

There are only four Canterbury horses, Ability, Stronghold, Southern Cross and Virtus, in the Grand National Hurdle Race.

OTAGO.

DUNEDIN, July 22.

Albury has qualified with the Birchwood hounds, so will be competent to participate in hunters' events at the coming Grand National Meeting.

Notus and Lord Roslyn were shipped on Saturday by the Warrimmo en route to Melbourne.

Sarto, full brother to Laroche, who won the Oaks and several other good races in the colours of the Duke of Portland, has arrived in the colony.

J. Jepps' clever pony Wilkie is to go to Christchurch in charge of E. McEwen.

Lupulite was allowed to drop out of the Wellington engagements although accommodation had been booked at Trentham. Lupulite, Stormount and Albury leave for Riccarton on Monday next, 27th inst. They are all well, and Lupulite has improved considerably since he ran at Wingatui last month.

Mr Peter Miller, our representative at the Racing Conference at Wellington, expects to reach there by Wednesday morning's boat.

Gourley makes no secret of the fact that he thinks he has a chance with Stormount in the Grand National Hurdles. Stormount is in real good fettle and jumps faultlessly.

A short time ago Mr M. Phelan purchased at auction a three-year-old colt by Clanranald from Merrygo Round for which he paid 27 guineas. He has effected a very great improvement in him and the colt promises to become good property. Already a century has been offered for him.

The Corporation of Dunedin have not yet decided what they purpose doing with the old Forbury racecourse. Buy it or not is the question. The matter has been referred back to the sub-committee on the casting vote of the Mayor for further consideration.

HAWKE'S BAY.

NAPIER, July 22.

Baltic was out qualifying with the Hawke's Bay hounds on Saturday. It is his owner's intention to have a go with Crackshot's son in the winter events which figure on the programme of the Marton Jockey Club's spring venture.

Mr J. C. McVay left by the mail train this morning to attend to his club's interests as county delegate in connection with the Racing Conference.

Rawhiti, the half brother by Douglas to Post Haste, is now domiciled in the Pohui district. The gelding has been taken up there so that he can qualify for the district events in connection with the annual meeting of the Pohui Racing Club.

Last week D. O'Meara sent down a two-year-old filly by San Fran out of Black Ella for the purpose of having her put through her facings. The youngster, who puts one very much in mind of Tangimoana at the same age, is O'Meara's own property, and there is no doubt that his many

friends through the island will wish him all sorts of good luck with the filly.

Mr. F. Martin has leased San Fernando to Mr. W. Smart, of Wellington, a patron of F. Higgott's stable. It was indeed hard luck for McLaughlin to lose the chestnut just as he had got him showing decent form and when there was a probability that he could recoup him for the attention and care that he has been bestowing upon him for months past. Still, in the game another's bad luck is someone else's good fortune.

Aroha is not being asked to exert himself to any great extent since his return from Gisborne. It is intended he will next carry silk at the spring fixture of the Marton Jockey Club.

The annual general meeting of the Petane Racing Club was held on Saturday, Mr. A. McCormick, jun., presiding. The balance-sheet showed the club is in a good financial position. A general meeting of the members of the club will be held at Petane on August 8 for the purpose of electing officers of the club.

When Mr. Davies, the Wellington trainer, christened Landwern (Stepniak—Leda), he thought he was calling him after the name of the place he was born at in Wales. When it was pointed out to Davies that his spelling was wrong, as usual with him when arguments get going he hit out and said, "Well, if it is wrong it is good enough, and the spelling of the colt's name will not stop him from winning," and also added, "If Leda has another colt I will call him the correct name, and spell it right, too." Later on she produced a colt to Pilgrim's Progress, which was christened Llanwern, the youngster running second to the Advance filly Effort in the Trial Plate at Trentham last Saturday.

The successful combination in the Parliamentary Handicap and Winter Hurdles (Sir Frisco and Compass) were backed to win a century by a well-known Hastings sport.

Pronun's victory in the Te Aro Hack Handicap at Trentham on Saturday rewarded Allan White for the time and patience he has expended on the son of Procrastinator and Wandering Nun. As can be observed, Pronun takes his name from the first portion of his sire's appellation and the latter part of his dam's name. Writing about Pronun brings to my mind the fact that I supplied the name for his sire. The late Mr. H. Rathbone wrote to me when he was casting about for a cognomen for the son of Seaton Delaval and Taihoa, and asked what name I would choose for him, also informing me that as he intended to keep him entire he would like, if possible, a good-sounding and applicable appellation. When I suggested Procrastinator the deceased Waipawa owner considered it filled the bill to a nicety, and adopted the name.

