

## SECOND DAY.

The meeting was continued on Wednesday afternoon, when there was a very fair attendance considering the very wet weather which had prevailed during the morning. It was found on arrival at the ground that a number of the hares had escaped from the enclosure, and it was therefore impossible to run all the trials. A commencement was made with the first round of the Sylvia All-aged Stake, Bally-e-Gren narrowly winning the opening course. There was also a close go between Black Nose and Garrycough, the former getting the verdict by a point. One of the best courses ever seen on the enclosure was that between Mikado and Glenore. There was a great hare which, after leading the dogs a lively dance all over the ground, got away, Mikado just winning by 13 to 11½.

In the first ties Blacknose led Bally-e-Gren to a racing hare, and won handily. Lady Rosette led Don, and, picking up very smartly, beat the white dog pointless.

In the second ties of the Railway Maiden Stakes Multiform narrowly beat Lord Ranfurly, and Lochnagar easily defeated Romany Lass. In the go between All Night and Glenloth, some dissatisfaction was expressed at the judge raising the red flag for the former, as from the stand it appeared that Glenloth had won by 3 points to nil. As a matter of fact in the run up he had not been on the line of his game at all, and, losing the points for the lead up, lost him the course. Heather Bell led and easily beat Ruth.

The results were as follows:—

**SYLVIA ALL-AGED STAKES.**  
Mr. Baker's Bally-e-Gren beat Mr. George's Prodigal, 4—3.  
Mr. J. Honies Blacknose beat Mr. Smith's Garrycough, 4½—3½.  
Mr. J. Harper's Don (an accidental bye, Gavotte withdrawn).  
Mr. P. Gordon's Mikado beat Mr. Barnes' Glenora, 13—11½.

**First Ties.**

Blacknose beat Bally-e-Gren, 3—1.  
Lady Rosette beat Don, 4—0.  
Mikado, a bye.

**RAILWAY MAIDEN STAKE.****Second Ties.**

Multiform beat Lord Ranfurly, 2—1.  
Lochnagar beat Romany Lass, 3—0.  
All Night beat Glenloth, 2—1.  
Heather Bell beat Ruth, 6½—3.  
Blue Boy, a bye.

The concluding trials will be run on Saturday afternoon, when the ground will be thrown open free of charge.

Mr. Brice continues to judge at most of the meetings in England, Mr. Dodd taking the others. The veteran E. Wilkinson still does the bulk of the slipping, although J. H. Skinner officiates at a few meetings.

After assisting at most of the big Southern fixtures, Mr. Martin Taylor, the well-known coursing enthusiast, got back to Auckland in time to attend Saturday's reunion of the North New Zealand Coursing Club.

Dr. Stopford, the newly-elected president of the Kennel Club, is giving a prize for the best greyhound in the coming dog show. As a rule entries in this class are poor, but this should induce owners to bench their dogs. The only drawback is that the show will probably take place during Fleet Week, when the Coursing Club will be probably holding a big meeting.

**INTER-PROVINCIAL.**

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

**CANTERBURY.****CHRISTCHURCH, July 1.**

Northern Chief, by Day Star, hailing from Taranaki way, recently purchased by Mr D. Rutherford, has arrived at Riccarton. The gelding is being trained by W. Clarke.

Catalogues giving full particulars of the Yaldhurst sale, on August 12, are now ready and are being eagerly snapped up from the auctioneers—Messrs Pyne and Coy.

Several horses have been schooled over hurdles and big country during the week. Whether it was due to the state of the going or some other causes, I cannot say, but there were far too many spills of older horses. Southern Cross fared worst. He was working in company with Grand Stand, but blundering badly at one of the early fences, came down heavily, giving his rider, G. J. Pine, a bad shaking. The horse is still showing signs of soreness as the result of the mishap.

**No. 18.—THE HON GEORGE McLEAN.**

The news that another St. Simon stallion has just arrived in the Dominion having been purchased by the Hon. George McLean focusses attention on the well-known Dunedin sportsman. He belongs to the older generation, having, indeed, exceeded the allotted span of "three score years and ten," but is yet well to the fore in racing matters in the South, although he has not favoured Ellerslie with a visit for a very long time. It is hardly necessary to say that he came originally from Bonnie Scotland, having been born in Elgin in 1834. At the age of eighteen he came out to Melbourne, where he joined the Oriental Bank. Promotion was more rapid in those bygone days, and in 1863 we find young McLean managing the Dunedin branch of the Bank of New Zealand. Political aspirations were not wanting, and he successfully contested the Waikouaiti seat, representing that constituency for many years. In Parliament his shrewd business ability was highly esteemed, and eventually Major Atkinson offered him the portfolio of Postmaster-General. Neither were his abilities overlooked in commercial life, for he became chairman of directors to the Union S.S.C., and chairman of the Colonial Bank, besides holding other appointments.

