

HOMES OF HORSES.

MR. FRANK MACMANEMIN'S TRAINING ESTABLISHMENT AT ELLERSLIE.

[BY PETRONEL.]

Next week we shall see the first battle between the Auckland juveniles, and though the question of two-year-old supremacy will not be decided at the Avondale Meeting, still we shall get there an idea as to the merits of our coming racers. There is a prevailing public opinion that in Scotty, the St Leger—Janet colt, Frank Macmanemin trains a smasher. On the other hand, some say that the local two-year-olds are much of muchness, that is, they have all been asked to do the same sort of work, and all have negotiated the business in very much the same style. Frank Macmanemin has five two-year-olds in his stable. Whether he is going to lead in the winner of the Avondale Stakes deponent knoweth not, but certainly he has some racy looking customers in his boxes. I paid a visit to his comfortable training quarters last Thursday, when everything about Ellerslie looked very attractive in the bright sunshine. That our friend the photographer was with me readers of this week's REVIEW will see.

At the time of our arrival the string had not long come in from walking exercise, and Chantilly, the two year-old chestnut colt by Seaton Delaval from Charente, purchased by Mr J. T. Ryan at the Sylvia Park sale for 105g, was being rubbed down and generally being put to rights before going into his box. Half-brother to La Gloria, last Auckland Guineas winner, this colt is, and he bears a likeness to his relative. He has a good broad blaze down his face, with stocking markings on his off fore and near hind feet. His off hind foot has a little white about it. He is a colt of commanding appearance, and if readers will compare the picture in this week's paper with that which appeared some months ago, the great improvement in the colt will be admitted. He has developed into a racehorse, and I am sure will not disgrace his breeding or his trainer when he is put to it to get first past the judge.

I was not particularly impressed with Kissaline, the brown filly by Hotchkiss out of Brown Alice. She has rather a hollow back, but with time this will probably be effaced to a considerable extent. None can deny that Kissaline has powerful-looking quarters, or that her legs and feet are not of good quality. She has plenty of time in which to fill the eye more favourably.

Cressy, a bay filly by Hotchkiss out of Crescent, is a racehorse of the future. There are few finer looking two-year-olds knocking about I am sure. She is a fine well-grown filly, and though her time may not be just yet, she must amply repay Mr J. T. Ryan his outlay before the season closes. Cressy is a remarkably handsome two-year-old, though some judges might object to her standing so high on the leg. Time will let her down, and in another year she will be a beautiful mare. Now she has the grace and attractiveness of youth in addition to bone, size, and substance.

Quality from stem to stern is Jewellery, Mr Dan McLeod's two-year-old filly by St Leger from Neck'ace, by Musket out of Locket. Built on rather light lines perhaps, but a filly that will command attention and admiration wherever she goes. She is bay in colour, has a star, and off fore and near hind feet white. Here again the ultra-critical might object to too much leg, but again I say time will do its work. This filly is half-sister to Coronet, and she bears a certain

resemblance to that well performed horse. Jewellery is a dainty creature, lithe, active, intelligent, and beautiful, and therefore a charming specimen of the thoroughbred.

Scotty, the St Leger—Janet colt, also the property of Mr Dan McLeod, is a rarely built customer. He is a light bay in colour with black points. He has great bone, and looks to possess great galloping power. I hardly saw him at his best on Thursday, for he had been physicked that morning. Scotty is growing fast, and is going to make a sterling colt. He is a first foal, and first foals have a knack of winning races.

The Master may be seen out at Avondale. He has been schooled over the hurdles at Ellerslie, and he has the out of a jumper, so he may be expected to become a pretty good performer over timber. That consummation may not be just yet, still, at the same time, I should not like to say it is very far off, for Frank Macmanemin has a winning way with jumpers.

