebell 9.0, Sand Stream 8.10, Ruabon 8.9, Maku 8.8, Anceyle 8.8, North Pole 8.6, Goldfield 8.6, Lansdorff 8.6, Seaton Dale 8.5, Wonderbohm 8.4, Crackpot 8.4, Rose Lethe 8.3, Waihuka 8.3, Robin Link 8.2, Lord Bobs 8.2, Osiris 8.0, Turque 8.0, Mistletoe 8.0, My Darling 8.0, Blackwater 8.0, San Jose 8.0.

FLYING HANDICAP, six furlongs. — King Billy 9.0, Moriarty 8.8, Ballarat 8.6, Contender 8.3, Oton 7.13, Splendid Idea 7.10, Tarina 7.9, Finery 7.8, Chicane 7.2, Chrysopraxe 7.2, Martyrium 7.0, San Fernando 6.13, Gold Thread 6.12, Taitoka 6.12, Maid of Astolat 6.7, Chamois 6.7.

**ACCEPTANCES.**

**WAIHI JOCKEY CLUB'S RACES.**

MARCH 7.

BOROUGH HANDICAP. — Manapouri 9.0, Waihou 8.8, Foremost 8.4, Royal Soul 8.4, Dardanus 7.12, Leonette 7.4, Field Marshal 7.4, Frontino 7.3, Keep Step 6.10.

WAIHI CUP. — Hautapu 8.5, Pukenui 7.8, Yolette 7.8, Dardanus 7.3, Aristocrat 7.3, Stepey 6.10.

PUBLICANS' PURSE. — Hikuai 9.10, Waihou 8.7, Miss Crispin 8.3, Alba Rose 8.3, Waiotahi 7.8, Azoff 7.5, Memo 7.2, Waihoihoi 6.13, Waihekerua 6.13, Rosewood 6.12, Keep Step 6.12.

HURDLES. — Tui 10.12, Yolette 10.9, Pukenui 10.4, Tarakihi 10.0, Anna Lombard 10.0, Pukekohe 9.5, Streamer 9.0.

MAIDEN HANDICAP. — Rosavere 9.3, Freebird 9.0, Royal Soul 8.10, Nulla Nulla 8.6, Pukekohe 8.6, Waiotahi 7.13, Lord Crispin 7.9, Cyreniac 7.8, Kaitangata 7.6, Waihoihoi 7.6, Rosewood 7.5, Lady Aroha 7.3, Hard Rock 7.3, Silvermere 7.2, Agincourt 7.0, Miss Dawson 7.0, Streamer 7.0, Sporting Life 7.0, Fremantle 7.0, Banshee 7.0.

MEMORIAL STAKES. — Manapouri 8.7, Hautapu 8.3, Foremost 7.13, Pukenui 7.9, Dardanus 7.9, Aristocrat 7.5, Leonette 6.12, Stepey 6.12, Miss Dawson 6.10.

COUNTY HACK HANDICAP. — Rosavere 9.2, Freebird 8.12, Royal Soul 8.9, Tui 8.8, Anna Lombard 8.6, Nulla Nulla 8.6, Field Marshal 7.12, Waiotahi 7.12, Azoff 7.10, Kaitangata 7.4, Lady Aroha 7.4, Hard Rock 7.3, Minna 7.2, Dainty 7.0.

FLYING HANDICAP. — Hikuai 9.8, Waihou 8.6, Alba Rose 8.2, Miss Crispin 8.0, Confide 7.13, Dardanus 7.10, Memo 6.13, Cyreniac 6.13, Sporting Life 6.10, Keep Step 6.10, Banshee 6.10.

**WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.**

WANGANUI CUP (one mile and three-quarters). — Zimmerman 9.4, Master Delaval 8.1, Maniapoto 8.10, Marguerite 8.8, Gold Crest 8.5, Moloch 7.13, The Lark 7.12, Tangimoana 7.12, Waitapu 7.6, Nova 6.10, Signor 6.9, Saga 6.9, Uhlendo 6.8.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP (one mile). — Mahuta 9.0, Armistice 8.9, Waipaku 7.6, Dear Dolly 6.13, Gleam 6.10.

WIRITOA HACK HANDICAP (one mile). — Moscow 9.1, Wee Trinket 9.0, Belario 8.5, Daisy Paul 8.5, Carissima 8.5, Yosami 7.9, Somali 7.9, Mallet 7.3, Anemone 7.2, Moose 7.0, Lingerer 7.0, Te Kuiti 7.0, Watershed 7.0.

JUVENILE HANDICAP (six furlongs). — Bunyan 9.0, Taitoko 8.5, Vasa 7.3, Prism 7.3, Gold Lace 6.11, Lady Menschikoff 6.9.

PETRE HACK HANDICAP (six furlongs). — Kareroa 8.13, Carissima 8.7, Waikaraka 8.6, Yosami 7.12, Miss Vera 7.6, Contour 7.4, Mania 7.0, Alpigene 7.0.

