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WELLINGTON.

Nelson J.C.'s Annual Meeting—Pair of Useful Youngsters—Notes on Woodville fixture.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

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Quite a number of North Island sporting enthusiasts are planning a trip to Nelson for the purpose of attending the annual meeting of the Nelson Jockey Club, which is set down for decision on March 11th and 12th. The presence of a number of horses from this side of Cook Strait also causes considerable interest to be taken in the Richmond Park gathering. Secretary J. Glen and his fellow officials are leaving no stone unturned with a view to making the meeting very enjoyable.

Immer, who was well supported by her owner, Mr. "Kirkdale," failed to land the goods at Woodville, and the mare's failures cost her connections a tidy sum. The daughter of Martian—Everlasting appeared well to the eye, but she managed to meet something better than herself at the weights.

Mr. A. R. Durrant is shortly sending up to H. Fletcher, at Tauherenikau, the gelding Commotion (Sensation—Mrs. Shannon) and a two-year-old colt by Bezonian—Prologue, and therefore a half-brother to the brilliant Sinapis. With the three horses named Fletcher should assuredly fare well in his turf exploits.

Mr. A. T. Stone Wigg, of Masterton, who is shortly removing to his sheep station in the Auckland district, has sent Manitu (San Fran—Queensborough) up to J. T. Jamieson at Awapuni to be prepared for future racing. The black gelding is a useful sort, and in "Sam's" hands should fare well.

Two Trentham-trained horses in Lady Vladimir (a member of A. Crawford's team) and Rene (owned and trained by A. Goodman) each won a race at the Woodville meeting. The mentors named have their charges very fit, and some further successes should come their way during the next few months.

S. W. Tatham, at Awapuni, has a pair of useful youngsters in preparation for future racing events. One is a three-year-old filly by Sir Laddo—Jeanne d' Arc, and the other is a two-year-old filly by Gold Crest—Jeanne d' Arc. Judging by the make-up of the youngsters they should do "old Bill" some useful service before their racing days are ended.

Visitors from the Woodville meeting state that F. Meagher and W. D. Young, both of whom again entered the ranks of riders last week, were riding in quite their best form in the hurdle events. As both lads are fearless horsemen their services are sure to be in keen demand with owners of jumpers during the next few months.

The suspension of R. Hatch for twelve months by the Woodville District Jockey Club last week came at a very inopportune time, as "Roley," who had only this season commenced training on his own account, was assured of a prosperous career in his new undertaking. For the next year Hatch will have to obtain some other means of occupation.

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ing state that chief stipendiary steward Mr. J. McMahon was on the quiver for anything appertaining to a shady nature. He was kept busy on the two days, and report hath it that some people interested in racing had a "life."

Altcar, who was purchased by Mr. A. Harris, of this city, for 110gns. out of a selling race at Trentham, last week won a race for his new owner at the Dunedin meeting. As the stake was worth £130 to the winner, Mr. Harris appears to have got hold of a decided bargain. Altcar is by Birkenhead—Temaraire, and as he is only a five-year-old there should yet be some years of usefulness ahead of him. He is trained by J. W. Lowe at Trentham.

H. Carmont, who was associated with practically all Shrapnel Shell's successes, and who has been laid aside as the result of an accident, again made his debut in the pigskin at the Woodville meeting, where his handling of Overheard in the Hack Hurdles gained him many admirers for the future. As "Tiny" can go to scale in the region of 8st. 7lb. there should be ample scope for him to get a fair measure of riding during the present season.

Byron has a happy knack of bobbing up now and again, and thereby doing some useful turns to his owner, Mr. J. Harle, of Wellington. The son of Martian—Greek Maid's recent success was at Woodville, when the gelding cleaned up the field in the Autumn Handicap. A. Shearsby has Byron at the top of his form, and some more successes should come his way in the near future.

The many friends throughout the country of ex-racecourse detective J. R. Walden will regret to learn that he is lying seriously ill at his residence at Miramar. There is still some hope for the future, and "Jim's" many associates are looking forward to the day when his burly form will again be seen on the racecourses of this country.

With Los Angelos, Stepney, Belasco, Aratiatia, Hoopoe, Gipsy Belle and Pavlova the Porirua stable of Mr. J. H. Prosser is well represented at the Wanganui meeting this week, and it would occasion no surprise if the team met with some success in their approaching contests.

Boniface trainer J. Cress, of Trentham, is taking Otakura (Achilles—Volley) across to the Nelson meeting. As the opposition is not very formidable at Richmond Park, the chestnut colt should have an opportunity of gaining some distinction.

H. W. Clay, at Trentham, is keeping Lady Dalesford busy, and judging by the manner in which she is getting through her training work the chestnut daughter of Boris should soon be catching the judge's eye.

The Achilles—Bellicent colt Chillies, in N. Williams' Otaki stable, is growing into a fine type of the thoroughbred, and judging by his recent efforts with the colours up he should prove a useful horse to Mr. H. Hodge.

Mr. Mark Harrison, the well-known Waikato owner, is in a private hospital in Auckland, and underwent a serious operation on Sunday. His many friends will hear of this with regret. He is one of the best known and best liked of sportsmen.

SOUTHLAND.

Jan in Work Again—Mr. W. A. Saunders Appointed Handicapper to Southland R.C.—Southland Trotting Club's Meeting—Notes on Dunedin Cup Meeting.

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INVERCARGILL, February 21.