St Elyn, by St Leger out of Lady Evelyn, was very unlucky as a two-year-old. She was frequently fancied, and frequently disappointed her

party. Once when she looked to have victory within her grasp she stumbled slightly coming up the straight at Ellerslie, and Aeger beat her. This sister to Hermosa looks good enough for anything, and I hope that better luck may be her portion this season.

Bacchus, the four-year-old brother to Tauhei and Dayntree, has yet to earn winning brackets. He has been a bit of a disappointment so far, but still he should pay his way during the present season. He is a strong looking chap, and has often finished well under punishment, so there is ground for hope.

La Gloria is an unlucky mare. Just before the last Takapuna Cup, she injured one of her feet so severely that she was laid by for some time. Last Thursday morning while working, she hit herself very hard, and cut her pastern deeply. The St Leger—Charente mare had been moving very well in her work, and though the injury will not stop her appearance at Avondale, it is a bit of bad luck in keeping with her past. Let us hope there will be no more of it, for La Gloria is an honest mare and all would like to see her at her best.

The brilliant Miss Delaval, winner of so many classic races, was enjoying herself in a paddock hard by the stables. The pretty little mare had been suffering with her teeth, and her mentor was indulging her with a rest. Miss Delaval was looking all-right, and I hear that she will certainly go down to Riccarton to take part in the New Zealand Cup. I do not fancy her for a two mile race. Certainly she has won over a mile and three-quarters—the New Zealand St Leger—still I would prefer her at a mile and a-half or a mile and a-quarter. At either of these distances her brilliant finish will always stand her in good stead. She is game and steadfast, and I hope to see her win races this season. To look at her in the paddock, one would not deem her capable of beating in weight for age races such horses as Seahorse and Sant Ilario, but she has done so, and done it with brilliance.

Miss Delaval was the last of Frank Macmanemin's charges I saw. Volcano was out somewhere so I missed him. I spent a very enjoyable time in viewing the other inmates of the stable, and in wishing the trainer and his string good health and good luck I do not think I am alone.

MR J. B. WILLIAMSON'S TRAINING STABLES, HARP ROAD, ELLERSLIE.

The trainer of Coronet—the cup horse as he is called from his numerous cup victories, and his placings behind cup winners—has this season a compact little band of horses to work with. He generally manages to win a few good races with his team, and it is tolerably certain that he will do so this season. Besides Coronet he has some horses of unknown calibre, and a couple of promising two-year-olds. When I visited Mr Williamson the other day I first looked over the stallions, and then inspected the inmates of the various boxes.

The occupant of the first box we entered was Etona, by Castor out of Lady Walmaley. The full-sister to Eton was purchased at the last Wellington Park sale for 80 guineas. She is a bay with a blazed face, and near hind foot white. She is not a big filly but nevertheless she has a trim appearance, and if she shows anything like her brother's smartness over short courses she will pay her way.

Aminta, the grey daughter of Castor and Vivandiere, and full-sister to Tauhei, Dayntree, and other speedy progeny of the Castor—Vivandiere union, was never raced as a two-year-old. She has grown into a very fine mare, and when her time comes will probably keep up the family reputation for very fair galloping. At the present she looks as if she required further time. She is growing fast but she has any amount of power, and even if she should never make a name on the racecourse she will be a very useful brood mare.

A full-brother to Norton occupied the next box. This fellow is a four-year-old. He is a chestnut, with a blaze and white hind stockings. The Ascot gelding has everything but size to recommend him, for he is a good looking horse built on powerful lines, and with a set of legs fit subjects for admiration. I suppose the jumping business is to be his line of occupation. He should fulfil that mission with credit.

Miss Shirley, a three-year-old bay filly by Orestes from Nelson Maid, is not much to look at. She only ran once last season, so nothing can be said of her merit.

