

Seven other starters.  
 Betting—2 to 1 agst Thurlspot.  
 Won easily by a length and a half.

**HANDICAP HURDLE RACE**, one mile and a half.  
 Voltigeur II., by Lionel, aged, 12.8, Fergus... 1  
 Maid of Honor, 10.2, Katterns ... 2  
 Ono, 11.2, Kinloch ... 3  
 Five other starters.  
 Betting—6 to 4 agst Voltigeur II.  
 Won very comfortably by six lengths.

**LAKE CUP**, one mile and a quarter  
 Knight of Athol, by Cuirassier—Maid of  
 Athol, 9.6, Ryan ... 1  
 Admiral Hawke, 9.8, White ... 2  
 Conspirer, 7.12, Satman ... 3  
 Two other starters.

Betting—Even money on Knight of Athol.  
 Conspirer made most of the running and was  
 in front when the home turn was reached, but  
 at that point the gallant old Knight and Admiral  
 Hawke put in a claim, which resulted in a length  
 victory for the grey son of Cuirassier.

**PONY RACE**, six furlongs.  
 My Lord, by Lord of the Isles, 8.9, Ryan ... 1  
 Pipiharauroa, 9.4, Tooman ... 2  
 Trooper, 8.12, Gall ... 3  
 Four other starters.

Betting—Even money agst My Lord.  
 Won comfortably by a length.

**FLYING STAKES**, six furlongs.  
 Brigham Young, by Brigadier, 9.4, Satman... 1  
 Sly Miss, 8.0, Gall ... 2  
 Delia Rose, 7.12, Whitehouse... 3  
 Four other starters.

Betting—Even money Brigham Young.  
 Won by a head.

**WELTER HANDICAP**, one mile.  
 Conspirer, by Cateaby—Spring Creek, 10.0,  
 Whitehouse ... 1  
 Pipiharauroa, 9.7, Tooman ... 2  
 Maid of Honor, 9.7, Graham... 3  
 Betting—Even money Conspirer.  
 Won by half a length.

**Inter-Provincial.**

[OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

**CANTERBURY.**

**NOTES AND NEWS—THE ASHBURTON CLUB  
 —AUTUMN MEETING PROSPECTS.**

CHRISTCHURCH, March 30.

Sant Ilario, who was scratched for the Great  
 Easter and Autumn Handicaps directly his  
 owner saw the weights, is now without any en-  
 gagements at the C.J.C. Autumn Meeting.

Mr C. G. Dalgety purchased a chestnut filly  
 by Musketry—Mistral at the sale of the War-  
 rington yearlings in Dunedin last week. The  
 filly will be trained by G. Murray-Aynsley, who  
 has charge of Mr Dalgety's team.

Glenogle seems to have completely recovered  
 from his recent ailments, and is now putting in  
 some good work under Ted Cutts' tuition at  
 Riccarton. This colt is greatly fancied by several  
 Riccarton people for the Great Easter Handicap.

I saw Benzoim do a smart gallop over a mile  
 the other morning. From what I can gather, the  
 son of Friars-Balsam will start in both the Easter  
 and Autumn Handicaps.

The double, Ben Farley and Skobeloff, has  
 been backed for several hundreds for the Great  
 Easter and Autumn Handicaps. Personally, I  
 prefer this double the other way round.

It is generally considered that Mr Henry has  
 given Malatua his full share of weight in both  
 the big autumn events. Malatua has been an  
 unlucky horse, and immediately he won a race  
 the weight seems to have been very liberally  
 bestowed on him.

The hurdler Social Pest is a daily attendant at  
 Riccarton, but I do not think his owner will  
 attempt to race him before the winter.

Ben Farley, who is a prime favorite for the  
 Great Autumn Handicap, was looking in splendid  
 fettle when I saw him at Riccarton the other  
 morning. Sheenan has got his colt in fine racing  
 condition, and he will be hard to beat in which-  
 ever race he starts in.

Mauzer, who was pitchedforked into the Easter  
 Handicap at 7.9, was not accepted for, but his  
 owner evidently intends to race him again, hav-  
 ing nominated him for some of the handicaps.

Old Warrington is being given easy work.  
 The son of Gorton has been nominated for the  
 Selling Plates at the Canterbury Autumn  
 Meeting.

Somerled, the two-year-old Clanranald—  
 Galatea colt, although still in the Eighth Chal-  
 lenge Stakes, will not start at the meeting.