TAYFORTH HACK HURDLES (about one mile and three-quarters). — Claremont 11.8, Xavier 10.12, Immolation 10.12, Star Rose 10.2, Aorangi 10.2, Atahua 10.0, Bagatelle 9.13, English 9.0, Cloudy Morn 9.0, Waterworks 9.0.

JACKSON STAKES (six furlongs). — Irish Rifle 8.11, Helen Portland 8.11, Carissima 8.11, Bunyan 8.8, Glenculoch 8.8, Millionaire 7.2, Gravitation 7.2, 6.7.

WESTMERE HURDLES (about two miles). — Cachua 10.9, Maui 10.7, Moe-raki 10.4, Pantaloon 9.10, Cassiopea 9.0. FLYING HANDICAP (six furlongs). — Gold Crest 9.4, Full Rate 8.8, Ballarat 8.3, Mootoa 7.12, Kitchenmaid 7.10, Splendid Idea 7.8, Kairoma 7.7, Helen Portland 7.7, Swimming Belt 7.6, Cyrene 6.12, Gold Thread 6.11, Rangipapa 6.10, Waihuka 6.10, Toa Tuhi 6.9, Mon Ami

**TURF RESULTS.**

**THE TURF IN AUSTRALIA.**

**THE V.R.C. AUTUMN MEETING.**

The following are the results of the principal events of the V.R.C. Autumn Meeting:—

THE ST. LEGER STAKES, a sweepstake of 20 sovs each, with 500 sovs added; the owner of the second horse to receive 100 sovs, and the owner of the third 50 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds; colts or geldings, 8st 10lb; fillies, 8st 7lb. One mile and three-quarters.

Mr. J. McDonald's ch c Mountain King, by Wallace—Bonnie Rosette 1  
Hon. A. Wynne's br c Peru, by Grafton—Silvercoin 2  
Mr. C. L. McDonald's br f Lady Rylstone, by Grafton, Lady Trenton 3  
Won by four lengths from Peru, who was six lengths in front of Lady Rylstone. Time, 3m, 6 3/4s.

THE NEWMARKET HANDICAP, a sweepstake of 25 sovs each, with 1000 sovs added; the owner of the second horse to receive 200 sovs, and the owner of the third 100 sovs out of the stake. Six furlongs.

Mr. J. Brennan's b h Scotland, 5yrs, by Wallace—Key, 8st 4lb (Hood) 1  
Mr. W. Kennedy's br g Grenadier, 5yrs, by Soult—Hotcherina, 7st 12lb (King) 2  
Mr. W. Filgate's br g Akim Foo, 4yrs, by Bobadil—Alice, 6st 7lb (Bolton) 3

Also ran: Collarit, 9st 10lb; Antonio, 9st 6lb; North Head, 9st; Step Out, 9st; Melodrama, 8st 13lb; Munjeet, 8st 13lb; Ebullition, 8st 13lb; True Scot, 8st 10lb; Traquair, 8st 8lb; Decollette, 8st 6lb; Knox, 8st 4lb; Tangaroa, 8st 4lb; Dusky Morn, 8st 3lb; Miss Bobby, 8st 3lb; Master Foote, 8st 2lb; Curtain Lecture, 7st 9lb; Bright Steel, 7st 8lb (including 10lb penalty); Lord Carlyon, 7st 8lb; Lord Cecil, 7st 4lb; Captain Shannon, 7st 2lb; Fille Fogi, 7st 1lb; Verence, 6st 12lb; Currandolee, 6st 12lb; Munus, 6st 12lb; Send Off, 6st 11lb; Sokinsha, 6st 9lb; Medaglia, 6st 9lb.

Won by two lengths; three-quarters of a length between second and third. Time 1m 14 3/4s.

V.R.C. SIRES' PRODUCE STAKES, a sweepstake of 15 sovs each, with 400 sovs added and 140 sovs subscribed by owners of sires; the owner of the second horse to receive 80 sovs and the owner of the third 40 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds; colts, 8st 10lb; fillies, 8st 7lb. Geldings' allowance as per rule at time of running. Six furlongs.

Mr. J. V. Smith's ch f Mother Goose, by Wallace—Morisca 1  
Messrs. R. Armstrong and C. Quinn's ch c The Brewer, by Malster—Idalla 2  
Mr. E. E. D. Clarke's b f Kuban, by Bobadil—The Geisha 3  
Barley Brew also started.  
Won by a head.

THE ESSENDON STAKES, a sweepstake of 10 sovs each, with 550 sovs added; the owner of the second horse to receive 110 sovs and the owner of the third 55 sovs out of the stake. Weight-for-age. One mile and a-half.

R.R.S.'s b h Apologue, 5 yrs, by Phoebus Apollo—Miss Gladys, 9st 3lb 1  
Mr. J. McLaurin's br h Tulkeroo, 5 yrs, by Simmer—Myall Queen, 9st 3lb 2  
Mr. W. Murray's b h Booran, 4yrs, by Grafton—Melema, 9st 3  
Thackeray, 9st 3lb, and Lady Diffidence, 7st 12lb, also ran.

Won by four lengths. Time, 2min, 37 1/2sec. (run in rain).



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