The Charlemagne II. colt Jan has been taken up again by trainer P. T. Hogan, after a somewhat lengthy retirement from active commission. The ex-Wellington horse was lame away back in August of last year, and an attack of strangles followed, after which he was fired by the skilful Gore veterinary surgeon Mr. Martin. He is now working on the lead, and looks like playing a more or less active part in the near future.

The owner of Obsono, Mr. J. J. McBride, of Queenstown, recently suffered a severe loss in the death of a nice colt foal by Applegarth (brother to Autumnus) from Strathfillan, by Strathbraan—Falka. The youngster was found dead in a paddock, and it is surmised that it was kicked by a draught horse, a number of which breed were in the same enclosure.

For their autumn meeting the Southland R.C. have appointed Mr. W. A. Saunders to the position of handicapper. Mr. Saunders is better known as secretary to the club and as a sporting scribe. There were eleven applicants for the position. The new weight-adjuster has had wide experience on the turf, hence there is no reason why he should not develop into a valuable official, particularly as he is one of the most methodical and painstaking of men when it comes to figure work.

At the time of writing local sportsmen are engaged with the Dunedin Cup fixture, a large contingent from this part of the world being present at the scene of action. The three starters for the Invercargill Cup on January 2 were runners in the Dunedin Cup on Wednesday, and in this instance the tables were turned over the extra half-mile of ground. Specialform won easily at Invercargill, but Flora Macdonald outstayed the opposition at Wingatui and set up a new time record for the course, a fact which goes to show the worth of Bon Ton, who lumped his 9.5 in gallant style. Specialform was a great favourite with Southlanders for yesterday's big race, but many remained loyal to the winner, seeing that she was being ridden by a local jockey. It was originally intended that B. Deeley should ride Mr. Friedlander's mare in the Cup if he was free, but when Sir George Clifford decided to start Glenfinnan the crack horseman was compelled to relinquish a ride which he greatly fancied, and this is how J. Olsen came to score in the leading event of the Otago turf world for 1914. Olsen rode well, as when H. Gray sought to give the favourite, Bon Ton, a breather at the hill the Southern jockey sent Flora Macdonald along and thus gained position, and at the same time forced the hands of his rivals. The daughter of Boniform is a very fine stayer, and there are many expert racing men to be found in the South Island who will contend that she is a better racehorse than Anna Carlovna, who was bought out of the same stable last year and subsequently won good races in Victoria. The rather unique happening has to be recorded in connection with an important event of the three placed horses in the Cup all claiming Boniform as their sire.

The hack racer Tommy, who is trained at Kiverton by Thistleton, made his debut as a hurdler at Wingatui yesterday, but failed to get near the leaders at the business end. He lost ground at the start, but it was noticeable that he afterwards kept his place well. The son of Legerton (by St. Leger) is a useful-looking animal.

The Invercargill gelding Sir Brigid, by Canrobert—St. Brigid, ran a fine race for Mr. W. T. Hazlett in the Gladbrook Handicap yesterday. He was only beaten by a short head by Reval after a strenuous race. The full-brother to Daringdale is a very courageous racehorse, and it is safe to say that he will win good races later on in his career. He is a big fellow, and should build up as a four or five-year-old.

Southern visitors to Wingatui fondly imagined that they would very easily find one winner from home, and thus they supported the veteran Gold Sail, who was known to be in form, very heavily for the Apprentices' Plate. The horse got away well enough, but his rider at once lost one of his irons, which parted from the saddle, the consequence being that he very nearly fell off. The lad practically pulled up his mount to enable him to regain his balance and then set out in pursuit of his field. The old horse had something like twenty lengths to make up and did the work well, but the effort was too much for him, and Pepin won by two lengths from Baron Lowburn, while Gold Sail was only a length further away. It was a good but very unfortunate performance.

It has often been said of horses that they would not win if turned loose, but this remark cannot be applied to Icilma, a Southland gelding by Obligado, who took part in the Publicans' Handicap yesterday. He fell and lost his rider shortly after leaving the barrier, but at once scrambled to his feet and set out riderless. Before the straight was reached he was at the head of affairs, and he subsequently raced first past the post with about a length and a half to the good. During his guideless career Icilma troubled several of the runners, including the winner, First Glance. Icilma is a very fast horse, and would probably have played a strong hand in the race had all gone well with him. He gave his connections a great gallop before leaving for Dunedin, and with 6.8 in the saddle would have troubled the best of them.

It is rather a curious fact that in a field of ten for the Dunedin Cup no less than five of the contestants carried overweight—Specialform 11b. over, Glenfinnan 3lb., Odessa 3¼lb., Parable 4lb., and St. Petersburg 2lb.

QUEEN'S FERRY HOTEL.

This well-known and popular rendezvous for people of all shades of opinion has been taken over by Mr. A. Beggs, who for many years was the head of the well-known grocery business bearing that name in Wellington; in fact, the name is a household word in the Empire City. With his business acumen and popularity with the sporting public Mr. Beggs is assured of a prosperous career during his sojourn in Auckland. Nothing but the best brands of liquors will find a space on his shelves, and the fact that only Speight's beer will be found on tap should be a sufficient guarantee that visitors to the Queen's Ferry Hotel will be well catered for. We wish Mr. Beggs every success in his new undertaking.



THE FINISH OF THE SOUTH AUCKLAND CUP.—GOLDSIZE (J. Buchanan) WINS FROM ALMEIDA (O'Shea), WITH GLOY THIRD.