

SOUTHLAND.

An Addition to Trainer Hogan's String—The Southland R.C.'s Autumn Programme—Alaska Getting Back to Form—Specialform's Dunedin Cup Prospects.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

INVERCARGILL, February 14.

The chestnut gelding Wild Pilgrim, by Pilgrim's Progress—Lady Garland, has been taken in hand again by trained P. T. Hogan after a beneficial spell. He is looking well, and should soon round up into racing condition.

St. Robera, by Canrobert—St. Brigid, a full-sister to Daringdale, is being built up and carefully attended to in view of being given a final trial on the turf. She has plenty of pace, but so far does not stay too well and has yet to win a race. A three-year-old full-brother to the above, known as Sir Brigid, is doing well on the local tracks at present, and may possibly race at the Dunedin J.C. Autumn meeting next week.

Immediately on the appearance of the weights for the Publican's Handicap at the Dunedin Cup fixture, Pallisade was withdrawn. It is said that his connections were dissatisfied with the handicap set against him. The son of Pallas and Red Peony recently took first prize in the thoroughbred stallion class at the Tapanui Agricultural Show, but this must not be taken as an indication that he is to be withdrawn from the racecourse. He has quite recovered from the jarred feet which recently troubled him at Trentham, and it is more than likely that he will carry silk at the Dunedin J.C. fixture.

A handsome black mare, four or five years of age, recently joined trainer Hogan's string on the local tracks. This daughter of Stepniak and Kate Kolmar, by Pilgrim's Progress from Countess of Kolmar, who is to race in the interests of the sportsman who raced Routine in these parts looks like shaping into a galloper of the first water.

The programme for the Southland R.C.'s Autumn fixture made its appearance during the current week and met with general approval. In addition to the flat-racing division being liberally catered for, steeplechasers and trotters have not been forgotten, and no less than £500 is to be divided over four light-harness events. The support of trotting owners has played no minor part in the success of late years achieved by the Southland R.C., hence it is only fair that this fact should be freely recognised when prize-money is allocated.

The steeplechasers Sportsman and Royal Medal are expected to arrive from Otago at any time within the next few days. They have been treated to preliminary work for some time past on their owner's property at Henley, but they are now to return to their old quarters at Riverton, where trainer J. Thistleton has a strong team in work from Kia-Ora Lodge.

A patron of P. T. Hogan's stable recently purchased from Mr. F. Malcolm, of Heddon Bush, a three-year-old horse called Master Ahei, by Ahei from Miss Stout. He has been added to the list, and when he recovers from the operation he will be educated as a steeplechaser by Hogan, who is an adept at the business.

Two North Island-bred three-year-olds, in Master Jim, by Ahei from Primula (dam of Probable and Mt. Victoria), and Aerogram, by Ahei from Motno aria, have been showing improved form on the Southland tracks of late. Aerogram has already shown pace in her races, but Master Jim has yet to face the starter. The latter is a very nice colt, and it is more than likely that he will win a race before the current season closes.

The Hawke's Bay horseman, R. Gray, has arrived in Invercargill, and will, as usual, help with P. Hogan's jumping horses for a few months to come. Gray appears to make the trip south an annual one, at least he has done so for several years.

Trainer G. Hope is persevering with Golden Webb and Miss Kellerman, and this pair of Captain Webb mares are doing all that is being asked of them. Hope is noted as one of the most attentive mentors at the local tracks.

The Canrobert—Turret three-year-old colt, Alaska, has been transferred from Riverton to Winton, and is now under the care of J. Gray, better known as the trainer of Thistle-down. Alaska can gallop fast, but soreness has retarded his movements for some time past. However, he is stated to be casting aside this trouble and

racegoers should soon see what he is really made of.

The Martian—Lady Jehu mare pretty Jane, a member of P. Hogan's team, is recovering from an attack of what appears to have been a mild case of strangles. This filly has not lost condition during her period of illness, and can surely be depended upon to add to Martian's total in the winning sires' list during 1914.

The Black and Red—Minaret mare, Magdaleon, is putting on condition under the charge of G. McLean, who has hopes of getting a good race out of Mr. Deegan's speedy mare.

The next meeting in this part of the world will be that of the Lumsden District Hack R.C., which takes place on February 24. A totalisator permit will not be available, but the fixture invariably attracts attention, as the club provide an excellent dirt track to race upon, and thus owners of valuable thoroughbreds are not afraid to patronise it for trying-out purposes.

