

L. J. Ornstein and J. McMullian, who recently ran a race of three miles on the Domain cricket ground for £25 aside, and which ended in favour of Ornstein by the narrow margin of a yard, are to meet again on the cricket ground next Wednesday, for a similar amount, over the same distance.

A good word is spoken for the imported three-year-old filly Good Shot, by Pistol—Alveary, which was bought for 225 guineas by Mr. G. F. Moore when in Australia. Good Shot is said to resemble her grandsire, the famous Carbine, possessing the same colour, blaze, and markings that distinguished "Old Jack."

The Cunningham appeal case is to be decided by the Racing Conference at Wellington on Monday, the 19th inst. Mr. H. H. Hayr, secretary of the Avondale J.C., leaves for the South to-day.

Pretty Polly's three-year-old brother, Cock-a-hoop, who has not yet raced, is to make his appearance in England this season.

A Christchurch writer says:—"A number of locally trained horses have left or are under orders for Wellington, to assist at the Trentham Meeting. Kent is taking up Sweet Angelus and Pronun, but neither is quite forward enough to show to best advantage. Southern Cross and Inchbonny have left under R. Longley's care, and the former is so forward that with ordinary luck he should pick up a stake. Inchbonny, on the other hand, is backward, and if the going is heavy at Trentham she can barely show to her best advantage."

Grafnax, who looked like winning the V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase, but fell at the second fence from home, would probably start favourite. On the opening day, in the Maiden Steeplechase, Grafnax made hacks of his opponents, and cantered home a winner fifteen lengths in front of Goschen.

A somewhat unusual case connected with the Turf was heard at Hastings last week, when David Hogg sued E. J. Hains for £10, money alleged to have been lent. The plaintiff's case was that he met defendant on the Hastings racecourse, and was asked by defendant for a loan of £10, which he gave. The evidence showed that plaintiff was aware that the money was to be used for the purpose of betting. Defendant denied having borrowed money, although he admitted that the cheque he received, which was endorsed by him, was made out in his name. It was contended as an alternative that the amount was not recoverable under the Gaming Act. His Worship held that at the time of the loan betting had not actually occurred, but he gave judgment for defendant on the facts, with costs amounting to £2 2s.

Sportsmen will be able to see the King's colt, Minoru, win the English Derby of 1909 next week for the small outlay of 1s. or 6d. The opportunity will be provided by Mr. H. Hayward, at the Royal Albert Hall, on Wednesday evening and following evenings, when the victory of Minoru in the English Derby will be the "star" film.

Seddon's victory in the Winter Handicap at the V.R.C. Grand National meeting was of a most convincing character (says "Martindale.") The 18 runners included some horses of tolerably fair quality, and the handicapper had let Soult's son in at such a nice weight that quite a rush set in for his stock, especially as he was understood to be very well. Owing to her runaway win at Moonee Valley, Ristori was the most solidly backed of the others, though Thistlebrook, Dhobi, and Monody were not neglected. R. Lewis, who had the mount on Ristori, tried to win all the way, but she was done at the distance, where Seddon, who was nicely handled by McLachlan, took charge, and scored easily from Monody and the unbacked Posture.

The question of providing a race for two-year-old horses was raised at the meeting of the Poverty Bay Turf Club by Mr. D. J. Barry. Mr. Barry said that there were a number of small stud farms in the district, and he thought owners might be encouraged to go in more for breeding by the inclusion of races for youngsters in the programme for the February meeting, because at that time trainers were anxious to get their young charges into galloping order. The president of the club (Mr. J. W. Nolan) promised that the committee would consider the suggestion.

The nominations received in connection with the Grand National meeting would have been large had the secretary accepted all that came to hand. For some time past (says the Possible) the club has experienced trouble with a few owners in different parts of the Dominion in collecting the fees due for nominations, more particularly in the case of horses, which did not put in an appearance at the meetings. In order to put a stop to the practice the secretary recently informed the offending owners that in future no nominations would be accepted from them unless they were accompanied by the fees. Last week one of these owners awarded two nominations without any cash, and he was promptly instructed that the money must be sent along. When the closing hour arrived the money was not to hand, and though it was subsequently received the lists had already been closed, so that the nominations were rejected. At one time the Rules of Racing provided that entrance money must, unless arrangements were made, be paid at time of nomination, but the conference saw fit to delete this provision, leaving clubs to manage their affairs as they saw fit. This is all right as far as it goes, but I have always thought it a mistake to allow the Unpaid Forfeit List to be used for the collection of nominations and acceptances. In the meantime, however, the Canterbury Jockey Club is to be congratulated on the firm stand which it has taken in dealing with owners who refuse to meet their engagements. The course adopted last week will probably have the effect of preventing further trouble in the case of others.