Cannie Ohiel, another Clanranald youngster,  
 is also in the Challenge Stakes, and is being kept  
 at work in the hope of being able to fulfil this  
 engagement. Glenogle, in the same stable, is, I  
 think, a more likely representative, but nothing  
 can have much chance with Screw Gun.

Dan O'Brien has left his two two-year-olds,  
 Military and Cavalry, in the Challenge Stakes,  
 but I do not think they will start. The pair cut  
 out a smart six furlong spin last Tuesday, but  
 they will have to improve a lot to beat the crack  
 three-year-olds and Renown, Pampero, Cannie  
 Ohiel, and Field Rose, of their own age.

The progeny of the defunct horse St. Clair  
 were in great form at the Dunedin meeting.  
 Blazer, Jupiter, Pampero, La Reine, St. Denis,  
 and Witchcraft all claim St. Clair as their sire,  
 and each scored one or more wins.

By the death of Rochester Mr V. Harris has  
 probably lost the most useful horse in his stable.  
 Rochester dropped dead after racing in the  
 Autumn Handicap at Reefton. The son of  
 Petroleum had won a number of races on the  
 Coast, and last November he carried off the  
 Craven Plate at Riccarton. This was probably  
 his most important victory.

Strathnairn has not been doing well lately.  
 He occasionally walks a little lame after work-  
 ing, but his owner expects to get him ready for  
 the Autumn Meeting.

The hurdle racer Beggarman, by Son of a  
 Gun, has been renamed Epsom Lad. The horse  
 has been entered for both hurdle races at the  
 autumn fixture.

Female Franchise, the grey Ahua mare, pre-  
 sents a bright appearance, and is worth watching  
 in forthcoming races.

Peerage, the Australian Peer colt, strikes me  
 as being a very handsome animal, but not a  
 galloper. Peerage has only won one race since  
 O'Brien brought him to this colony.

The Spinner was well backed in Christchurch  
 each time he started at Dunedin. Mr Knight's  
 gelding seems to be very much off color at  
 present.

Tire was a popular fancy here for the Napier  
 Cup, and every one of his backers was surprised  
 that the dividend was over £6.

The English-bred horse Obligado, by Orville—  
 Flirt, has been nominated for the Maiden Plate  
 and Templeton Handicap. He is also in the  
 Challenge Stakes. From this it would appear  
 that Mr Stead has discovered that his English  
 purchase is some good after all. We shall see.

Tuesday, April 3.

A commission was worked this morning in  
 favor of Cannonade for the Hack Hurdles at  
 Manawatu. The news leaked out, and local  
 punters had a good win. Tirade, Manzona, and  
 Light were backed for other races at the meet-  
 ing.

A meeting of those favorable to the resuscita-  
 tion of the Ashburton County Hunt Club was  
 held on Saturday, and it was decided to form a  
 hunt club. Mr J. Shearman, secretary *pro tem*,  
 was asked to confer with a number of old  
 hunting men. It was also decided to ask the  
 C.J.C. for a permit to hold hunt club steeple-  
 chase meetings.

At the meeting of the Ashburton County  
 Racing Club, held on Saturday, a petition was  
 read from a number of owners of trotting horses  
 asking that trotting events on the club's autumn  
 programme should be made optional—saddle or  
 harness. It was resolved that, as the pro-  
 gramme had been approved and published, and  
 as the track was more suitable for saddle than  
 harness events, the club regretted it could not  
 see its way to grant the request. It was decided  
 to grant the use of totalisator to the Ashburton  
 Trotting Club for their Autumn Meeting.

Although Dundas, Lady Dundas, Medallius,  
 and Maybud are still among the horses in the  
 Auckland Century Stakes, it is quite safe to say  
 that none of them will start. Out of the above  
 four, Dundas is the only one who would have a  
 semblance of chance against colts like Advance  
 and Seahorse.

Jabber, Benzoim, and Glenogle are the fancied  
 ones for the Great Easter, while in the Great  
 Autumn Ben Farley is a strong favorite, with  
 Skobeloff and Malatua next in demand. It is  
 said that Benzoim will start in both races, and  
 that he has accomplished satisfactory gallops  
 over a mile and a half at Riccarton.

Sant Ilario was sent to Auckland on Wednes-  
 day last, and is probably now safely quartered at  
 Ellerslie. Derrett will have charge of the colt,  
 whose mission is, of course, the Century Stakes.  
 His chance is not very highly thought of here,  
 especially with Advance in the way, but it must  
 be remembered that Mr Stead's colt will meet  
 Advance on much better terms at Auckland than  
 when they raced in the Dunedin Cup. Sant  
 Ilario is a colt who will improve as he grows  
 older. With the racing he has had he should  
 perform well at Auckland.