Local racegoers are looking forward to the Dunedin Cup race next week, and many of them are not at all afraid of Kilrain and Co., but will pin their allegiance to Specialform, winner of the recent Invercargill Cup. Her race in the Canterbury J.C. Midsummer Handicap did not please northern critics, but it has not discouraged her southern supporters.

CANTERBURY.

White Cockade to be Schooled Over Country—Tannhauser to be Treated to Spell—Sauci to Start Both at Dunedin and Wanganui—Riccarton Horses at Dunedin.

(By Telegraph—Own Correspondent.)

CHRISTCHURCH, February 17.

Antagonist and Brown Owl, both of whom have finished their racing careers, were railed to Sir Geo. Clif-

Since his reinstatement A. McAulay has been working the Australian-bred gelding Hops, who looks all the better for his short respite.

Present intentions are to start Sauci in the Publican's Handicap at Dunedin, and then hurry him off to Wanganui. Even should the gelding incur a penalty for the Flying Handicap at Wanganui an additional seven pounds should not interfere greatly with his chance of scoring at the Northern fixture.

It was announced on the conclusion of the Wellington meeting that Mr. Greenwood had parted with Historiette. By some means the sale fell through, and the filly, in company with Rencontre, will race on behalf of Mr. Greenwood at the Wanganui meeting.

Mr. G. L. Stead will have a particularly fine team at the Dunedin meeting in Bon Ton, Sauci, Moutu, and Brocade. After fulfilling their engagements at the Southern fixture they will be hurried North to Wanganui.

Nightwatch was showing signs of lameness after running in the Middle Park Plate, and has been having an easy time of it since. There is nothing seriously wrong with the handsome son of Treadmill, and his trainer has every hope of getting the colt into good form for the autumn fixtures. Masterpiece, in the same stable, had to forfeit his Dunedin engagements, and it is doubtful if he will ever stand thoroughly winding up again.

About forty Riccarton-trained horses with engagements at the Dunedin Jockey Club's meeting left Christchurch for the South by special train on Saturday morning. The trainers with the biggest teams were: A. Cutts (seven), M. Hobbs (five), and R. O'Donnell (four).

Kilrain and Altcar, in charge of J. Lowe, passed through Christchurch



A WELL-KNOWN WAIKATO FLAT RACER AND HURDLER—Mr. J. Hooker's b m KOTIRIPO, 6yrs, by St. Crispin—Phyllis, winner of the Thermal Springs' Handicap (six furlongs) at the Rotorua J.C.'s annual meeting. Tutchen in saddle. Trained by R. Hannon.

ford's stud farm, Stonyhurst, on Thursday morning.

The Martian filly Judith, with Gregory as companion, was tried over five furlongs at Riccarton on Thursday morning in the presence of her owner, Mr. G. Gould. Though she defeated her companion, there was nothing impressive about Judith's display.

White Cockade, who has been enjoying a lengthy spell, will shortly rejoin R. Longley's active brigade, and it is intended to school the gelding over country.

Firmhold was given a dose of physic after the C.J.C. meeting, and missed his Dunedin engagements in consequence.

Flora MacDonald made a speedy recovery from the lameness that prevented her starting at the C.J.C. summer meeting. She has been sent to the Dunedin meeting, but can hardly be at her best after such a light preparation.

Tannhauser has been blistered mildly on his front tendons, and is to be given a short spell. He has never shown any sign of lameness, but there was an unaccountable swelling, which a mild blister should remove.

L. Hagerty has been engaged to ride Mr. D. Rutherford's two hurdlers in their races over sticks at Wanganui. Daylight Bill is engaged in the hurdles each day, but Sunbeam has only one engagement over hurdles on the last day. The first two days he is in the welters.

A four-year-old sister to Mowbray, who has been showing galloping ability of no mean order, will make her debut at the Dunedin meeting.

on Friday, bound for Dunedin. Both looked in the best of condition, and the former is one of the fancied candidates for the Dunedin Cup.

Only ten out of the twenty-three horses handicapped for the Dunedin Cup were accepted for on Friday evening.

The North Island horseman, N. Campbell, has been engaged to ride Silver Monarch in his hurdle race engagement at the Dunedin Jockey Club's meeting this week. The Wellington-trained gelding is said to be very well at present, and was jumping nicely at Trentham.

