

that they are not being treated fairly, when they will again assert their authority over the club officials. If riders went on strike at Randwick, Flemington or Ellerslie, and thus broke their engagements with the owners, the result would be easily foretold—they might possibly find that on next licensing day the club failed to recognise them, or they might be disqualified, thus their riding career would be brought to a conclusion. Race officials have to be very firm if they are to rule racing. If jockeys are to have their way, then the sooner the gates are closed the better for everyone.

PROGRAMME FOR THE SPECIAL "FLEET WEEK" RACE MEETING.

The programme for the special race meeting to be given at Ellerslie during the visit to Auckland of the American battleships was decided on at a committee meeting last night. Six events will be run, these being the Welcome Hurdle Race of 125sovs, one mile and a-half; the Admirals' Handicap of 110sovs, five furlongs; the Roosevelt Handicap of 300sovs, one mile; the Sperry Steeplechase of 250 sovs, three miles; the Connecticut Steeplechase (for Hunters) of 150 sovs, two and a-half miles; and the Fleet Handicap of 200sovs, five furlongs. This is a capital programme, and reflects great credit on the committee which compiled it, and it should draw plenty of entries. Mr. O'Connor will act as starter, Mr. Lusk as judge, while Mr. R. Wynyard will do the handicapping. Bookmakers will be charged a fee of £20 for licenses to bet, with 10s for a clerk. Mr. King will do the catering, and the usual bar licenses will be obtained. Particulars as to time of closing entries, etc., will be given in our next issue. The first step has thus been taken in what should prove a highly successful meeting, and one which our visitors should much enjoy.

THE FISHERMAN BLOOD.

The win of Glacis, a Carbine horse, and of Victrix, a filly by The Victory, may do something to restore the prestige of Australian sires in England, but, after all, there is not much merit in either win, as Glacis was in at 6st 11lb, though a four-year-old, and Victrix had a 10lb allowance, being the progeny of a sire standing at less than 10 guineas. The Victory, a Melbourne Cup winner, stands at the Straffan Station Stud, Ireland, a small stud belonging to a private gentleman, who has been remarkably successful with the stallion Forunio and a few good mares. The Victory was sent to this stud by his owners, Messrs. Clarke and Robinson, in the hope that he would be well patronised as a descendant of the mighty Fisherman. However, the name of Fisherman evidently does not appeal to them very much in England, and The Victory attracted no attention whatever from breeders. At the same time, Mr. Kennedy, the owner of the stud, wrote to an Australian friend recently that, with the constant in-breeding of St. Simon, and Isonomy, and Bend Or blood, it would be absolutely necessary soon to go to some of the old-fashioned lines for an out-cross, so as to restore the stamina, temper, and staying power of the stock. For this reason he was sending some good mares to The Victory, in the hope of getting something in the way of a good mare to use with his own stallions.

RISING TWO-YEAR-OLDS AT ELLERSLIE.

The following is an interesting list of the rising two-year-olds at Ellerslie, and the trainers under whose charge they are:—

- F. Macmanemin: Colt, by Soult—Lottie; colt, by Soult—Castorline; colt, by Eton—Lute; filly, by Seaton Delaval—Lady Eveline; filly, by Eton—Irma; and filly, by Soult—Curacoa.
- D. Moraghan: Colt, by Soult—Dreamland; gelding, by Kilcheran—Spun Gold; filly, by Soult—Miss Annie; filly, by Eton—Kitiroa.
- F. Hill: Colt, by Eton—Saga; colt, by Cuirassier—Dorothy.
- K. Heaton: Gelding, by Explosion—Bother.
- N. Cunningham: Colt, by Soult—Helen McGregor.
- W. Gall: Gelding, by Soult—St. Edith.
- C. Coleman: Filly, by Soult—Caller Ou.
- H. Thompson: Colt, by Soult—Lady Emmeline.
- A. Robertson: Filly, by Soult—Winsome.
- D. Bannatyne: Filly, by Seaton Delaval—Antelope.

NOTES.

(By The Judge.)

The V.R.C. Grand National Hurdle Race takes place on July 4 and the Steeplechase on July 11.

That very smart pony Mighty Atom was shipped to Sydney on Monday, and he will probably be sent for "the Richmond Thousand," which takes place on July 6. This is the richest prize ever offered for galloways. By the same steamer the pony Ngakapa and the two-year-old Glenvar were also sent across to the Commonwealth.

The result of the Ascot Gold Cup was cabled during the week, the winner proving to be Mr. W. R. Wyndham's bay horse The White Knight, who, it may be remembered, was given the race last year after a successful appeal against the French crack Elder.

The North N.Z. Coursing Club will hold a meeting at Otahuhu on Saturday and Wednesday next, when some good sport is promised.