Mr. McLean's racing career goes back to the early eighties, when he ran a horse called Voltigeur. That good sportsman, Sir Hercules Robinson, was then Governor of New Zealand, and he went into partnership with Mr. McLean in a racing stud. Sir Hercules had raced horses in Australia, and by his advice Gitana, Lady Emma and Legerdmain were brought over from Australia. Gitana was a bay mare by Rapid Bay from the Yattendon mare Gipsy. After winning a few races she was put to the stud, but her three foals were of not much account. A better speculation was Lady Emma, a brown mare by Yattendon from My Fancy, by Blair Athol. She was a particularly smart mare, among her successes being the Great Autumn and Easter Handicaps of 1881, the Dunedin Cup, D.J.C. Handicap, and Forbury Handicaps of 1882, the Forbury Handicap of 1883, the Dunedin Cup, Provincial Handicap and D.J.C. Handicap of 1884. At the stud she produced a number of foals, the best of these proving to be Lord Rosslyn, who was got by St. Clair in 1893. Legerdmain was a bay mare by King Cole from the Daniel O'Rourke mare Skittle Sharper, and she won a race or two, but her stud contributions

Grand Stand got through his task in a satisfactory manner.

Storm, a recent arrival from Dunedin, is shaping well over steeplechase fences, and the other morning got through a couple of rounds without making a mistake.

Slimmer and Virtus have been jumping the hurdles and are showing some improvement, but they are only beginners with fair prospects.

Canton, who came to grief in one of the steeplechases at Wanganui, is back among the active brigade. His enforced retirement will throw him back a lot, but Mcracken hopes to get a race or two out of the gelding at the National Meeting.

Kelp and Farley Grove had a spin together over hurdles on Saturday. A solid pace was set from the start and the pair finished up their task after jumping six hurdles in good style.

At the annual meeting of the South Canterbury Jockey Club, reference was made to the fact that the Club had spent £2250 in improvements during the past five years. A resolution framing regulations under which bookmakers may ply their calling, and providing for exclusion of unlicensed bookmakers and undesirable persons was carried. The Club will spend £350 on improvements next season and increase its stakes by £200.

were not very remarkable. When Sir Hercules left the colony Mr. McLean continued to race on his own account, and has done so ever since.

About twenty-five years ago Mr. McLean founded the Warrington stud, at which many fine horses have first seen the light. Euroclydon, the New Zealand Cup winner of 1895, was one and that fine sprinter Blazer was another. One from the stud who knew how to gallop was Vladimir, as also was Pampero, winner of the Otago Cup of 1901 and the C.J.C. Easter Handicap, but the list is too lengthy to give them all.

The Zetland spots were always dangerous down Dunedin way, and a glance down the list of big events in the Southern capital shows that the squire of Warrington has placed most of them to his credit at one time or other. Thus he won the Dunedin Cup in 1884 with Lady Emma, in 1890 with St. James, and in 1897 with Lord Rosslyn. In 1884 he captured the D.J.C. Handicap with Lady Emma, winning again three years later with St. Clair, in 1897 with Lord Rosslyn, and in 1901 with Pampero. With the aid of St. Clair he carried off the Dunedin Birthday Handicap in 1888, taking it again in 1906 with Sychem. Twice he secured the Dunedin Champagne Stakes, once with Lady Evelyn in 1884, when I remember seeing Cotton pilot the brilliant daughter of Perkin Warbeck to victory, and once with Vladimir in 1902. The Dunedin Forbury Handicap has on two occasions fallen to the bearers of the Zetland spots, Lady Emma getting the verdict in 1883 and Apollodoris in 1906. The list of minor events which Mr. McLean's horses have taken are too numerous to mention.

A number of years ago Mr. McLean paid a visit to America, and while there effected the sale of Maxim to Mr. J. B. Haggin, the celebrated horse ranch owner of California. Maxim was a great stud success in the States, siring winners of some of the biggest events run in the land of the multi-millionaire.

Mr. McLean's latest importation from the Old Country is Sarto, a son of the great St. Simon from Miss Mildred, by Melton from Merino, by Young Melbourne from Braxy, by Moss Trooper. He has won over all kinds of country himself, and with such unimpeachable breeding should be a valuable addition to the bloodstock in the South. In wishing the president of the Dunedin Jockey Club good luck with his new purchase, I can only express regret that the Zetland spots are not seen at Ellerslie. Assuredly they and their straight-going owner would be warmly welcomed.

The Ashburton Racing Club has wound up the year very satisfactorily. £2000 has been spent on improvements in eighteen months. Last season stakes had been increased by £285.

