

The high-priced filly Golden Slipper, who was sent to Windsor for a few weeks' spell, subsequent to running in the A.J.C. Derby, has resumed work.

The Auckland Trotting Club is calling for tenders for the sole rights for the publican's booth at the Summer meeting. Tenders must be in by 1 p.m. to-morrow.

During the next week a very large number of Southern horses are expected at Ellerslie. In fact the number of visitors is expected to top the record.

It is reported that Mr. W. Lyons was to leave Sydney for Auckland yesterday afternoon.

Handicaps for the first days events of the A.R.C. Summer meeting are due to appear to-morrow.

The Orakel people intend holding the customary meeting on Christmas Day. Entries are due on Friday.

The summer meeting of the Christchurch Racing Club commences on Saturday next, and will be continued on December 16. Amongst the prominent horses engaged are Grand Slam, Heorthen, Field Gun, Harvest, All Guns, Petrovna, Silk Webb and Armamento.

Don Carlos, who won the Hack Hurdles at Woodville yesterday, is a bay gelding by Mauser from Pin Money. Last season he started seven times without scoring a win.

It is stated on apparently good authority (says an exchange) that the opposition to Tattersall's sweeps is daily growing stronger even in Tasmania. When the island colony ejects the big gamble, it is not easy to see just where or how the executors of George Adams will continue their operations. It is stated that negotiations are proceeding for the sale of Kawau Island, and it is rumoured that the agents of Mr Adams are endeavouring to secure the island. Mr J. Agnew, of Thames, who has just returned from a trip to Australia, says that the price quoted is £30,000, although the figure is a big one, there are people in Melbourne who think that a purchaser will be found at the figure mentioned. The above may be true but I take leave to doubt it; firstly because the Tasmanians have thrown out by an immense majority a proposal to eject the famous consultations and secondly because the owner of Kawau has no earthly chance of getting the sum mentioned for the island.

The Stead Memorial Cup is said to be the finest trophy ever offered for competition in New Zealand.

The New Zealand-bred Equiform, by Multiform from Stressa, has been sold by Mr Avery to Mr A. C. MacDonald, of the Narylco Station, New South Wales, where the horse will in future do stud duty.

Master Soult and Elysian will be sold by auction at the conclusion of the Auckland Racing Club's Summer Meeting.

In Canada recently a jockey aged 103 years won a race. The man is a French Canadian named Tailifier, and began his racing career as a stable boy at the age of eighteen. Since then he has ridden in over six thousand races. To celebrate his 103 birthday, he donned spurs once again and secured third place in the race in which he competed.

The White Knight was saddled at the post for the Cesarewitch, permission being granted his owner. This was The White Knight's last race in England. Next year he starts stud duty.

Frank Bullock, the well-known Melbourne jockey, rode 62 winners and 47 seconds, out of 228 rides in Germany and other parts of the Continent this year. His successes included several of the big Continental races, and, as he was also at the head of the winning jockey's list in Germany, he has experienced a particularly good season. Bullock returns to Melbourne for a holiday trip this month. O'Connor came next in the German list and Reiff third.

Early in October the London "Sportsman" reported that Mr Croker's filly Rhodora had gone amiss, and would probably not race again. Shortly after this Rhodora came into the market for the Cambridgeshire, and this naturally caused the "Sportsman" to make inquiries. It was then discovered that the telegram, which was supposed to have come from Rhodora's trainer, was a forgery. The paper subsequently offered a reward of £100 for information which would lead to the discovery and conviction of the sender of the telegram. Rhodora, by the way, did not finish in a place in the Cambridgeshire.

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## INTER-PROVINCIAL.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

### CANTERBURY.

Heorthen, who was second to Downfall in the N.Z. Cup, has been entered for the Manawatu and Ashhurst Cups.

The Hororata meeting was responsible for the downfall of several good things, outsiders prevailing in nearly every race. Bookmakers who took out licenses had one of their very best days.

Mythical, who has the reputation of being a speedy mare, again let her party down badly at Hororata last week. She is a very in and out mare, and is not to be relied upon at any time.

On their Timaru form Contender, Silkweb, and Teressa appeared to have an excellent chance of winning at Hororata, but they had to be content with second and third positions.

Armllet is one of the favourites here for the Railway Handicap at Auckland, and has been freely backed in doubles with Bobrikoff, Diabolo, Master Delaval and Downfall.

Sunglow was not seen at her best at the Cup meeting, having gone off in her work a few days before the meeting opened. This filly is well enough bred, is in good hands, and is capable of winning a big race when thoroughly well.

