

CANTERBURY.

English-bred Fillies Being Imported by Mr. J. B. Reid—Kilts Schooling Well—Gray's Successes at Wingatui—Sister Radius Probably Visit Australia—The New Chokebore Lodge Stables—Splendidly Ventilated Building With Most Modern Appointments.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

MONDAY, February 23.

After racing on the first two days of the Dunedin J.C. meeting three of Mr. O'Donnell's team, in Sauci, Moulou, and Bon Ton, returned to Christchurch. They were shipped North on Saturday evening to fulfil their engagements at the Wanganui meeting.

Recently the Elderslie studmaster, Mr. J. B. Reid, purchased in England a couple of well-bred fillies, and they are due to arrive in New Zealand in April. They are Christmas Rose, by Heliotrope from Evadne, by Sidus, and Bris Selette, by Picton from Marchpane, by Marcion.

The Finland mare Grey Lass, in T. Shennan's stable, has improved a lot of late, and by the time the Little River meeting comes to hand she should be ready to give a good account of herself.

Kilts, who only a couple of weeks back was given a few lessons over the pony hurdles at Riccarton, and jumped exceptionally well for a beginner, was tried over the schooling hurdles, on Friday morning, and the manner in which he acquitted himself was very pleasing to his connections. He is to be given a run in the hurdle race at the forthcoming Little River meeting.

The mishap by which Icilma lost her rider soon after the start of the Publicans' Handicap at Wingatui was responsible for the somewhat unusual sight of a riderless horse coming in first.

The perfect state of the going at the Dunedin J.C. meeting was evidenced by Flora Macdonald establishing a fresh time record for the Dunedin Cup, while on the second day of the meeting, by getting to the end of seven furlongs in the Hazlett Memorial Plate in 1.28 1-5 Sister Radius clipped 4-5sec. off the previous best, and Altcar put up six furlongs in 1.15 in the Domain Handicap.

The leg trouble that prevented Flora Macdonald from racing at Riccarton evidently returned after her success in the Dunedin Cup, and she was unable to fulfil further engagements. Sunbeam also was lame after racing so prominently in the Stewards' Welter at Dunedin, while Masterpiece was sore.

The English-bred filly Mint is to be thrown out of training, and will be sent to Elderslie and put to the stud later on. This filly has a lot of pace, but has suffered a good deal from rheumatism, and it has in consequence been impossible to race her properly.

Hector Gray put up a fine achievement at Wingatui by winning the Domain, City, and Suburban Handicaps, the last three events of the card on the first day of the Dunedin J.C.'s meeting. On each occasion his mount was either first or second favourite.

Signorile, who has been running in the paddock, has rejoined A. McAuley's active brigade. The Signorile is looking bright and well after her short spell.

All going well with her in the meantime, Sister Radius, winner of the Hazlett Memorial Plate, will be sent to Australia to compete in some of the autumn events. If this proposal is carried out she will be mated with one of the crack Australian sires before returning to the Dominion.

Con the Shaughran, who was recently purchased by Mr. E. H. Nurse, put in an appearance at headquarters on Thursday morning. He is bearing a light appearance. The Coronet gelding will be restricted to light work in the hope of building him up before going into hard training.

The veteran Mumura has been taken in hand again, the chief reason being that he will not behave himself in the paddock. His main occupation since being turned out consisted of trying to kick the fences down, and getting his legs knocked about. As a result he will now be restricted to trotting and cantering exercise for a time.

Despite his defeats at Dunedin, Sauci is sure to start a staunch favourite for the Flying Handicap at Wanganui. The gelding seems all the better for his racing, and at 7st. must be given a great chance.

On the 27th of last month the old-

established Chokebore Lodge stables, owned by Ted Cutts, were burned to the ground. To-day their place is taken by a structure that in the course of a fortnight will be completed, and gives every promise of being the most commodious and up-to-date single building of its kind in New Zealand. Already the structure presents a decidedly imposing appearance, and does every credit to its architectural designer. The ground floor will be 130ft. in length by 44ft. in breadth, while from base to ridge board the front of the building will be 26ft. at its highest part. As a matter of fact, less than half the inside space of this large structure will be taken up by the 20 boxes, for right down the centre will run a broad passage way 20ft. wide and extending as high as the roof. On to this splendid ventilator, which is open at each end, range the score of boxes, 10 on each side. Each of them is 12ft. by 11ft. 4in., and the top part will have free access to the passage way, for they are only to be boarded up to a height of some 12ft. By this scheme each box will have a lot of open space to the passage way, also a window facing outward that, when opened, will bring in a current of air to the passage. They are all to be concreted, and each manger will be connected with the main feed-room. A better ventilated building could not be desired, for with the general scheme of a main current down the huge centre passage way and cross currents over the top of every box there will always be a splendid air circulation without the least chance of draught in the sleeping apartments. The boxes all open to the central passage, the floor of which will be composed of tarred clay. The general appointments of the stables include ample lighting arrangements, a harness room, general

It is reported that B. Deeley will have the mount on Bon Ton in the Wanganui Cup, for which the Boniform colt has a lot of admirers, amongst those who saw him run second in the Dunedin Cup.