Glenogle has been galloping well during the  
 week. His connections are confident that he  
 will nearly win the Great Easter.

Malatua is another horse who has been  
 responsible for some solid work since my last.  
 He will start in both the Easter and Autumn  
 Handicaps.

**TARANAKI.**

**THE PATEA MEETING.**

NEW PLYMOUTH, March 28.

Weights for the Patea Hack Meeting, to be  
 held on Easter Monday, appear in this issue.  
 Eleven have been handicapped in the Hurdles.  
 I like CUCKOO, HAUTONGA, CORAL. In the Fly-  
 ing a dozen have been weighted. MAMAKI,  
 CORALINE, and BONUS read well. Eight figure  
 in the Easter Handicap. WAI ITI, who has been  
 on the shelf for some time owing to filled legs,  
 appears in the list with 8st 9lb. If brought to  
 the post she should win. Of the others I like  
 LUBRA and BLACK ROSE. Twelve have been  
 weighted for the Alton High-weight Handicap.  
 Brown Bill, the full brother to Battleaxe, figures  
 with 8st 10lb. I like BROWN BILL, PYBOXYLLIN,  
 and BUGLER. Two short races and a Farmers'  
 Plate make up the programme.

I hear that Dartmoor and Okoari are on the  
 retired list through lameness, and that Battleaxe  
 is still being spelled. This does not look like the  
 son of Hotchkiss fulfilling his Easter engage-  
 ments at Auckland.

Dummy and Muscatel are in work, and Johnson  
 has also taken in hand the two-year-old colt  
 Tupara, another full brother to Battleaxe. This  
 colt claims an engagement in the next Taranaki  
 Guineas.

**HAWKES BAY.**

**TALK OF HORSES AND MEN.**

NAPIER, April 3rd.

For some time past Pistol Grip has been  
 making a noise when he is galloping, and has not  
 improved since his exertions at Napier Park last  
 week. His owner has decided to turn him out.

Crown Prince, the three-year-old roan-coated  
 son of Seaton Delaval and Princess Royal, who  
 has been one of Pistol Grip's stable associates for  
 several months, is to be placed on the retired  
 list for a time. He is growing fast, and conse-  
 quently cannot do himself justice in his work.

Evening Wonder, whose near fore foot gave  
 him some trouble after his win in the Hack  
 Hurdles last Friday at Napier Park, left in  
 charge of Sweeney by the Flora for Gisborne to-  
 night.

The light-weight Ellern who used to be em-  
 ployed by T. Jones, Mr Richardson's private  
 trainer, and who has lately been doing riding at  
 Gisborne, came here the other week with Griffiths  
 team, and has been engaged by the Waipawa  
 sportsman, Mr W. Rathbone.

The training stables, until recently occupied  
 by A. Vincent, at Greenmeadows, have been pur-  
 chased by Mr G. E. G. Richardson. The quarters  
 from which he at present trains are leasehold—  
 the lease of which shortly falls in.

These have been lots of reports about lately  
 that this veteran sportsman intends to relinquish  
 the game, but his action in buying the above-men-  
 tioned property should be a sufficient proof that  
 he still further intends to pursue his hobby.

Rhino has got over his trouble, and is spinning  
 along gaily in his tasks on the training track.

Pinrose who has been laid aside for several  
 weeks through splitting his hoof, made a start in  
 work again yesterday morning.

Philanthropist, who gets knocked out and then  
 bobs up serenely again at very short notice, is  
 making rapid progress towards recovery.

A younger full brother of Mangamuka is one  
 of the track performers at Napier Park of a  
 morning now.

Pinpinetakura and Christmas (late Paddy  
 O'Rorke) arrived from Gisborne by the Te Anau  
 yesterday morning. The pair join Hinepare and  
 Three Star, the latter of whom has gone amiss,  
 under Griffiths supervision.

**WELLINGTON.**

**GOSSIP FROM CLUB AND STABLE.**

WELLINGTON, March 30.

The privileges in connection with the Wai-  
 rarapa Club's forthcoming meeting realised good  
 prices when auctioned, the total being £284 5s—  
 £100 more than last year.

The local filly, Cecile, is still in the C.J.C.  
 Champagne Stakes, but whether Mr F. Webb  
 will make the final payment for her is not known  
 at time of writing. Cecile is by Gold Reef from  
 Puwerewere.