A movement is on foot amongst some of the Flemington trainers to secure an increase of the minimum weight in early two-year-old races, as they consider the light boys who have now to be put up do harm to young horses by their inability to properly handle them.

It appears that Sir. Martin did not actually fall in the English Derby, won by Minoru. In explaining the cause of the accident to an English sporting writer, J. H. Martin, rider of Sir Martin, said: "The colt came on his head and knees, and scrambled along for quite a bit. He did not fall. If he had fallen he would have brought down some others. I think he interfered with two or three. I remember hitting the ground, and telling the people who crowded round to keep away. Then some policeman came, and I don't remember any more till I found myself back in the weighing-room." Martin was carried back on an ambulance over a journey of three-quarters of a mile, a way being carved for him through the dense crowd by half a dozen mounted police and a small army of police on foot. He knew nothing whatever about this. It was news to him.

INTER-PROVINCIAL.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY.

CHRISTCHURCH, July 13.

G. P. Payne has purchased Goldbeater, the four-year-old horse by Clanranald—Gold Leaf, and the two-year-old filly by Pallas—Supperdance. The pair will be raced in Australia.

Mr. G. D. Greenwood's horses Armlet in the Epsom Handicap, and Formeden, Areina and Lady Reina in the Breeders' Plate and Gimcrack Stakes, were scratched last week. This means that R. J. Mason will not have any members of his team at the spring meeting of the Australian J.C.

Sweet Angelus, Pronun, Inchbonny, Southern Cross, Chief Lochiel, White Cockade and Glenfield will be among the Canterbury horses racing at the Wellington meeting.

Ngapuka was scratched for the Winter Cup at two p.m. on Monday.

Golden Way was scratched for the New Zealand Cup at 4.30 p.m. on Thursday last.

Maidi was scratched at six p.m. on Saturday for all engagements at the Grand National Meeting.

L. G. Ackland, owner of Lady Disdain, has bought the yearling filly Martine, by Martian—Gipsy Maid,

from C. G. Dalgety. G. Aynsley will have charge of the filly, which is a racy-looking youngster.

R. Derrett has had a three-year-old colt by Handsome Jack—Orchestra placed in his hands. The colt is owned by A. Boyle, and has already demonstrated that he can gallop.

Contender was schooled over hurdles twice last week; on the first occasion he went by himself and jumped the hurdles safely. Next time he had Ability for a companion. A fast pace was set from the start, and maintained throughout the gallop. Both horses gave good displays, Contender pleasing his connections by clean jumping.

Lapland, Oasis and Sea Dog had a go over the hurdles on Saturday, when the first-named showed up to most advantage. He jumped well, and is improving every week.

Stepfeldt and Snip were associated in a strong gallop over the hurdles, the former having most to say at the finish. This horse is jumping remarkably well, and is probably showing as good form as anything at Riccarton.

Eurus and Northern Star set out together last Wednesday morning for a gallop over the steeplechase country. Eurus was kept on the outside throughout, and jumped his fences without making a mistake. He showed no inclination to run off, and Northern Star also performed satisfactorily.

Pacific and Slaney were also sent for a round over the steeplechase course. Both horses jumped faultlessly.

A. McAuley has received an appointment as trainer to Mr. J. B. Reid, and four horses have been placed in McAuley's hands.

Grosvenor and Orsino have been schooled over the hurdles during the week, both horses shaping well for beginners.

Te Arai, by winning the Gisborne Steeplechase, has incurred a penalty of 7lb for the Grand National Steeplechase, his weight now being 10.6.

At the monthly meeting of the committee of the Canterbury J.C., held last week, a trainer's license was granted to H. J. Carr. A letter from the Hon. J. D. Ormond on the subject of handicapping was received. The report of the sub-committee in reference to the question of accommodation in the press gallery was approved, the committee recommending that the number of persons should be limited, and that applications for admission should be advertised to close a week prior to the Grand National Meeting. The programme committee, whose report was adopted, recommended that the stakes for the ensuing season should be increased by £2440, making a grand total of £30,240, the increases being allotted as follows:—Grand National meeting, £710. Spring meeting—Metropolitian Handicap £250, Stewards' Handicap £250, Welcome Stakes £200, Jockey Club Handicap £150, Pandalton Handicap £150, Members' Handicap £100, Criterion Handicap £100, Otaio Plate £50, Cressy Welter £50, Ladies' Purse £10, Ashley Handicap £10, Seymour Handicap £10: total, £1330. Autumn meeting—Champagne Stakes £100, Sockburn Handicap £100, Autumn Plate £50, Rusley Plate £50, Yaldhurst Welter £50, Final Handicap £50: total £400. Entry and acceptances in each case have not been increased where they exceed 1 per cent. The average cost to owners to enter and start for all races at one club's programme being £1 8s 1d per cent. The committee did not recommend any alteration in the conditions of future events.

