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There is quite a bloodstock establishment at Waitara. A local gentleman, who for years has been very keen in breeding bloodstock, has about half-a-score of mares with foals at foot located in a nicely sheltered paddock at Waitara Road, and the same gentleman has a property at Awikino, where several brood mares are located. I wish him success in his venture, and hope his enterprise will be suitably rewarded by turning out some fast and sound gallopers.

The grey mare, Shiela, who used to race in Mr Standish's colours, has produced a fine chestnut colt foal to Sylvia Park, and Leda's filly foal by the same sire is developing fast, and gives promise of being a counterpart of her dam.

Mr F. Watson had a disastrous time with Battlease and Okoari at Auckland. The pair did not get any leniency from the avoidpoups adjuster, despite their indifferent form, more especially in the case of Okoari. This mare has the misfortune to be the own sister to Waiuku, and she has had to pay the penalty due to her brother's greatness.

The Opuake Racing Club are out with their programme for New Year's Day.

Mr W. Elliot, of Waitara, informs me that Pyroxylin is doing well in his work, and will be started at Waitara, and Waireka, who was spelled through an accident to a front hoof, will be put in work forthwith. Gilknockie (a four-year-old stallion by Gipsy King from Hagar) and Howetia, a pony, are the other animals of his stable in work.

The handicaps for the Feilding Meeting at the end of the month have been declared, and GOWRIE and MELWOOD look well in the Kiwitea Stakes; FROST and NAYBORN in the Hurdles; MADMAN and STRENE in the Hack Hurdles; CRUSOE and RUBIN in the St Andrew's Handicap; LAURESTINA and TUKAPA in the Hack Flying, and TOMMY ATKINS and MAZONA in the Open Flying.

WELLINGTON.

ST HIPPO—THE MANAWATU A. & P. SHOW—THE SINNER—BAD LUCK FOR E. WALDEN, THE CLAREVILLE TRAINER—THE MARLBOROUGH MEETING—THE WELLINGTON SPRING MEETING—SOME TRAINING NOTES—ANTICIPATIONS FOR THE FIRST DAY'S RACES.

WELLINGTON, November 18.

The Stepniak—Britomart youngster purchased at Christchurch, by Mr C. Patterson, has been added to J. Lowe's string at the Hutt.

St Hippo, by St Leger—Hippons, took first and champion prize at the Manawatu A. and P. Show. Gipsy King gained second honours, and Bangipubi third. In brood mares Pandora, Cordelia, and Lady Mab filled the places. Son of a Gun was adjudged to be the best stallion best calculated to get weight carrying backs. Dinah secured honours amongst the mares entered in this class, and Utiku, Marumu's filly by Catesby, was awarded first and champion in the mare and filly class.

The Committee of the Wellington Racing Club has re-considered its decision allowing the Lower Valley Jockey Club only one day's racing. At the next meeting the two day's programme will be adhered to, the gathering eventuating on the 26th and 27th December next.

Mrs G. L. Sunderland's horse The Sinner, by Foulshot, was in great form at the Manawatu A. and P. Show. On the first day he beat a big field in the leaping competition (first prize £7),

W. D. Wilson's Rosemaria, by Natator, Jupiter's dam, being second, and H. Gasford's Cloister, by Hiko—Religieuse, third. On the second day The Sinner secured the Hutter's competition, the first prize for which was a 30 guinea cup, presented by the ladies of Manawatu and Rangitikei, in addition to £14 presented by the Association for distribution between the placed horses. Old Harkaway, by Dilke, and Nonsuch, by Mata, were second and third respectively. Mr R. Harley rode The Sinner in both competitions.

E. Walden, the Clareville trainer, has had a stroke of bad luck, his house being destroyed by fire the other night. The building was insured for £100, but there was no insurance at all on his furniture and effects.

November 19.