Heorthen, Sister Anne, Glenculloch, Applegarth, Fasnakyle and Kilwinning are the only Canterbury horses nominated at the Manawatu meeting, Sir George Clifford owning the last five named.

Nobel and Nautiorm will be Messrs W. G. and G. L. Stead's representatives at the Auckland meeting.

The Stead Memorial Cup is one of the finest trophies ever offered for a horse race in New Zealand. It is now on view in this town, but will shortly be sent on to Hawke's Bay to Mr. T. H. Lowry, whose brilliant horse Bobrikoff has the honour of having his name inscribed on it.

The Christchurch Racing Club's meeting will be commenced at Plump-ton on Saturday next and concluded on the following Wednesday.

Ikon was backed to win a lot of money at Feilding in both races she started in, and a heavy commission was worked both days.

Lapland and Truthful were both schooled over hurdles separately on Saturday morning. The former made no showing, and would not jump at all, but Truthful shaped fairly well. Lapland will be given a few more chances in company with tried hurdlers.

Contender is a very disappointing horse. On the last day of the Cup meeting he gave a glimpse of his old form, and as a result was well backed for events at Timaru and Hororata. He ran very sluggishly in his two last races, and is evidently very unreliable.

Canterbury will be strongly represented at the Auckland Cup meeting, Armllet, Husbandman, Sunglow, Flit-away, Broadsword, Nobel, Nautiform and Sharpshooter form a formidable contingent from this part of the Dominion, and should capture a fair portion of stake money.

### HAWKE'S BAY

NAPIER, December 9.

Although Ikon has been nominated for the Manawatu and Ashurst gatherings, San Fran's daughter has put in several right-handed gallops on the preparing grounds at Hastings, which makes it look as if her owner had not given over the idea of taking the mare up to Auckland for the summer venture of the A.R.C.

Owing to his having caught a severe cold, Moriarty was not taken to Woodville.

Goldlace, Gold Thread, and Golden Water, a portion of Mr. G. P. Donnelly's team, have been giving satisfactory replies to the questions put to them on the try out on the Napier Park track.

The Foxton Racing Club is negotiating to obtain the services of Mr.

Harry Piper to set the fields going at their annual race meeting next month.

Rerehau is the name that has been given to a six-year-old daughter of Nestor, owned by a Petane resident.

I understand this will be Merriwee's last turn of stud life in the Dominion, as his owner has made arrangements to send him over to the other colonies next year.

Good work is being accomplished by Bobrikoff and Downfall at the preparing circuits at Napier Park.

Mr. Watts' recent purchase, the coming two-year-old Stepniak—Couronne colt, had the saddle put on him with a pilot in it for the first time last Saturday. The youngster behaved in an orderly manner, and stepped out like an old hand at the business.

Alfred Neale, who fills the position of head lad at Mr. G. F. Moores training establishment at Tayforth, was in town this week, and during a chat I had with him informed me that with luck during the season the Wanganui sportsman would have some worthy carriers of the brown and crimson banner. All going well, Mr. Moore intends to send Signor and Carissima to Sydney and Melbourne early next year. The half-sister to Armistice has grown into a beautiful mare and greatly resembles her sire San Fran. Another item of news he supplied me with was that Helen Portland had been put in work again, and that a particularly nice half-sister by Sylvia Park to the Lark, named Sylvan Song, was also a stable comrade of Signor, Carrissima and company.

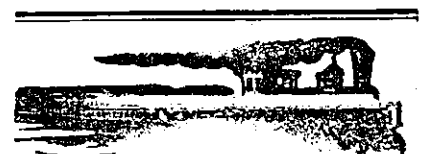
Tepuia, a rising three-year-old filly by San Fran, out of Black Ella, has been registered as the joint property of R. Brough and D. O'Meara. The latter is the well-known stud groom at Te Mahanga Station.

In consequence of having several of his students engaged at Manawatu, Ashhurst, and Hastings, T. Quinlivan, junior, will not accompany Aborigine to Auckland this month.

It seems hard luck to me, said a well-known local bookmaker when talking to me the other day, that I should buy a yearling, take all the risk and trouble with him, get him ready for racing, race him, lose money on him at the game, then sell him cheaply, and his new owner, who has won several races with him, should always have a good bet on him with me. What I'm worrying about now is whether I will quit fielding him or let somebody else take the risk. If I do and he misses I'll be mad, and if I keep on laying him and he wins I reckon I'll be madder.

Weights for the Manawatu Cup are due next week. The Wellington weight adjuster, Mr. J. H. Pollock, will act as starter next Saturday at the inaugural meeting of the Wanganui Trotting Club.