During the past fortnight no less than four horsemen have been successful in doing the "hat trick," namely R. Berry at Taranaki, W. Bell at Woodville, H. Gray at Dunedin, and J. O'Shea at South Auckland.

Chudic ran three seconds at the Dunedin meeting, and had also run second in the last race at the Wellington meeting at Trentham.

The veteran Stepniak gelding, Czar Kolohol, was produced on Saturday for the Abbotsford Welter, but he fell down while doing his preliminary, and had to return to the paddock. Surely it is time that such a faithful old slave was pensioned off.

WANGANUI.

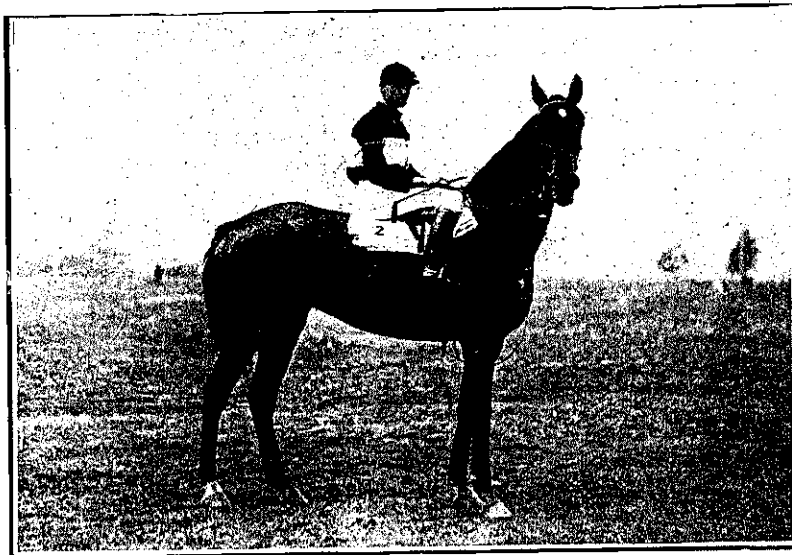
Notes on This Week's Meeting—Jos. Prosser's Team at Wanganui.

(From Our Wanganui Correspondent.)

WANGANUI, Monday.

Mr. W. R. Tuck informs me that he intends to have Antarctic brought in again after the Wanganui Cup meeting is over. The gelding has been hacked about a lot lately, and has done a deal of hill-climbing, which he has stood well enough to lead to hopes that his "dicky" leg will prove equal to the strain of another preparation. It is not likely, even if he goes on all right, that he will be seen out until the Wellington steeplechase meeting.

It is probable that R. J. Mason will remain in Wanganui with his team—Emperador, Canute, Rencontre



The veteran TATTOO, who continues to show winning form. TATTOO'S latest success was his victory in the Waikato Handicap (one mile and a furlong) at Hamilton on Saturday. A. McMillan in saddle.

feed-room, special steel-lined out-room capable of holding 3000 bushels, and private room. At each end of the building will be a fancy gable, while the roof will be of iron. Altogether the stable will be the largest single building in New Zealand, affording accommodation to 20 horses, while another four or five can be housed in an adjacent building that escaped the fire.

LATER.

The Riccarton contingent of horses that competed at the Dunedin J.C. meeting returned home by special train on Sunday. It is pleasing to be able to record that there was a marked improvement in the condition of the horse boxes in which they were asked to travel.

Feg got rather badly galloped on when racing at Wingatui, and her trainer intends indulging her in a short spell.

On returning to the paddock after winning the Waihora Handicap at Wingatui on Saturday, Silver Shield was bleeding freely from wounds in the fore arm, the result of a severe kick sustained prior to the start.

The day after the conclusion of the Dunedin meeting Hector Gray took steamer for Melbourne, where he has engagements to ride at the V.R.C. meeting which starts on Saturday next. Gray has been specially engaged to ride Wallaco in the Australian Cup.

Sister Radius is also booked to leave for Melbourne by next Sunday's boat in charge of J. Olsen.

After his first day's success, Daylight Bill did not jump at all well at Wingatui, and is still lacking in confidence. He still requires a lot of schooling before being pronounced a proficient jumper.

and Historiette—for two or three weeks after the Wanganui meeting, as the tracks here are in such good order that there is not much risk of horses breaking down, whereas most other tracks are at the present very hard and trying to the horses.