WANGANUI.

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The annual point to point steeplechases under the auspices of the Rangitikei Hunt Club were held on Saturday afternoon on the properties of Messrs Price and Mine, six or seven

miles from Marton. The gathering was a most successful one, some excellent sport being provided. There were many falls, but no serious injuries were sustained, the most severe being a fractured collarbone. Miss Smith's Griselda won the Welter Weights (13.7) event, Mr J. McLean's Myrtle being second, and Westward third. Two others ran. Won easily. The Light Weights (11.7) was won by Maid Marion, Whipcord being second, and Blue Streak third. There were five other starters. Six started in the Members' Steeplechase, four out of the number coming to grief at one fence. They fell all of a heap, but fortunately no one was seriously hurt, and all got going again. H. J. Cameron's Kauroa finished first, with Pakapoo second, but the race was awarded to Sylvia, the only one to properly complete the course. The Farmers' Plate fell to Slogger, with Howitzer second, and Knick Knack third.

At the annual meeting of the Feilding Racing Club last (Friday) night the chairman (Mr W. A. L. Bailey) congratulated the club on the very successful year experienced. He said they had got into the habit of breaking their own records, and hardly knew when it would stop. Further improvements to the course and buildings were suggested, and it was also the aim of the club to make the course the recreation ground for Feilding. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. F. Y. Lethbride (re-elected); vice-president, Mr W. L. Bailey (re-elected); committee, Messrs W. L. Bailey, C. H. Burnett, C. N. Cotterill, B. Gosling, W. G. Haybittle, G. Saywell, W. A. Sandilands, H. F. Worsfold and E. R. Smith; stewards, Messrs Levett, Saywell and Cotterill; clerk of course, Mr. J. McDonald; timekeeper, Mr. McCorkindale; treasurer, Mr. Matheson; clerk of scales, Mr L. Gordon; judge, Mr Hartgill (re-elected); deputy judge, Mr N. Gordon (re-elected). The appointment of starter was left to the committee. The following were elected life members:—Messrs W. L. Bailey, B. Gosling, W. Sandilands and W. A. L. Bailey. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the committee, stewards and other officers of the club. The report and balance sheet presented recorded that the club had experienced still another very successful year. Notwithstanding that the bookmakers (25) were present at the Easter meeting the totalisator returns for the year show an increase of about £800, which was considered very satisfactory.

The programme for the Spring meeting of the Rangitikei Racing Club to take place on the 16th and 17th September, has been issued. The stake money in several events shows an increase on that of last year. Nominations close on the 21st August.

S. Brereton, the Waverley trainer, has Showman in capital fettle, and

For Children's Hacking Cough at night Woods' Great Peppermint Cure, 1s. 6d. and 2s. 6d.

all going well The Workman gelding should run well at the Grand National meeting next month.

The Lakeshell gelding Moospen, who made a very creditable showing in the Final Steeples at the recent Wanganui meeting, will be a competitor in some of the jumping events at the big meeting in Riccarton. He has been going along well in his work lately.

Xavier (by Tasman) is again in work after a three months' spell, which appears to have done the gelding good.

The annual meeting of the Warrentage Jockey Club was held the other evening, when there was a large attendance of members, the President (Mr W. Tucker) being in the chair. The balance-sheet showed that the club had a credit balance of just on £50, a fact upon which the President heartily congratulated members. He pointed out that the club was now in the happy position of having their stand and appointments paid for. Had the weather been fine for their last race meeting the club would have made a handsome profit. In moving the adoption of the report Mr Tucker mentioned that he intended to retire from the position of president, but the members would not hear of this, and he ultimately allowed himself to be re-elected, a decision which was received with the heartiest approval, as members recognised that the club's present sound position is due largely to the excellent work done by its popular president. It was resolved that the stakes for the next meeting be increased by £40, £10 to be added to the Cup, and £5 to each of the other events. It was also decided that the secretary apply for a totalisator permit.

The local course is at present being top-dressed.

The annual race meeting of the Egmont-Wanganui Hunt Club will take place on the 27th August.

The Marton Jockey Club's annual meeting takes place on the 2nd and 3rd September. Nominations close on the 14th August. Quite a number of local horses are to be entered for the various events on the capital programme.