The Wellington Trotting Club, having secured  
 a totalisator permit for a meeting next month,  
 the Committee have decided to sandwich it with  
 the Wellington Racing Club's meeting. The  
 races are to take place on the 2nd and 4th, and  
 the trots on the 3rd and 5th.

Sweetoil, the treble winner at Whakataki,  
 failed when tried over hurdles at the last  
 Masterton meeting.

Weights for the Feilding races are due on  
 Thursday, when local owners will be able to  
 decide whether they will make the trip or not.

The Nelson J.C. Annual Meeting is fixed for  
 this month. Entries are due on Monday next.

Aide-de-Camp and Ruamahunga will prob-  
 ably be competitors at the Kumara gathering g  
 which commences on April 16.

Sentry, who has been trained at Porirua since  
 his purchase from Mr Coffey, has been nominated,  
 for the Autumn Maiden Plate, and the Ad-  
 dington Plate, at Christchurch.

Masterton sports who attended the Whaka-  
 taki (Castlepoint) races will long remember their  
 outing. It rained all day, and it didn't forget  
 to come down either. On returning in the  
 evening some of them had an unpleasant ex-  
 perience. When about seven miles from Tenui  
 a vivid flash of lightning, accompanied by a  
 terrific peal of thunder, occurred, partially  
 blinding men and horses. It was pitch dark,  
 and it was deemed safest to turn the horses of  
 the vehicle loose, and continue the journey to  
 Tenui on foot. After a long and weary walk  
 through mud, the party arrived at Tenui  
 thoroughly tired out and miserable. The coach  
 driver tripped over an obstacle on the road, and  
 sprained one of his wrists. Dr. Dawson, of  
 Tenui, also met with an accident when returning  
 from the races. His buggy capsize, and he had  
 a collarbone broken.

The Hastings horse, Jabber, has been coupled  
 in the Great Easter and Autumn Handicap  
 doubles. He has incurred a penalty, by the way,  
 but, seeing that he is very well, 9.1 may not  
 seriously hamper him in the seven furlong  
 event.

Mr H. M. Lyon, secretary of the Wellington  
 Racing Club, expects to receive record entries

for the club's May Meeting on Tuesday evening  
 next. There are a large number of horses in  
 training just now, and the monetary inducements  
 offered by the club are sufficiently enticing  
 to secure both quality and quantity. The  
 Thompson Mile Handicap is a popular race with  
 owners. It is worth 350 sovs, the big event on  
 the concluding day being worth 300 sovs. Two  
 classic events will be determined at the meeting:  
 the North Island Challenge Stakes, and the New  
 Zealand St. Leger.

Some admirers of Advance maintain that Van-  
 guard's son is equal to Seahorse. How they  
 arrive at that conclusion is not very clear, as  
 there is nothing definite to go upon in forming  
 a correct estimate of the respective capabilities  
 of the pair. That they are a couple of sterling  
 gallopers is beyond question, but until Advance  
 downs the Auckland under fair conditions, and  
 on something approaching equal terms, he  
 cannot be deemed to be as good as Nelson's  
 son. It may turn out later on that he is, but  
 if Seahorse is started in the Century Stakes,  
 and Advance beats him in that race, his effort  
 cannot well be set down as being anything like  
 his best, in view of his lameness in Australia,  
 and the fact that he will have only been a  
 fortnight off the boat. It is probable that the  
 colt will not be started for the thousand  
 pounder; his owner will be well advised if he  
 keeps him in the stable, for it would be pity to  
 risk a total breakdown. Major George had not  
 decided what he would do when in the South,  
 after his arrival from the other side, but the  
 impression he gave was that the horse would  
 likely see the post if he was well. A hot mile  
 and a half race, however, isn't very nice gruel  
 for a racer who is not in prime condition.

The local mare, Tortulla, started second  
 favorite in the Napier Park Cup, but the going  
 did not suit her, and she was one of the last to  
 finish. Coronet must be a perfect peach to give  
 Tire 16lbs and finish so gamely as he did at the  
 end of a mile and a half. At Hastings Tortulla  
 was in receipt of 4lbs from Coronet, and beat  
 him badly, but at the Park, when he next met  
 her on 6lbs better terms, he reversed things most  
 pronouncedly. The Porirua rep. wasn't fancied  
 on the second day, when the distance was a  
 quarter of a mile less, and she never showed up.

I hear that Philanthropist is unlikely to  
 fulfil his Feilding engagements, having gone  
 wrong.