After being thrice postponed the Marlborough R.C. Meeting was got off last week. The veteran Mr Henry Redwood, "Father of the New Zealand Turf," annexed the big event, the Blenheim Handicap, with Waitutu, a four-year-old by Catesby—Wai. He carried 7st, and just got home by a neck from A. Rore's Hotu (Foulshot—Westlind) 9 13, and Bight metal, who dead-heated. Kent also started. Waitutu got a flying start and led for some distance, and then fell back into third place. He came again at the right end, however, and just managed to get home. It was a fine finish. Dividends, £8 2s and £4 1s. A protest on the ground of a cross entered by the owner of Right Metal was dismissed.

The First Hurdle event was practically a walk over for Slaiden, by Grand Duke, his solitary opponent, Gorse, running off at the first obstacle. Dividends, £1 18s and 14s.

The six furlong Maiden Hack Race proved a good thing for the Wairarapa horse Sir Redvers, by Fiske—Konini, who beat Skylark (Meridian—Tui), Kaloo, and five others.

Seabreeze, by Sou'-wester—Barbella, got away with the Electric Handicap under 9st 9lb from Stage Whisper (St Andrew—Whisper), Sanfoin (Catesby—Ray), and two others, winning by a couple of lengths. Dividends, £2 14s and £1 7s.

The grey mare Creeping Jenny (23secs) won the First Handicap Trot with consummate ease, Dewdrop (scratch), and Star of Honour (14secs), being in the places. There were seven other starters. Dividends, £3 8s, and £1 14s.

The Louis d'Or horse, Right Metal, found 7st 11lb just to his liking in the Telegraph Handicap, scoring from the Hutt horse Kent (8st 8lb), Hotu (9st 13lb) being third. These were the only starters.

There was a close race in the Welter Hack event Mr Gillet's Fireball (Fiske—Norah), carrying 9st 3lb, defeated Sir Redvers (9st 2lb), Kaloo (8st 10lb), and Plainstone, winning by a neck. Dividends, £2 and £1.

Slaiden was again successful in the Hurdles on the second day, putting down Hotu. Gorse, the only other starter ran round. Dividends, £2 2s and £1 1s.

Breezy, who accounted for the Trial Hack Handicap of five furlongs, is by Caloola II, and is four years old. The Pearler (Meridian Pearl—Hurst), Czarina, and two others, comprised the field. Breezy, who got home by half a length, returned £3 8s and £1 14s.

The Hutt trainer, Mr W. Davies, had a turn of Fortune's wheel in the Riverland's Handicap. Kent (St George—Red Rose) getting home from Right Metal and Sing-song, paying £2 18s and £1 9s. Waitutu was one of the starters, carrying 8st 2lb (including 3lbs over).

Stage Whisper accounted for the Scurry Handicap, but she was lucky, as Sanfoin, who got blocked, would have won with a clear run. He got second, and Sir Redvers third. Three others carried silk.

Frizette (34sec) was responsible for the Second Handicap Trot, Mix (45sec), and Creeping Jenny (24sec) being in the places. Four others started. A protest was entered by the owner of the second horse against the winner for inconsistency, and the owner of the third entered a protest against the first two on similar grounds. After lengthy consideration, both on the course and after the races, both protests were dismissed.

Kent again asserted his superiority in the Telegraph Handicap, beating Hotu by a length. Right Metal was third, and two others ran. Dividends, £5 14s and £2 17s.

The last race on the card, the Second Hack Welter, fell to Fireball, by Fiske—Norah, who carried 9st 2lb, beating Czarina, Plainstone, and four others. Dividends, £3 and £1 10s.

The Ashurst-Pohangina Club is offering good stakes for its meeting on December 28, the sum of £650 being programmed for one day. The Manawatu Gorge Handicap, one mile and three furlongs, is worth 110 sovs, and no race will be worth under 60 sovs. Nominations are due on December 7, when payments for the Guineas are also expected.

The Hutt trainer, A. Peters, had no luck at the Blenheim Meeting. Gorse wouldn't jump on either day, and Czarina also failed to score. She managed to get second in one event, and had she won the dividend would have been close on £50.