Two of Mr. H. Friedlander's yearlings, purchased at the Kinloch sale in November, have arrived at Riccarton, and are now under the care of F. Holmes, who will proceed immediately to break them in. They are Martian colts, from Fire Queen and Mary of Argyle respectively. It is possible that Mr. Friedlander's older horses will also be transferred before long to Holmes' stable.

The stables that are being erected for Mr. W. G. Stead in Gordon Road, Hastings, are now nearly ready for occupation. They consist of six boxes with all the necessary adjuncts, including living accommodation for the lads engaged in looking after the team. The location of the quarters is in close proximity to the stables from which T. Quinlivan sends forth Mr. E. J. Watt's string, and as Quinlivan is the controller-general of Mr. Stead's horses he will be handy to his double-barrelled position.

WANGANUI.

Flying Handicap Prospects—A Promising Hurdler—Messrs. Alison's Quartette at Wanganui—Notes on Cup Horses—Improvements to Wanganui Course—Minor Events at Approaching Meeting Discussed.

(From Our Wanganui Correspondent.)

WANGANUI, February 16.

I understand that Postillion is lame, and has done practically no work since running at Trentham. If this is correct he is unlikely to be a starter in the Flying at the Wanganui meeting.

As a result of his recent win at Riccarton Sauci is the popular pick for the Flying here, but Bon Reve and Gipsy Belle are also much fancied. Provided Sunbird could be depended upon to gallop up to her best track form I would look to her to go very close to landing this event, as she is very fast and has only 6.10 to carry. Still, on form, Sauci certainly appears entitled to the position, even with the 7lb. penalty he will have to carry. However, he is engaged at Dunedin this week, and his running there should serve to give a better idea as to what he is really capable of. In any case there are several great gallopers in the big sprint here which may be relied upon to thoroughly test Sauci. Postillion may not be a starter, but Bon Reve, Rewi Poto, Gipsy Belle, Ermengarde, Patronale and two or three others will make up a field from which the winner will take a lot of sorting out.

If Arauke keeps sound he should not be long in winning a race over hurdles. In his essays over the schooling battens he has so far jumped remarkably well, and as he can both stay and gallop fast he should do well as a hurdler. St. Gate is another which has been giving good displays over the hurdles on the track, and up to a mile or so he is very fast over the obstacles. It remains to be seen whether he will stay on over the hurdles any better than on the flat, where a mile always seems to be his limit. Of the pair, Arauke appears most likely to be a success over the hurdles, and he should be really good at the game.

Tiresome, Allegation, Ruffy and Centenary have arrived here to fulfil their engagements at the Wanganui meeting. The two former are looking in splendid nick, and the better of the pair should go near landing the Cup. In spite of her failures at the Taranaki meeting, Tiresome is still as good a fancy as anything for the big event. It appears she had a rough trip down from Onehunga, and this probably prevented her from showing her best form at New Plymouth. Her connections are said to be very confident of winning here again, and apparently they think she is better at the weights than Allegation, though there are quite a number of shrewd judges who are picking Allegation to run a better race than Tiresome. It will thus be seen that Mr. Alison must have an excellent chance of landing the Cup with two such good ones to bear the chocolate and red livery.

Reports to hand credit Sea Pink with doing excellent work on the track at Hastings, and he is greatly fancied in certain quarters for the Cup here. Bon Reve is also said to be going in his best style, and his prospects in the Flying are highly thought of.

Bon Ton and Thrax will be racing at Dunedin this week, and it will be interesting to see how they shape in view of their Wanganui Cup engagements. Victory for either of the pair at Dunedin would mean that Mr. G. Morse would review the winner's weight here, but in the case of Bon Ton he would not in any case be asked to carry much more than he has now, viz., 9.0.

A horse which may have an outside chance in the Cup here is Braeburn, who is in at 6.10. He will be racing at Woodville this week, and it will be interesting to see how he shapes.

Leonta is understood to be doing good work at Fordell, and is very fit. He is a better horse than might be imagined by his running at Hawera, but his chance in the Cup depends greatly upon how he is ridden. If he is handled with good judgment he will not be far away at the finish.

Since the spring meeting some improvements have been made to the Wanganui course, including the banking up of the top bend, which has been saucerised, and this should improve the going there very much. Previously there was a rise at the