

HAWKE'S BAY.

NAPIER, December 2.

Mr. W. G. Nightingale has been appointed handicapper to the Nuhaka Hack Racing Club.

Mr. W. G. Stead, of Kereru, is sending down Ecarte, a three year old daughter of Sant Ilario and Fantan, to T. Quinlivan, jun., at Hastings, where the filly will be put through a course of studies.

Convoy's three year old half-brother by The Possible, has been leased by W. Stowe from Mr. G. M. Currie.

Ticotee, a younger full sister to The Probable, Prize Bloom, and Co., was railed from Hastings to Wellington last Saturday. The new owner of Primula's daughter intends to set her going amongst the ponies at Miramar.

J. Rolls is educating a daughter of Misfire and Daphne. She is not a very attractive looking specimen, but if she takes after her dam, "old bread and butter," as she used to be affectionately called by her owner, Mr. J. T. Blake, for consistency, and inherits some of her sire's brilliancy, well, she will be pretty profitable property to handle.

Bobrikoff, Downfall, Merigoe, and Chanteuse are back again at J. Mc-Lauchlen's establishment at Greenmeadows.

Gold Crest and Ikon, half brother and sister, who, by the way, were both bred at Te Mahanga Station, were amongst the winners at Feilding this week.

Formative is making good progress towards recovery.

Mr. C. L. Mackersey has leased Cockatoo to Harry Hickey.

Mr. E. J. Watt had the misfortune to lose Dalny (Stepniak—Sortie) last week. The mare, who was mated with Achilles last season, had a bad time foaling, and though every effort was made to assist and alleviate her, her's was a hopeless case, and she finally had to be shot, her offspring also succumbing.

Muskerry's time of 2mins. 6 3-5secs. in the Manchester Handicap, one and a quarter miles, at the Feilding Meeting yesterday, now equals the New Zealand record for that distance, which was previously held by Marguerite.

H. Price severed his connection with T. Quinlivan, jun.'s, training quarters last week.

California is being stretched out on the tryout at Hastings. Generally speaking, his essays are not as meritorious as they were when he was being prepared for his winter engagements.

The Feilding Stakes has now been instituted three years, and it is a sort of peculiar coincidence that it was first won by a two year old, Glenculloch, while last year a three year old triumphed, Elevation, and on Tuesday last a four year old proved victorious.

Downfall and Bobrikoff are getting through good solid half-pace work on the preparing grounds at Napier Park.

The Brook mare, Barley Bree, purchased by Mr. E. J. Watt at the Stead Dispersal Sale, arrived from the South yesterday. The mare was left to consort with Boniform, and she has now a foal at foot to Royal Artillery.

Mr. E. J. Watt has disposed of Cork, a patron of J. Lowry's stable having purchased Merriwee's son.

Mr. J. Coghlan, the well known caretaker of the Hastings racecourse, is at present laid aside in the Napier Hospital.

Aborigine will not be a starter in the Auckland Cup. He will make the trip North, but his mission at Ellerslie will be the Great Northern Derby.

T. Quinlivan, jun., has had the breaking-in tackle on the rising two year old by Stepniak—Couronne, recently purchased by Mr. E. J. Watt. The youngster is very wayward, and resented the interference with his liberty.

WELLINGTON.

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Speculation on the Auckland Cup and Railway Handicap double is only moderately brisk, but several local metalicians have laid their full book about the two Masters—Delaval and Soult—and the pair now rule favourites. Diabolo, the Porirua trained colt, is reported to be a sure starter, and has plenty of backers. George Price, the well-known light-weight, will have the mount.

Nothing has transpired as to Mr. Prosser's intentions with Gold Crest and All Red, but it is probable they will assist at the Auckland Meeting. Gold Crest was given a run in the Feilding Stakes, which he duly placed to his credit, but the race was marred by a bad start.

E. Cutts passed through with Sir Geo. Clifford's trio, Broadsword, Flit-away, and Husbandman. After competing at the Feilding Meeting, they will proceed to Auckland, and fulfill their engagements.

R. J. Mason took Armet and Sunglow to Feilding. The former was given a run in the Feilding Stakes, but finished out of a place. After the

cluding the obnoxious individual from their racecourses.