Tahaka, the Muskapeer—Ladybird gelding, is in excellent condition. This jumper showed ability at the jumping game last autumn and

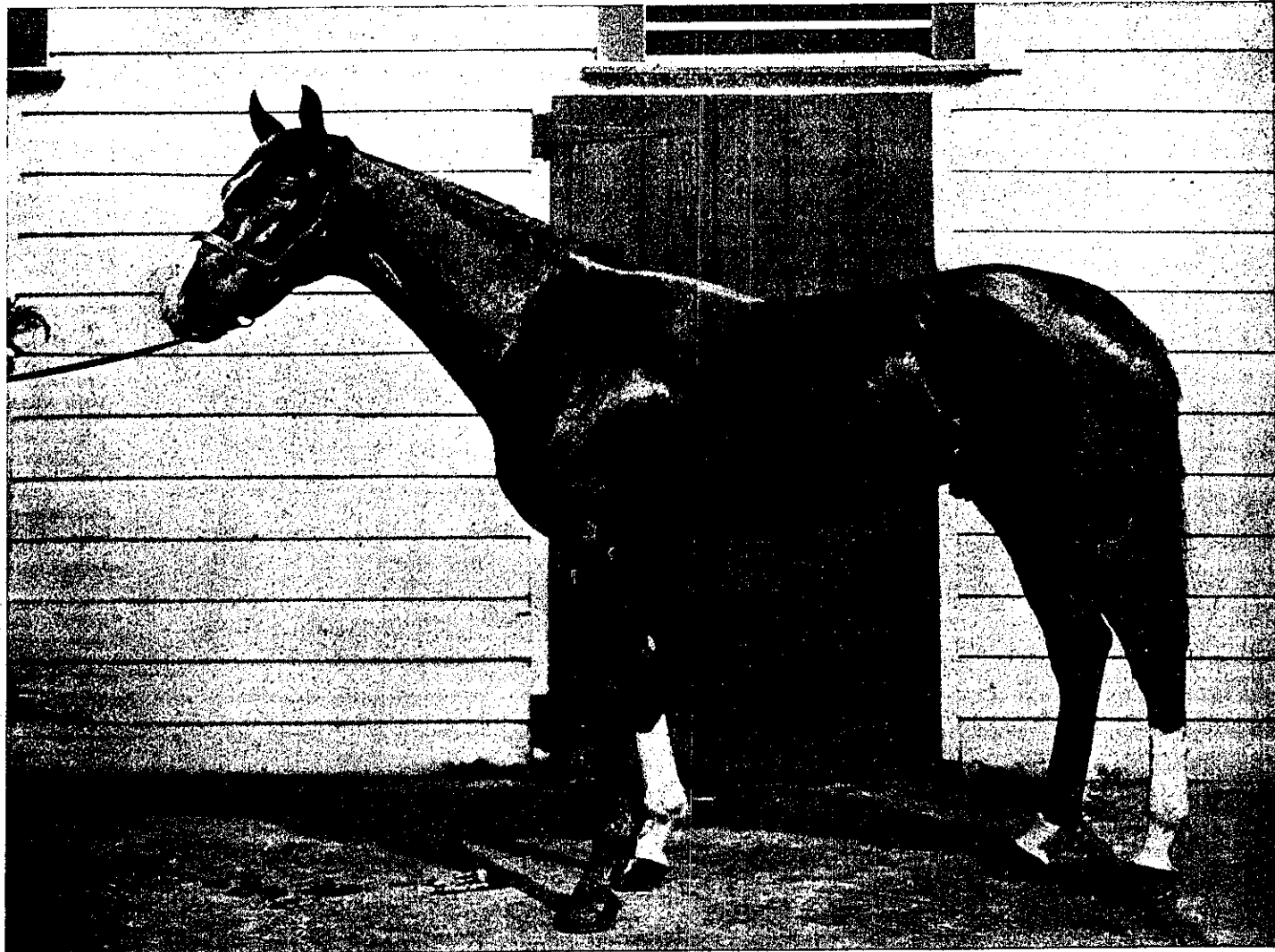


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MR J. T. RYAN'S CH C CHANTILLY 2YRS (BY SEATON DELAVAL—CHARENTE.)