The Hon. George McLean has purchased the St. Simon horse Sarto, a brother to the Oaks winner La Roche, and on arrival he will take up stud duties at Dunedin.

Among the lots included in the original list of horses to be sold at the Yaldhurst auction was the young English stallion Charlemagne II., by St. Simon—Perfect Dream. This horse, which was purchased in England last year, was owned in partnership by the late Mr. Stead and Mr. J. B. Reid, and as Mr. Reid has agreed to purchase the interest of Mr. Stead's trustees the horse has been withdrawn from sale.

From Randwick comes a good word concerning Achilles' absurdly-named two-year-old brother Achilbean, who is said to be very promising.

It is reported that Mr. Donald McLead's colt Tamainupo will leave for Sydney early next month.

Nominations for the Grand National Steeplechase, Beaufort Steeplechase, Lincoln Steeplechase, Grand National Hurdle Race, Sydenham Hurdles, and Winter Cup, to be run at the C.J.C. Winter Meeting, close to-morrow.

Curacoa's rising two-year-old daughter by Soult has been named Wild Girl.

Nightfall made a sorry exhibition of herself in the City and Suburban. With 7st 6lb she finished last but one. La Notte's son and daughter, Noctiform and Nightfall, have been arrant failures in England, yet out here they were really brilliant.

The V.R.C. intends holding a special meeting at Flemington on September 2 in honour of the visit of the United States fleet.

Mr. H. O. Nolan, the well-known Auckland auctioneer, sailed for Sydney by the Moana on Monday.

Mr. "Dolf" Davis left Auckland on Tuesday by the Atua for a trip to the South Sea Islands.

Mr. G. W. S. Paterson, well known in racing circles, returned from a trip to the East by the Mokoia on Monday.

I notice a well-known local turf scribe states that the Messrs. Duder Bros.' filly by Soult—Queen Anne has been named Le Reine. I was under the impression that the name La Reine had been refused, as there is a mare at the stud of that name, and that Regina had been substituted. Le Reine cannot be correct. The filly is a little beauty, and is evidently a believer in the milk diet, as she drinks quarts a day. It is to be hoped the youngster's mishap is not a serious one.

The Wellington Racing Club's winter meeting will take place on July 18, 22, and 25. The entries are very good, and a big success is foretold.

The annual football match between the North and South Islands took place yesterday at Wellington in showery weather, the ground being very heavy as the result of the previous night's rain. After a good game the Northerners proved victorious by 12 points to 5.

The stables formerly occupied by the late George Wright are now occupied by D. Bannatyne, who, among others, has in his charge Antelope's youngster by Seaton Delaval.

The Gisborne Racing Club's Steeplechase Meeting will take place on July 9 and 10. The handicaps for the first day's events will be found in another column.

Mountain King's early backers for the Melbourne Cup have lost their money. He was not entered.

Gold Crest has been given the crusher of 9st 7lb in the Epsom Handicap. Evidently the son of Gold Reef is not wanted at Randwick.

Post Haste, who won the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase, is an aged brown gelding by Sou'-wester from Progress, and belongs to Mr. H. Hassall. It is said of F. Greyland, who rode him, that it was only his second attempt over country, the first having been also successful on the same gelding.

Mr. W. Lyons, accompanied by his daughter, left for Sydney by the Moana on Monday last.

The weights allotted the New Zealanders in the two big handicaps at the A.J.C. spring meeting are as follows:—Epsom Handicap: Gold Crest 9st 7lb (top weight), Frisco 8st 9lb, Cross Battery 8st 7lb, Apa 7st 13lb, Sea King 7st 13lb, Soultline 7st 12lb, Golden Slipper 7st 12lb, Maranui 7st 11lb, Rose Noble 7st 7lb, Tamainupo 7st 7lb, Nobel 7st, Idyll 6st 12lb. In the Metropolitan Stakes Poseidon (9st 13lb) is top weight. The New Zealand-owned horses are weighted as follows:—Frisco 8st 9lb, Cross Battery 8st 2lb, Apa 7st 12lb, Sea King 7st 10lb, Maranui 7st 9lb, Soultline 7st 7lb, Ringdove 7st, Nobel 6st 11lb.

At the Hawke's Bay meeting last week the sum of £12,549 was put through the totalisator as against £15,318 last year. Bookmakers' fees compensated for the loss of revenue.

Pierre's win in the June Steeplechase was brought about by an exhibition of dogged gameness on the part of the little son of Muskapeer, who in a desperate finish beat the favourite (Faro) by a neck.

According to the "Horseman" the Russians have made an unsuccessful attempt to purchase the champion American trotting mare, Nancy Hanks, who has a record of 2.04. In declining the offer Joseph Madden is reported to have said:—"Her tombstone on our farm would be worth more than we paid for her."