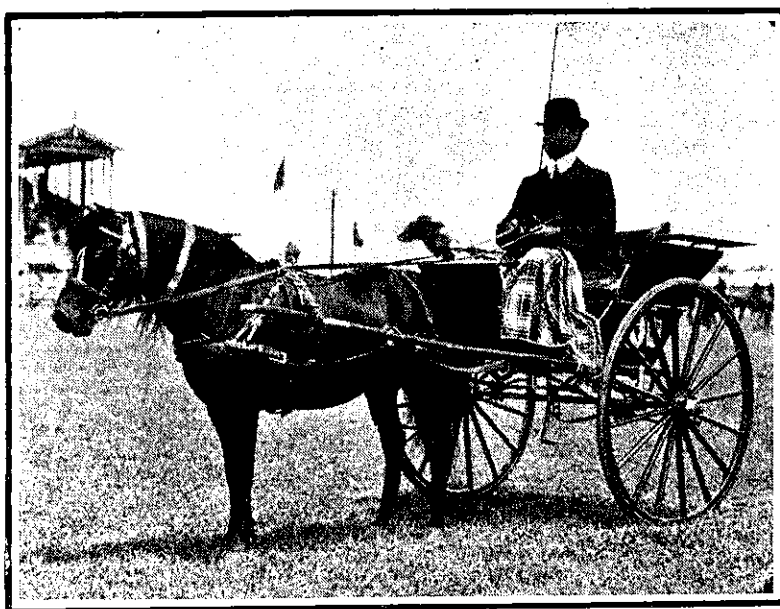
Apparently the prohibition party has had a hand in deciding the fate of the Masterton Trotting Club. The executive and principal supporters of the club were a number of Masterton sporting hotelkeepers. The club was not in too flourishing a condition, but nevertheless a programme had been drawn up for a day's trotting on January 7th. The prohibition party carried total prohibition in Masterton, and this so damped the spirits of the boniface portion of the club's supporters that at a meeting held last week they carried a resolution that the programme should be withdrawn and the club's affairs wound up. This step is to be regretted as the club's meetings were always well conducted and popular with owners of trotting horses.

The totalisator permit hitherto used by the Masterton T.C. is sure to become the medium of a lively scramble. At least half a dozen clubs would like to persuade the President of the N.Z. Trotting Conference (Mr. G. Payling) to recommend the Colonial Secretary to issue it to them. Mr. Payling will no doubt consult his executive, and recommend the most deserving club for the permit that is now at his disposal. The Hutt Valley T.C. has, I understand, made an application. This club bases its claim on the fact that its meetings are held in the vicinity of a population of 70,000 people, and a club in the neighbourhood of Wellington is fully entitled to two meetings per annum.

WANGANUI.

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There is every appearance of the inaugural meeting of the Wanganui Trotting Club, which is to be held on



MR. J. E. WHEELER'S PONY ENTIRE PODDY, FIRST PRIZE WINNER AT THE AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

meeting she and Sunglow will proceed to Auckland.

During the next four weeks no less than 14 days' racing will take place within a radius of some fifty miles—viz., Woodville, 9th and 10th; Dannevirke, 16th and 17th; Manawatu, 23rd, 26th, and 28th; Lower Valley, 26th and 28th; Ashurst, 29th; Rangitikei, January 1st and 2nd; Wairarapa, January 1st and 2nd. Local horse owners will be hard taxed to find nominations for all these meetings, and such horses as stand the strain of racing at so many meetings should earn a few winning brackets.

A report is current that an owner of a horse that ran in the N.Z. Cup, and who won a fairly large double wager over the Cup and Stewards' Handicap, has not yet been settled with by the layer of the double. The latter is one of those gentry who has no headquarters, and whose principal stock in trade is a loud voice and plenty of assurance. The matter, it is understood, will be reported to the principal racing club, with the view of their ex-

Saturday, December 12, being a successful one. The entries received are considered very satisfactory, and some good trotting will probably be witnessed. Should the forthcoming meeting be the success anticipated, the club will, in all likelihood, hold another race meeting in the autumn, when the prize-money would be on a very liberal scale.

It is understood that very favourable replies have been received from nearly all the clubs under the jurisdiction of the Wanganui Metropolitan Club as to the proposal to appoint stipendiary stewards. The matter is to be further considered at the Metropolitan Club's meeting, and it appears safe to anticipate that a decision will be come to in favour of giving the idea a trial. The experiment would certainly do no harm, and would perhaps tend to improve things very much.

The Rangitikei Club are pushing on with the improvements to their course and appointments, and when the work now in hand is carried to completion the club will be in possession of a splendid track and a grandstand, which will be a credit to all concerned.

The New Year meeting of the club will be held on the old course, which is in capital order. It is intended to have the new stands, etc., all ready for next season. By the way, owners and trainers should note that nominations for the New Year meeting close on Friday next, December 4.

George Laing's many friends will be pleased to learn that he is making good progress towards recovery from the accident he met with last week. Some of his friends have taken temporary charge of his horses.

Amongst a large number of horses which are being worked on the local tracks, good work has been done by

Overtime, Research, Flying Wind, Anemone, Eclogue, and Chase Mab during the last week.

Some time ago I mentioned that Frank Lind had a big angular-looking gelding by St. Clements in work. This gelding appears to be improving a good deal, and it would not be surprising were he to furnish into a really fine galloper. He bounds along in capital style, and is possessed of a deal of pace.

Lull and Dnil have been doing a lot of jumping, and both are at present in excellent nick and taking the hurdles in fine style. Hall should not be long in scoring with both these geldings.

Another gelding which is doing good work over the schooling hurdles is Moose, who will yet make a name for himself.

Signor has not appeared on the club's track since he returned from South, but is understood to be in work on Mr. G. F. Moore's private course, in company with Carrissima, Guiding Step, Coz and Co. It was no surprise to learn that the son of Pilgrim's Progress had been withdrawn from the Auckland Cup, as he was not in the best of trim to continue a severe preparation for another two-mile race after his exertions at the C.J.C. meeting. In any case it would not have been wise to have been too severe on the game little fellow if he is to be taken to Australia for the autumn, as reported.

Research is to be sent up to endeavour to win the Waitara Cup. He is very fit.

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