Prosser only won one race with his quartette  
 during the four day's racing in Hawke's Bay,  
 Blackdust accounting for the First Hurdles, at  
 Hastings, and running a second and third at the  
 Park. The Guard was given a run on the last  
 day of the latter meeting, and actually started  
 first favorite, but resultlessly. Titoki could do  
 no better than run second. Whitney, who has  
 joined Prosser's string, deadbeated with Spinner  
 for the Esk Handicap.

Ideal was greatly fancied here for the City  
 Stakes, at Napier, and the dividend returned was  
 very acceptable. Three punters who had a  
 plunge on the well-bred Nobility in Kissmary's  
 race went down rather badly. They had originally  
 decided to launch out on Kissmary, but sub-  
 sequently changed their minds. First thoughts  
 would have been decidedly the best in this case,  
 seeing the dividend paid by Hotchkiss' daughter.

The Dreadnought horse, Spinner, was well  
 backed in Wellington for the race he won, and  
 also for the Esk Handicap, in which he ran a  
 dead heat. Writing about Spinner, by the way,  
 why did not Sir George Clifford disapprove of  
 his name when Mr Ormond bestowed it on him,  
 seeing that there was, and still is, an animal  
 named The Spinner racing in the South? Sir  
 George Clifford formally disapproves of all  
 duplicated names, and a list of prohibited cog-  
 nomens is regularly published in the Official  
 Calendar. Why did he not adopt the usual  
 course with regard to Mr Ormond? The  
 present writer hereby draws Sir George's atten-  
 tion to the matter, and, in doing so, takes the  
 opportunity of informing him that there has  
 been some comment as to the reason why the  
 Squire of Karamu has not been treated like  
 other horse owners. The Southern horse, The  
 Spinner, who won a race at the Hutt once, when  
 he beat Telephone on the post, ran at the  
 Dunedin meeting last week.

Tortulla, Titoki, Blackdust, Whitney and The  
 Guard, have returned from Napier.

The balance-sheet of the Masterton Racing  
 Club's last meeting pans out thusly: Receipts,  
 £2,270 6s 10d; expenditure, £2,057 11s; profit,  
 £212 15s 10d. The amount paid in Govern-  
 ment totalisator tax was £122 8s 10d.

April 2.

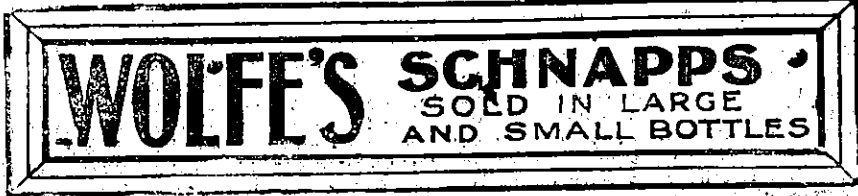
The Lady Agnes cropped up again at the  
 meeting of the Wellington Racing Club Stewards  
 to day. It will be remembered that this mare  
 was disqualified for twelve months by the Wai-  
 rarapa Club for inconsistency, and the race  
 awarded to Spider. The Metropolitan Club  
 refused to endorse the disqualification, and Mr  
 Smart (her owner) consequently expected to re-  
 ceive the stake. The Wairarapa stewards, how-  
 ever, informed him they were going to pay over  
 to the owner of the second horse (Spider), as Mr  
 Smart had not prosecuted his appeal. Mr Smart  
 then placed the matter in the hands of the  
 Wellington Racing Club, and notified the Wai-  
 rarapa people that he would hold them responsible  
 for the stake. The Metropolitan Club to-day  
 upheld Mr Smart's appeal. There was really  
 no reason for appeal, seeing that the disqualifica-  
 tion was not endorsed.

Advance leaves here on Wednesday to fulfil  
 his northern engagements.

The sentences of six months' disqualification,  
 imposed by the Masterton Racing Club on the  
 jockeys, B. Buckeridge and S. Karkeek, have  
 been endorsed by the Metropolitan Club.

Six new members have been elected to the  
 Wellington R.C.: Messrs T. L. Smith, Paul  
 Hunter (Porangahau), Allan Maguire, C. H.  
 Izard, W. Pollard (Blenheim), and S. C. Allan.

The South Wairarapa Hospital Betting Trot-  
 ting Club has inserted a £25 hack flat race on  
 its programme for the next meeting, and the  
 Metropolitan Club has approved of the event.



GEO FOWLES is slaughtering