HAWKE'S BAY

NAPIER, July 12.

Te Arai, who scored a double at the late Gisborne Racing Club's winter meeting—the Park Steeplechase and the Second Handicap Hurdle Race being secured by the aged son of Monaco—since he was acquired by Mr. Cuthbert Morse a couple of seasons back, has proved a good investment, for since he has been in the new ownership he has been returned a winner on seven occasions. At the cheap figure at which he was obtained by Mr. Morse, Te Arai must show a good credit balance in the ledger.

Mr. G. P. Donnelly's many friends throughout the Dominion will be sorry to learn that he is at present confined to his room, suffering from a very severe cold.

Nero went amiss again the other day. The trouble is in one of his pasterns, and the affliction is of such a severe nature that it is questionable if he will be able to race again for some considerable time.

The weight allotted to Jack Pot at Trentham is considered so excessive by his owner and trainer that the Chain Link gelding will be an absentee from the winter fixture of the Wellington Racing Club.

J. Rae is shortly leaving this district to take up his residence again in Auckland. Mr. G. P. Donnelly's team, which has been under his control of late, has been eased off. Rangi Thompson, who has lately been associated with the piloting of El Dorado, will for the future keep an eye on the string.

A pony daughter of Golden Views, by Merriwee, who up to last week was a scholar of R. Gooseman's, has now left that establishment. A Wellington sport who patronises the Miramar gatherings has purchased the filly through the agency of Dr. Ulic Shannon.

Theodore's half-sister by Wonderland, Sublime by name, carried out her bat at the Gisborne Racing Club's winter meeting, where she was successful in a triple event.

Uenuku is to be put up for public auction next Wednesday week.

Track-watchers are enamoured of the proficient style in which Pikapo gets through his work over the schooling obstacles at Hastings. San Fran's son is one of the courageous sort, and is blessed with a lot of pace, consequently he should prove a good sort over the hurdles.

Of the team taken by Harry Hickey to Gisborne, consisting of Te Kohau, Lebeccio, The Squatter and My Darling, the only one to give any returns towards the expenses of the trip was My Darling, who secured second money and dividend in the Hack Flat Handicap last Friday.

Hopeful, dam of Mundic, and Useful and Manutaki, who has given to the turf that good one Pink'un, have both been booked to Birkenhead.

Bobrikoff's dam Gossip, who was lately purchased by Mr. T. H. Lowry, is of a surety in foal to Martian. Her owner also has a rising yearling filly by the same stallion. The youngster is full of promise, and should, when the time arrives, prove a reputable bearer of the navy blue and gold racing banner.

Bribery, the latest to have his name enrolled upon the list of victors for the V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase, is somewhat related to Lingerer, the dual steeplechase winner at the late meeting of the Napier Park Racing Club, for his grand sire on the male side, Malua, fathered Taihoa, who produced Lingerer to Apremont.

In an appeal case that is to be heard at Wellington this month, Mr. J. C. McVay, one of the suburban delegates to the Racing Conference, will act in a judicial capacity.

Five horses won eleven races at the just-concluded winter venture of the Gisborne Racing Club, and a brace of these were bred in this district, Sublime having first seen the light on Mr. H. M. Campbell's Poukawa estate, and Baldos was foaled on Mr. C. Gollin's Mangatarata station. The latter is a half-brother by Waluku to Splendid Idea, Happy Thought, Good Intent, Float and Bonnie Idee, and was purchased as a yearling by his present owner, Mr. C. J. Parker, of Gisborne, for 40 guineas.

Harry Hickey got rid of three of his team at Gisborne, The Squatter, Te Kohau and My Darling all finding new owners.

Stay-at-home backers did not even up in their speculations over the late Gisborne meeting, several of the good things that were wired here from headquarters failing to materialise.

WANGANUI.

WANGANUI, July 12.

Nominations for the Marton Jockey Club's Meeting, to be held on the 1st and 2nd of September, close on Aug. 13th.

In connection with the above meeting, several Wanganui owners are of opinion that a mistake has been made by the club in stipulating that winners of any race after the declaration of weights will have to carry a 7lb. penalty. It is contended that it would be much better to provide for winners to be handicapped, inasmuch as a number of owners intend starting their horses in the open events at the Egmont-Wanganui Hack Club's Meeting, just to help the club along, and yet if one should win a £10 stake the horse will have to carry a 7lb. penalty, which would be an absurdity. It would have been wiser to have left it to the handicapper, Mr. Geo. Morse, to re-handicap winners.

Compass has been working on the local tracks since he returned from Hawke's Bay, and has been responsible for some attractive jumping. The