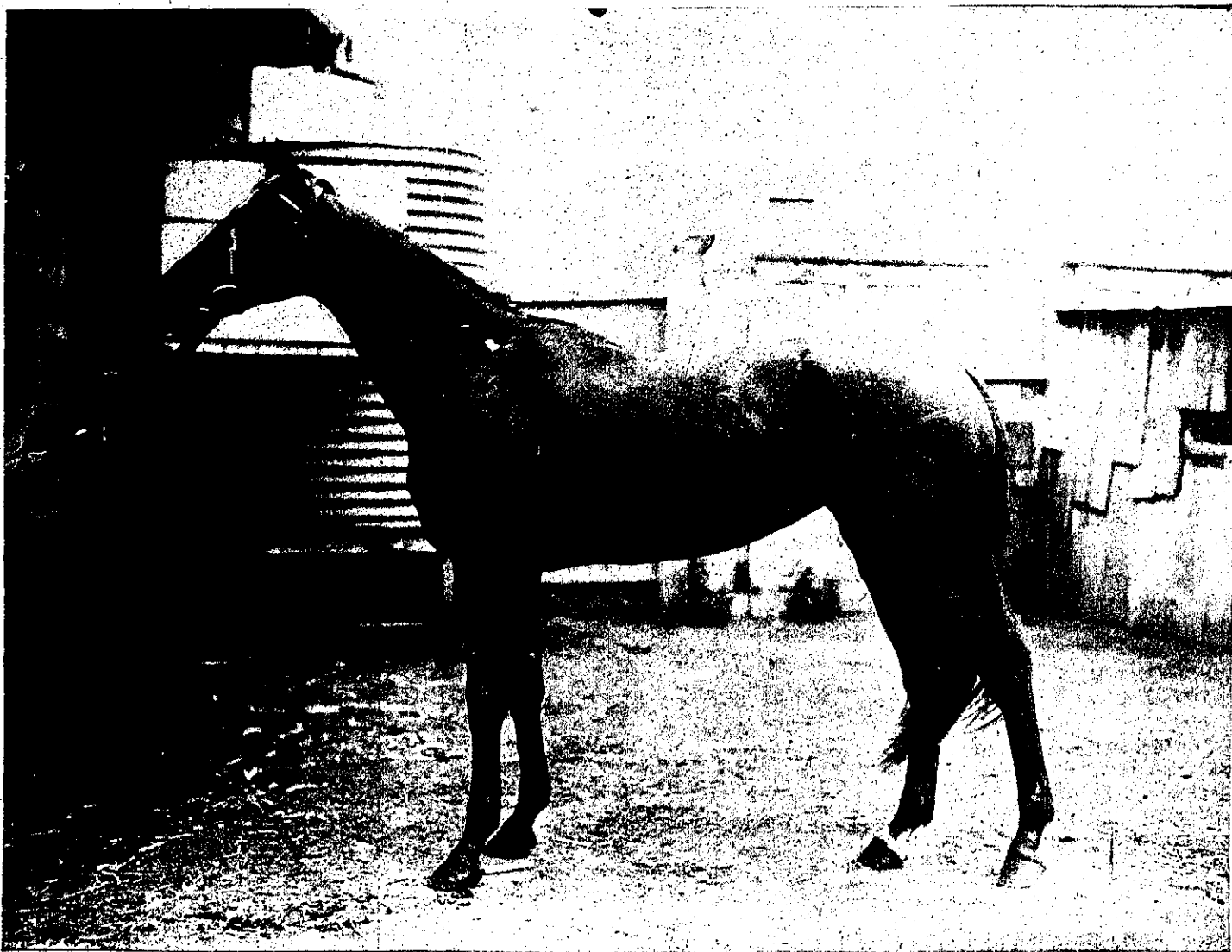


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MR J. G. RALPH'S BLK F LADY AVON 3 YRS (BY SOULT—FIRST LOVE).