Every effort is being made to get Bandiera to the post for the Jackson Stakes next Saturday, but his trainer has his work cut out, as the brilliant son of Royal Artillery is very "groggy," and he has had to be kept at very easy work and swimming exercise since his arrival here.

The probable starters in the Jackson Stakes include Bandiera, Gladiole, Reputation, Ermengarde, Rencontre, Emperador, Gipsy Belle, and perhaps one or two others. It is not likely that Postillion will start, as he has done little or nothing since returning from Auckland, owing to a "dicky" leg.

Sir Solo is a plain-looking customer, but he is apparently very fit, and the way he moved in a mile gallop this morning caused many to regard his Cup prospects in a very favourable light. He ran the mile in 1.44½, finishing up his task very pleasingly, and he is sure to be handy at the finish of Thursday's race.

It was reported that Bronze had gone lame, but this has since been denied, and the daughter of Field Battery is said to be not only sound but very fit. If this is so she will run a big race in the Cup, and it would be no surprise to see her land it again, as she did in 1912. Last year she was only beaten by Tiresome, and some good judges were of opinion that she was unlucky to lose. Be that as it may, the two mares are both likely to be well backed on Thursday, and it will be in-

teresting to see which one does best.

Canute has been galloping so well since he has been here that many look upon him as sure to win a race at the meeting.

Jos. Prosser's many friends were pleased to see him arrive here again on Saturday looking fairly well after his severe illness. The Porirua trainer brought a team of six with him, including Gipsy Belle, Los Angeles, Belasco, Aratiatia, Stepney, and Pavlova. Gipsy Belle is engaged in the Flying and the Jackson Stakes, and she ought to run well in both events, particularly the Flying, for which she is one of the most fancied candidates.

With fifteen left in the Cup there is ample material for a splendid race on Thursday. It is hard to say which of the crowd will eventually start favourite, a position which Tiresome may be said to have occupied so far, but there are signs that she is not so much fancied now as she was a week or so ago. Sea Pink is coming into favour, while now that Bon Ton is known to be coming his chance is highly thought of. Sinapis is also much fancied, and Sir Solo shaped so well yesterday that he is reckoned to have a big chance of adding another Cup to his credit. It is safe to say that if Bronze shows good form on the tracks here she will have plenty of admirers, while Byron has performed so well lately that his chance cannot be overlooked, despite the fact that the distance looks too far for him. Lord Renown is another that cannot be left out of calculations and the same may be said of one or two of the other candidates, so that the race appears to be remarkably open.

Differences of opinion exist as to Tiresome. Some there are who fancy she is looking better than twelve months ago, but others say she is too fine to stay out the one and three-quarter miles. But much the same was said of her prior to last Cup, and yet she won in good style, and her connections appear to like her chance more this time.

Ten have been paid up for in the Stewards' Handicap, eight and a-half furlongs, in which Emperador (9.6) heads the list. He is in tip-top fettle and should make a good showing. Patronale (8.1), on his Taranaki running, reads well, while Red Book (7.10) must have a chance.

The Juvenile Handicap should be an interesting race. If reports to hand are correct, Shandon Bells (7.5) is a good one, and will trouble the best of the others, of whom Rencontre (8.9) may be the fancy. Protocol is said to be able to gallop, and is expected to run well.

Taking recent form as a guide, Bon Ton, Sinapis and Tiresome look the three most likely to supply the winner of the Wanganui Cup of 1914, but Sea Pink and Sir Solo are a pair of dangerous candidates, while any one of the others engaged might prove equal to winning, so that backers have a difficult problem to solve in trying to pick the winner.

Sauci is due to arrive here to-day. After winning at Riccarton he was voted a cert. for the Flying here until he ran unsuccessfully at Dunedin. It appears, however, that he was badly interfered with in the Publicans' Handicap, while on the second day he carried 8.5 into second place over seven furlongs, run in 1.28. He is said to have been beaten by two lengths, and therefore is evidently not a champion. Still, he will have 19lb. off his back here, and must be very hard to beat. He will meet a warm lot, however, and it would be no surprise to see Bon Reve, Gipsy Belle, Heather and Sunbird finish in front of the Middle Park Plate winner.

Fourteen are left in the Petre Hack, in which Sweet Zinnia (7.13) would be very dangerous if back to her old form. She looks very well, but it is hard to say how she will race. Princess Moutoa (7.7) will be one of the best backed and should run well, as should also Avance (8.9) and Firing Line (7.8).

Canute has been galloping very freely since he arrived here, but he will have his work cut out to concede a stone and a beating to Square Deal (8.0). Lubriline (7.13) is in winning form, and Record (7.6) also has a chance.

In the big hurdles Bercola (11.2) reads as well as anything, and will probably carry most money. Timothy (9.12) is said to be very fit, and of the others Merry Lad (10.9) should shape well.

In the Hack Hurdles there is every prospect of a fine race. Waipaku (11.6) is in winning form and must