The second day's sport of the Wellington Trotting Club, whose meeting commences on Wednesday of this week, takes place on Friday.

It is a long time since Hy. Redwood's colours have been seen in the van, and nobody begrudged him his victory on the big event at the Marlborough Meeting, although Waitutu was an outsider. Mr Redwood had bad luck all the same. He expected to win a couple of races with Sanfoin, who unfortunately ran into a post in one event, and got blocked in another when he looked like winning.

A. Rore's horse Hotu was asked to carry thumping weights in all his races at Blenheim. He ran three seconds and a third. His stable mate, Stage Whisper, also performed consistently. This animal is well bred, being by St Andrew—Whisper, both clinkers in their day, and she should be heard from again ere long.

The Hutt track has presented a busy appearance during the last few mornings, in view

of the Wellington Racing Club's Meeting this week. The two Southerners, Glenogle and Scottish Minstrel, appear to be in great heart, and should run well in whatever they are started for. The Hutt trained Ruamahunga and Aide Camp are in capital fettle, and gallop with great freedom, but the best-conditioned horse and the prime mover is the champion Advance, who fairly revels in his work. He galloped with Tortulla this morning, and the mare appeared to be of little use to him. It is very evident that she is at present off colour. Their stable mate, Ostiak, will probably perform better than he did at Christchurch. Fashion is striding along nicely, in fact, nearly all Prosser's horses are strung up to concert pitch.

Jewel Gun has just got over an attack of influenza.

Melwood has put in some useful gallops since the Taratahi Meeting.

Heritas did a vigorous two rounds this morning, while Heiress sprinted.

Others who worked were Oracle, Lady Agnes, Frost, Gipsy, Jack, Materoa, Tukupa, Kent, and Art Jewel.

November 20.

The Lower Valley Jockey Club has issued a liberal programme for its meeting next month, all the events being well endowed. The big Handicap is worth 100 sovs. Entries are due on December 5th, weights appearing on the 10th.

Although the Hon J. D. Ormond nominated freely for the Wellington Metropolitan Meeting, the acceptance list for the first day discloses that he will not be represented at all, his horses being knocked out. This will be the first time for years that the corse jacket has been absent from the Hutt course. The horses eliminated from their engagements are Jabber, Ideal, Paphos, and Roller.

Last night, Battlease, Crusoe, and the maiden candidate Maro, arrived from New Plymouth, and to-day Ismene, Skobleff, Transport, and Cherrystone, came up from the South.

Cœur de Lion and Sirius were associated in a gallop this morning, but only struck out in the last half-mile. Both look well. Glenogle got over a fair six furlongs, but The Shannon did the best gallop of the morning, beating Heiress over three quarters of a mile. Tortulla finished well in a spin with Fashion. Sentry and Ostiak worked by themselves. White Heather was too good for Waterford, and Melwood got away from Kent. Materoa, working in bandages was too superior for Scottish Minstrel over a mile, but there was nothing between the maiden candidate Art Jewel and Raparapa in a useful gallop of once round.