The Dannevirke Jockey Club has received first class nominations for their two days meeting next week, and with the handicapper up to his usual high grade standard, patrons of the fixture can look forward to a couple of days pleasurable sport.



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THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11 AND 12, 1909.

ANNUAL MEETING, MAKARAKA RACECOURSE.

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FIRST DAY.

THURSDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, 1909. To start at 12.45 p.m.

1. WELTER HANDICAP of 50sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from stake. Minimum weight 8st. For horses that have not won a race of the value of 80sovs or upwards. One mile.
2. FIRST HURDLE RACE of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from stake. The winner of any hurdle race of the value of 50 sovs after declaration of weights to carry 3lb extra, of 100sovs 5lb extra. One and three-quarter miles. Over seven flights of hurdles.
3. FIRST COUNTY STAKES HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from stake. For all horses bred in the Counties of Cook, Waikato, and Waikato. Six furlongs.
4. TURANGA STAKES HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from stake. The winner of any race of the value of 50sovs after the declaration of weights to carry 3lb extra, of 100sovs 5lb extra, of 150sovs 7lb extra, of 200sovs 10lb extra. One and a-quarter miles.
5. MAIDEN SCURRY of 50sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from stake. Minimum weight 8st. Winners on the flat at any time barred. Four furlongs.
6. TELEPHONE HANDICAP of 70sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from stake. Five furlongs.
7. FIRST HACK FLAT HANDICAP of 50sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from stake. Winner of any previous race 5lb extra. One mile.
8. FLYING HANDICAP of 85sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from stake. The winner of any race of the value of 50sovs after the declaration of weights to carry 7lb extra, of 100sovs 10lb extra. Six furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, 12th FEBRUARY, 1909.

1. STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from stake. Seven furlongs.
2. SECOND HURDLES HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from stake. One and a-half miles. Over six flights of hurdles.
3. SECOND HACK FLAT HANDICAP of 50sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from stake. Seven furlongs.
4. SUNDERLAND STAKES HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from stake. Winner of the Stewards' Handicap to carry 5lb penalty. One mile.
5. MAIDEN SCURRY HANDICAP of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from stake. Winners on the flat at any time barred. Winner of Maiden Scurry first day entrance money returned. Five furlongs.
6. SECOND COUNTY STAKES HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from stake. For horses bred in the Counties of Cook, Waikato, and Waikato. One mile.
7. PUBLICANS' PURSE HANDICAP of 75sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from stake. The winner of any previous race the same day to carry 5lb extra. Five furlongs.
8. FAREWELL HANDICAP of 60sovs second horse to receive 10sovs from stake. Winner of the Stewards' Handicap, Sunderland Stakes, or Publicans' Purse to be re-handicapped. Seven furlongs.

Stakes will be Paid in Full.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ENTRIES, WEIGHTS, ACCEPTANCES, AND MOUNTS.

To be forwarded to the Secretary at the Club Room, Masonic Hotel, Gisborne

NOMINATIONS.

SATURDAY, 9th JANUARY, 1909, at 9.30 p.m.

First County Stakes (no acceptance) 1sov, Turanga Stakes 1sov, First Hurdles 1sov, Flying Handicap 1sov, Stewards' Handicap 1sov, Second Hurdles 1sov, Sunderland Stakes 1sov, Publicans' Purse 1sov.

ENTRIES (No Acceptance).

SATURDAY, 30th JANUARY, 1909, at 9.30 p.m.

Welter Handicap 1sov, Maiden Scurry 1sov, Telephone Handicap 1sov, First Hack Flat 1sov, Second Hack Flat 1sov, Second County Stakes 1sov, Maiden Scurry Handicap 1sov, Farewell Handicap 1sov.

WEIGHTS.

FRIDAY, 5th FEBRUARY, 1909. Turanga Stakes Handicap, First Hurdles Handicap, Flying Handicap.

THURSDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, 1909, at 8.30 p.m.

(Night of First Day's Races.) The whole of the Second Day's Events.

ACCEPTANCES: First Day.

SATURDAY, 6th FEBRUARY, 1909, at 9.30 p.m.

Turanga Stakes 3sovs, First Hurdles Handicap 1sov, Flying Handicap 30s.

THURSDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, 1909, at 10 p.m.

(Night of First Day's Races.) Stewards' Handicap 1sov, Sunderland Stakes 50s, Second Hurdles 1sov, Publicans' Purse 30s.

D. R. DeCOSTA, Secretary