When the death of that good filly Malt Queen was announced from Muswellbrook on June 6 it was said that the animal had died from lock-jaw (asys the "Town and Country Journal.")¹ As the filly had always been well looked after, Mr James Brennan, who presented her to his son, was not altogether satisfied, and in order to be convinced had a post-mortem examination made. The internal organs were brought to Sydney, and on examination it was discovered that death had been due to poisoning. The organs were all found to be in a perfect healthy state, and save for the traces of poison found in the stomach, there was nothing to indicate the cause of death. Whether Malt Queen ate a poisonous herb, or picked up some poison that might have been laid, is a mystery.

One of the "lucky purchases" in England last year was a steeplechaser named Atrato, for whom Mr J. Wynford Phillipps gave 310gs. At Sandown Park on the 2nd of last month Atrato, with 12.3, won the Grand International Handicap Steeplechase, of £325, this being his ninth successive victory. His stake-earnings total £2179, and in each of his nine races he started at a fair price.

The entry of 221 for the V.R.C. Derby of 1909, was regarded as a big one, but it it was exceeded in the case of the A.J.C. Derby, to be run in the same year, the total reaching 239. The V.R.C. event has 2000 sovs, and the A.J.C. event 3000 sovs, added.

After a great fight the anti-gambling section of the New York State Parliament have decided that there shall be no gambling on the race tracks. The motion was carried by the casting vote of a dying Senator, who was carried into the House to record his vote. By this means they have made betting on the race tracks punishable by imprisonment.

INTER-PROVINCIAL.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY.

CHRISTCHURCH, June 24.

The Trustees of the late Mr. G. G. Stead have sold their interest in the stallion Charlemagne II. to Mr J. B. Reid, who previously held half interest in the son of St. Simon.

Mr J. C. N. Greigg, who purchased Bay Lubin a few weeks back, in tends to use the son of Lupin as a hunter, and will race him in hunters' events. Bay Lubin is quite a young horse and has already shown pace in flat races. He should make a good jumper.

L. H. Hewitt has been doing a lot of riding at the big spring meetings in England. He has had mounts on Mr W. Hall-Walker's horses, besides those of several other prominent owners. Hewitt's riding is more highly thought of to-day by English writers than it was a year ago.

Farley Grove and Southern Cross had a spin over the steeplechase country on Saturday, both showing that they can get over big fences safely.

Stronghold, Tessera, Virtus and Shimmer have each been given some solid work over hurdles. Stronghold is jumping better than he did a couple season back, but I want to see him get through plenty of strong schooling work before classing him as reliable over hurdles.

Lupulite is expected to arrive at Riccarton shortly.

Interpreter was withdrawn from the N.Z. Cup on June 17. He was one of Mr C. N. Grigg's nominations.

Eurus and Slow Tom have been entered for the Wellington Steeplechase. Eurus, Stronghold, Southern Cross, and Ability ore in the hurdle races, while Clanchatten, De Witte, Paragon, Medallist, Probable, Lady Disdain, Silk Web, Cavatina and Zetland are among the Canterbury horses figuring in the flat events.

There was quite a flutter of excitement in town on Thursday last when the news came through that The Seer was particularly dry goods for the Final Handicap at Hawke's Bay. Punters in the know tried hard to get money on and resorted to all sorts of tactics to get rid of their gold. The books however would not take any Seer money. They had fallen in too many times over the same horse and they were not slow in telling punters that they did not want to be taken down again. Those who got in early with commission money had a nice win, and can afford to go about with smiling faces for a few weeks.

Lull, Faro and The Seer were well backed for their engagements at Hawke's Bay. Those who worked the commissions, took fair sums from bookmakers, but the general body of backers did not get as much money on as they would have liked.

The South Canterbury Jockey Club has wound up the year with a credit balance of £808. This is the best year the club has had both from financial and racing points of view.

Mr W. Reynolds, the well-known trotting starter, has been appointed starter to the Geraldine Racing Club next season.

Golden Slipper, Nobel, Ringdove and Idyll, four horses to be sold at the Yaldhurst dispersal sale in August, have been nominated for the Melbourne Cup. The three first named are also engaged in the N.Z. Cup.

The double, Tilson and Paritutu, has already been extensively backed for the Grand National Steeplechase and Hurdle Race. This is early in the day to talk about National doubles, but nominations are now close to hand, and there are always backers about prepared to anticipate owners nowadays.

A few new-hat side wagers will be won and lost over the amount Multi-form, Boniform and Golden Slipper are likely to fetch at the big Yaldhurst sale. It is hard to find two men with the same opinion, but there is no doubt that the competition will be pretty keen for this select trio of thoroughbreds.

Medallist has been showing signs of lameness lately, but it is not ex-