The Winter Cup this year has attracted sixty-nine nominations, including several N.Z. Cup candidates. Quality is well represented, and the field is sure to be a large one.

Contrary to expectations the Grand National Steeplechase has filled well, there being twenty-eight nominations as against twenty-four last year.

The Grand National Hurdle Race entries show a falling off of twenty-two as compared with last year. All the hurdle races have drawn a smaller entry than last year; but the flat events promise to show an all-round increase in the size of the fields.

Rosemorn, the winner of the South Canterbury Point to Point Steeplechase, is in the sale list, as also are Cannie Chiel and Clanchattan.

The Clanranald mare Teshera, is shaping well in her essays over hurdles. So far she has not made many mistakes.

Mr Wilfred G. Stead, the eldest son of the late G. G. Stead, will in future, use the well-known colours—yellow jacket and black cap.

The connections of Cross Battery and Sea King consider both these horses badly treated in their A.J.C. engagements.

**HAWKE'S BAY.****NAPIER, July 1.**

Waikaraka has been turned out.

Sir Single, a half-brother to Gold Seal, by Sir Lancelot, has been handed over by Mr. S. Beatson to T. Wilson for a course of studies. Sir Single is without doubt one of the finest of his sire's productions, and if his pace and determination is in keeping with his good looks a prosperous time is ahead of the intended bearer of the bird's-eye jacket and scarlet cap.

Asteroid has quitted the post for the paddock, and her future address will be the brood mares' paddock.

Mr. H. H. Pharazyn owns a half-brother by Merrimee to Fretwork. I refer to Comedian, a gelding whom I have always thought would make a real good hurdle horse if ever he does take on the business. There is not much appertaining to the leaping game that his trainer, W. Stone, does not know about. Stone, it will doubtless be remembered, used to pilot Hopeful for the Hon. J. D. Ormond, when that horse was successfully carrying the all-cerise in hurdle events.

When T. O'Brien returned to the paddock after steering Full Cry in the Waiohiki Hack Hurdles last Thursday he met with a great rally from his brother professionals, some of them remarking that they were glad to see him back again all serene, others ejaculating, "I suppose you are glad it is all over?" Probably they fancied that O'Brien was having his first leg up in an obstacle race. Such an idea was, however, fallacious, for he made his debut over the battens on the other coast of this island.

A. (Paddy) Raynor is handling the San Fran—Alo youngster, who is proving an amenable scholar.

Ballie is under orders to leave for Gisborne on Friday night.

Mr. C. O'Donoghue was not present at the Park on Thursday to see his horse, Top Rose, settle the opposition, a severe attack of quinsy confining him to bed.

Previous to starting at the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's Meeting, Mr. F. Armstrong purchased Hinupai. There was a proviso attached to the deal, and that was that he was to run in the interests of Mrs. A. G. Palmer through the two local meetings. Hinupai will in the future be used as a ladies' hack.

Judging from what the president of the club has told me, pressmen will have room to attend to their duties when future fixtures of the Napier Park R.C. takes place. It is quite time something was done in the matter of keeping the press room and stand available only for those whose work requires them to use them. On several occasions last week it was absolutely impossible for several of the scribes to see anything of the events owing to the front of the stand being packed with people who had no right whatever to the positions they had taken up.

White Lie coughed very badly after she had finished up in both of her races last week, and it did not seem at all humane to ask her to carry silk in the condition in which she was. That she is game there is no denying, struggling on the way she did when not herself by any means.

Separator has joined J. Quinlivan's band of workers, who are now domiciled in J. Griffith's stables.

J. Webster, Mr. H. H. Galsford's private trainer, has just broken in a four-year-old gelded son of Captain Webb and Miss Irwell.

The other day I noticed Replete, a four-year-old daughter of Jet D'Eau and Countess, being used as a ladies' hack.

**WELLINGTON.****WELLINGTON, June 30.**

P. Keith, a trainer well known on the West Coast of the North Island, has taken stables at Trentham, and will throw in his lot with public trainers. "Mr A. Liskirk" has placed King Post and Hiro in Keith's hands, and the pair will race under his mentorship at the W.R.C. Meeting.

The Trentham training tracks are reported in really fine order, and visitors to the W.R.C. winter meeting can rely upon their horses having every facility afforded them in the way of convenience for training.

With the exception of C. Pritchard the whole of the trainers who have in the past used the old Hutt Park course for training purposes are now settled at Trentham. Amongst them they have quite a number of pretty and commodious establishments.

Arrangements have been come to whereby the train service halts at the racecourse when required. This has proved a great convenience to those residing in the neighbourhood of the course. When the Hutt railway line