TURF RESULTS.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

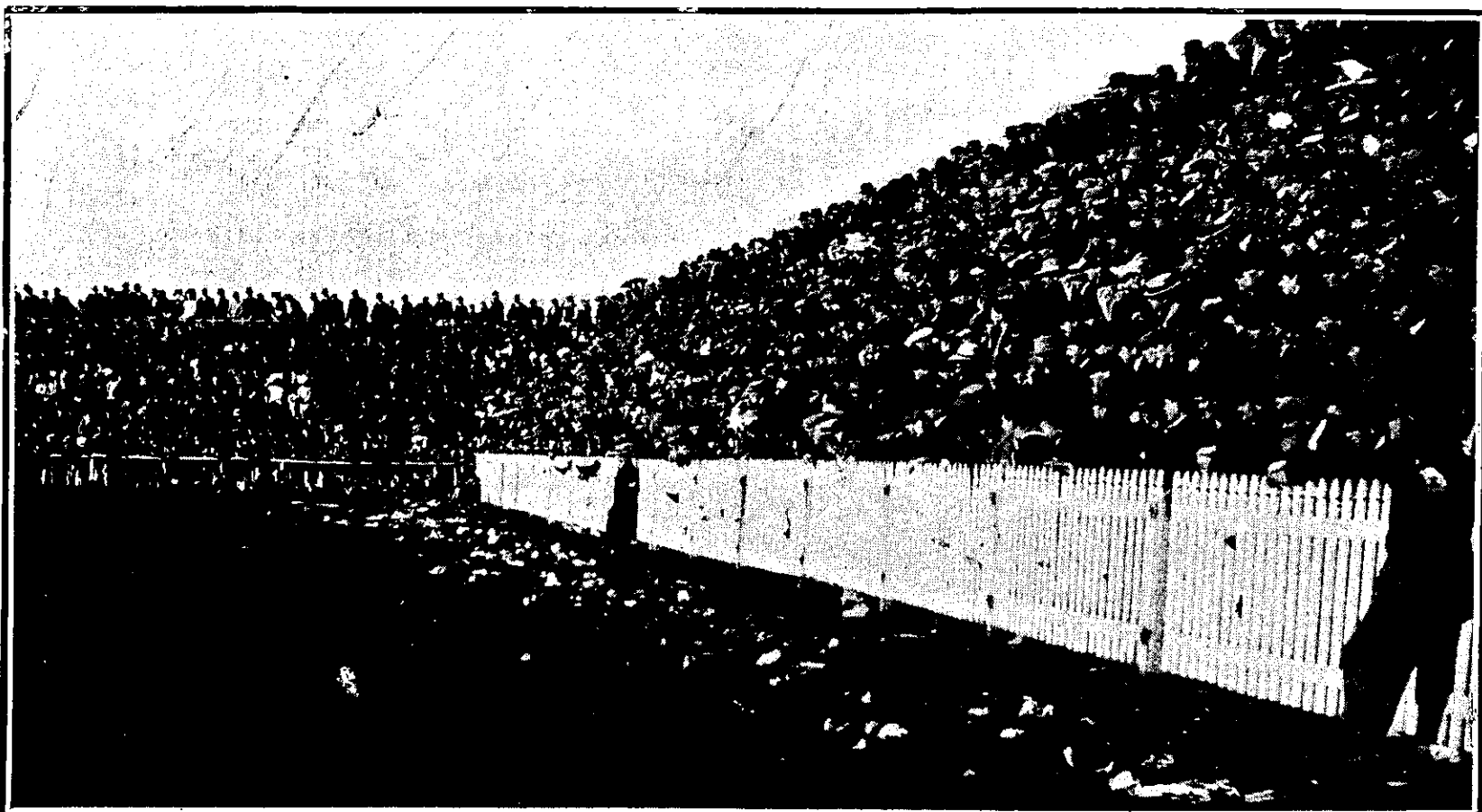
FIRST DAY.

The weather was wet for the opening day of the Wellington Racing Club's Winter Meeting, and the attendance small. Speculation was dull, £7758 going through the totalisator, as against £15,308 for the first day of the corresponding meeting last year. The results of the racing follow:—

STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 130sovs. Seven furlongs.

Hon. J. D. Ormond's br m Martyrium, 4yrs, by Birkenhead—Martyrdom, 10.9 (F. D. Jones)	1
Mr C. Kingston's ch c Golden Gate, 4yrs, 9.9 (W. Holmes)	2
Mr W. A. Donald's blk g Aborigine, 5yrs, 10.3 (D. Price)	3

Also started: Irish Rifle 10.10, Lady



A CORNER OF THE GROUND DURING THE ANGLO-WELSH TEAM v AUCKLAND MATCH