The acceptances received for the Wellington races, which commence on Thursday and conclude on Saturday, are most satisfactory, the average being eight more than the total of last year. There is a fine field of thirteen in the opening event, the November Handicap, but there is bound to be a scratching or two. Sirius, Rubin, Crusoe, and Volley, who have paid up, are also engaged in the Wellington Handicap, which is the third race on the programme. The majority have flattering weights, and on paper there does not seem to be much difference between Ruamahunga, his sister Volley, Aide-de-Camp and SCOTTISH MINSTREL. It is more than likely that the lastnamed will materialise. There are fourteen in the Maiden, which looks fairly open. Art Jewel is one of the best-bred horses in it, but he shaped very poorly at Taratahi. He hasn't been very long up. Heritas, by Goldborough, ought to have a show, but Davies' candidate, WHITE HEATHER, is fairly slippery for three-quarters of a mile, and MACKINTOSH, one of Sir George Clifford's cast-offs, may be expected to make a good showing. A field of ten is left in the big handicap. Advance, of course, went out, as did his stable mate Boreas. The Torpedo mare Tortulla will represent Porirus on this occasion. Other defections are Jabber, Miss Delaval, Ideal, Dundas, Nihilist, Field Rose, Paphos, Somerled, and Glenaladale. When the weights appeared I selected SKOBLEFF and CŒUR DE LION as the best in the handicap, and to this pair I still stick. I fancy it's Mr Stead's turn this time. Volley should run a good mare; she has a nice light weight, and ought to make things hum when she gets in front. Those who failed to pay up for the Shorts' Handicap are Okoari, Chasseur, Cherrystone, Te Taiha, Paphos, Somerled and Romanoff. The distance is only five furlongs, and the race is not easy to pick, but ISMENE will take a lot of beating. The withdrawal of the heavily-weighted Torpina, also Coin, Roller and Derry from the Hurdles has left five in, and WHEAT and WAIWERA may fight it out. Nine stone was deemed too much for Fashion to carry in the Hack Handicap and he was knocked out, as were Assayer, Mongonui, Prologue, Ngaio, Field Trick, The Gem, Plaidie, Waitoa and Smyth. This leaves a field of nine, the best of which may prove to be WATERFORD. The First Welter boasts of a field of eleven, the macontents being First Blood, Oracle, The Hemptie, Donovan, Aide-de-Camp, Furious, Tra-svaal, Ngatahuia Selkirk, Casabiarca and Warnote. RUAMAHUNGA has a taking look on the 9st 3lb mark, and may meet with most opposition from the Southerner PROPOSAL. Eight have been knocked out of the Flying Handicap, but a field of thirteen remains, and is somewhat of a puzzle to locate the probable winner. KISSMARY appears to have an excellent chance and may score, but OSTIAK, GLENOGLE and HEIRESS will have a host of supporters. The course was in excellent trim at the time of wiring. The following are my selections:

—November Handicap: SCOTTISH MINSTREL 1, RUAMAHUNGA 2, VOLLEY 3; Maiden Hack: HERITAS 1, WHITE HEATHER 2, MACKINTOSH 3; Wellington Handicap: SKOBLEFF 1, CŒUR DE LION 2, VOLLEY 3; Spring Hurdles: WAIWERA 1, WHEAT 2, HOTU 3; Shorts' Handicap: ISMENE 1, KISSMARY 2, LADY AGNES 3; First Hack Handicap: WATERFORD 1, REDOUBT 2, MARO 3; First Welter: RUAMAHUNGA 1, WHITREA 2, PROPOSAL 3; Flying Handicap: KISSMARY 1, GLENOGLE 2, HEIRESS 3.

Homes of Horses.

THE HON J. D. ORMOND'S BREEDING ESTABLISHMENT AT KARAMU.

[By OUR HAWK'S BAY CORRESPONDENT.]

Very few people outside this district have any idea of the size and magnitude of this estate, and its equine occupiers, and it was for the purpose of enlightenment on behalf of the readers of the SPORTING REVIEW that I last week took a trip out to Karamu, the estate of the registered owner of the "all cerise" jacket. It's a bonny place, this property of the Hon J. D. Ormond, with its luxuriantly-grassed paddocks, beautifully sheltered with live fences and an abundance of massive willow trees that afford the mares and their youngsters a cool retreat from the rays of old Sol, when he is in a generous mood. From the public road to the stables it is a mile drive, and this down an avenue lined on either side by English trees that add to the beauty and adornment of the locality at this time of the year when their foliage is seen at its best.

The stud master, Fred Carrington, was on hand to receive me upon the occasion of my visit, and his courtesy, kindness and hospitality I will not readily forget. Matters of detail like these make bright oases in the humdrum existence of those who have to work to live.

After doing myself really well, and a fourteen mile drive is not a bad thing to sharpen the appetite with, we wended our way to the yearling paddock, where thirty-three youngsters were enjoying themselves, and a nice lot they are too. The sterner portion of the contingent had just been operated upon, and consequently they did not look so bright by comparison as the fillies did. Anyhow all in they are a good batch, and in a question of good looks will take some settling. Of course, as might be expected, some tower over each other in construction and appearance, and those to my liking that lead the way are the Launcelot crop—which consists of half-a-dozen, five fillies and a gelding. The pick of this bunch is the more than half-sister to Renown, a sweetly-moulded chestnut filly, who has the hall mark of aristocracy largely defined. Three other similarly coloured fillies by Sir Launcelot are the Trent-alto (a fine big filly with lots of freedom), Oriental, and Elflock damels. A bay filly out of Sabra, and a chestnut gelding from Delft, are the remaining ones sired by Sir Launcelot, who has conclusively proved that he can bestow his own good looks and conformation on his progeny. Other notable specimens on this enclosure are, the half brother to Ideal, a brown gelding by Flintlock, a similar coloured chap out of Thane by the same sire, chestnut geldings by the Musk-stallion from Miss Evelyn, Aphrodite, and Industry, a bay gelding by St Andrew from Lady Brunette (Musk-stallion out of a daughter of Ratan and Beauty), a bay filly out of Montdread, and a brown filly from Norsemaid (a sister to North Star and Nansen), both by St Leger's son; brown fillies from Queen of Trumps and Montmarte by Flintlock; a big bay gelding from Morag's half-sister Vixtrix, by Mr McKinnon's stallion; and a nice evenly built filly by Spinfeldt, from that good old mare Martyr. Flintlock's progeny show plenty of size, and are blessed with good healthy and bright appearance, coupled with good bone. In fact, a two-year-old daughter of his out of Newcomer, that is keeping the yearlings company, could be easily taken for a well-grown three-year-old.

The next paddock contains several of the brood mares and foals who are having sprints on their own, and what a picture of contentment is here portrayed! Those two inseparable companions, The Shrew and Target, who now master any part of the paddock they are in, are always found coupled together. They are attended by their filly foals by The Officer, and the brace of babies look well. The Shrew's pledge to the Robinson Crusoe horse showing most quality. Mount Ida and Enid, with their daughters by The Officer, both brown in colour, are the next pair that we came across, and this brace of young ladies are without doubt the pick of the filly foals that have come to light this season. Other mares that are attended by their progeny here who claim attention are Hippolyte, with a filly to St Andrew; Montmarte, Industry, Housemaid and Lullaby with bay fillies to The Officer, and Eon and Taihos with brown fillies to the same sire. The colts who show out the best are a brown half-brother to Renown by The Officer, a quick dapper active stamp of juvenile, full of life; bay colts from Arcthusa, Sabra, Queen of Trumps and Montdread, and brown colts out of Solitaire, Trentalto, Nixie, Spot, Delft (an extra good quality one), Miro and Spinney.

The balance of the mares who are yet to foal, and who have misseed or slipped their foals this term, are stationed in another enclosure, and they all seem in the enjoyment of good health. When I state that there were fifty-seven mares sent to the stallions The Officer, Spinfeldt, and St Andrew last season, it can be seen that Carrington and his understudy, E. O'Neill, have not much spare time on their hands and the healthy, bright look of their charges give ample proof that they have got through their arduous duties in a most creditable manner.

The Officer appears as if he were never better in his life, for he has a beautiful healthy bloom in his coat, and his eye denotes by its lustre and brightness that he is in the enjoyment of perfect health. St Andrew, who is boxed through the day and run out at night, also looks in splendid fettle. Sir Launcelot appears as great a swell as ever. He has the run of the paddock during the day, and is stabled at night. Spinfeldt, whose locale is a paddock on his own at all times, shows that he is well cared for and attended to.

To say that I spent a pleasant day and one full of profit can easily be imagined, for the affability of my cicerone never wavered in the slightest from the time the flag fell till I passed the post, if not full of running—well, full of information.