

WELLINGTON.

Sinapis' Wanganui Cup Success—Altcar Proves a Bargain—Rexer Shaping Well at Otaki—Excellent Nominations for Rangitikei Meeting.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WELLINGTON, March 2.

Sinapis' success in the Wanganui Cup was well received in local sporting circles, as everyone is always pleased to see a good performer win a race. In carrying 8st. 10lb. into first place the daughter of St. Ambrose put up an excellent performance. It was only a short while back that Mr. Durrant instructed the writer to advertise the mare for lease on a purchasing clause for £300, but no buyers were forthcoming. The mare was under offer to Mr. W. Smart, and but for an adverse opinion from his owner Sinapis would have long since passed into the possession of the Willis Street sportsman. Mr. Smart has on many occasions regretted the occasion when he allowed such a bargain to pass away from him.

Pavlova, owned by a well-known Wellingtonian who races as Mr. Marton, appears to have had no difficulty in winning the Flying Handicap at Wanganui. It was quite refreshing to see Mr. J. H. Prosser preparing a winner after his recent sojourn from activity.

Kilrain has arrived back safely from his Southern trip, as has likewise Altcar. The former did not add to his winning account at Wingatui, but the latter, who was purchased by the Lower Hutt sportsman, Mr. A. Harris, recently, won a double as a result of his exploits at the Dunedin meeting. Altcar must be considered a cheap purchase, and under J. W. Lowe's watchful eye the son of Birkenhead—Temeraire should win more races for Mr. Harris before the present racing season draws to a close.

Returned visitors from the Dunedin meeting speak of the gathering as the most successful in the history of the club. With record fields, a large attendance and record totalisator figures, secretary H. L. James should have a flattering balance-sheet to lay before his committee.

The local sportsman, Mr. H. Whitney, who was represented at the Dunedin meeting with Mount Victoria, Odessa, and Roumania, met with no success. The trio have done a lot of racing during this season, and it may be that they are feeling the effects of some of their arduous exertions during the last few months.

Sir Moutoa, who for some time was trained by C. Pritchard at Trentham, has been sent home to his owner's place at Foxton, where he has been turned out for a spell. After a respite from activity the gelding will be handed over to W. G. Trask to be trained for the future.

Stockade is doing nicely under F. J. Carmont's guidance at Levin. The son of Tupuhi gives promise of developing into a decent hurdler.

J. Flanagan is busy at Otaki with Rexer, who is acquitting himself well on the local tracks. This horse is expected to gain some distinction in jumping events during the next few months.

Merry Frank appears to have run a capital race on the opening day at Wanganui. A win for Mr. W. Smart, whose racing luck lately has not been of the best, would be well received in sporting circles.

Rene continues to show promising form under Albert Goodman's care at Trentham. The mare should be cherry ripe by the time the Easter meetings come up for decision.

The Cyrus-Evendale gelding Asche, in C. Pritchard's Trentham stable, is doing well in his preliminary work. The horse, who is a four-year-old, is possessed of ample pace, and should fare well in the future.

H. W. Clay is pegging away with Lady Dalesford, who showed fair form at Woodville. She is a five-year-old by Boris—Fair Lady, and should assuredly do her owners, Messrs. Price and Hubbard, some useful service during the next few weeks.

A. Crawford is keeping Lady Vladimir up to the collar at Trentham. The chestnut daughter of Vladimir from the Winter Cup winner Waiwhera, is assured of a prosperous career. Her win in the County Hack Handicap at Woodville was full of merit, and proves that she is more than useful.

Splendid nominations have been received for the annual meeting of the Rangitikei Racing Club, which takes place at Bulls on March 25th and 26th. Amongst the horses claiming engagements are quite a number from

SOUTHLAND.

Trio of Otago Horses for Australia—Southland Failures at Dunedin Meeting—Lumsden District R.C.'s Meeting—J. Olsen's Success at Lumsden Gathering—Southland R.C.'s Nominations Due Friday.

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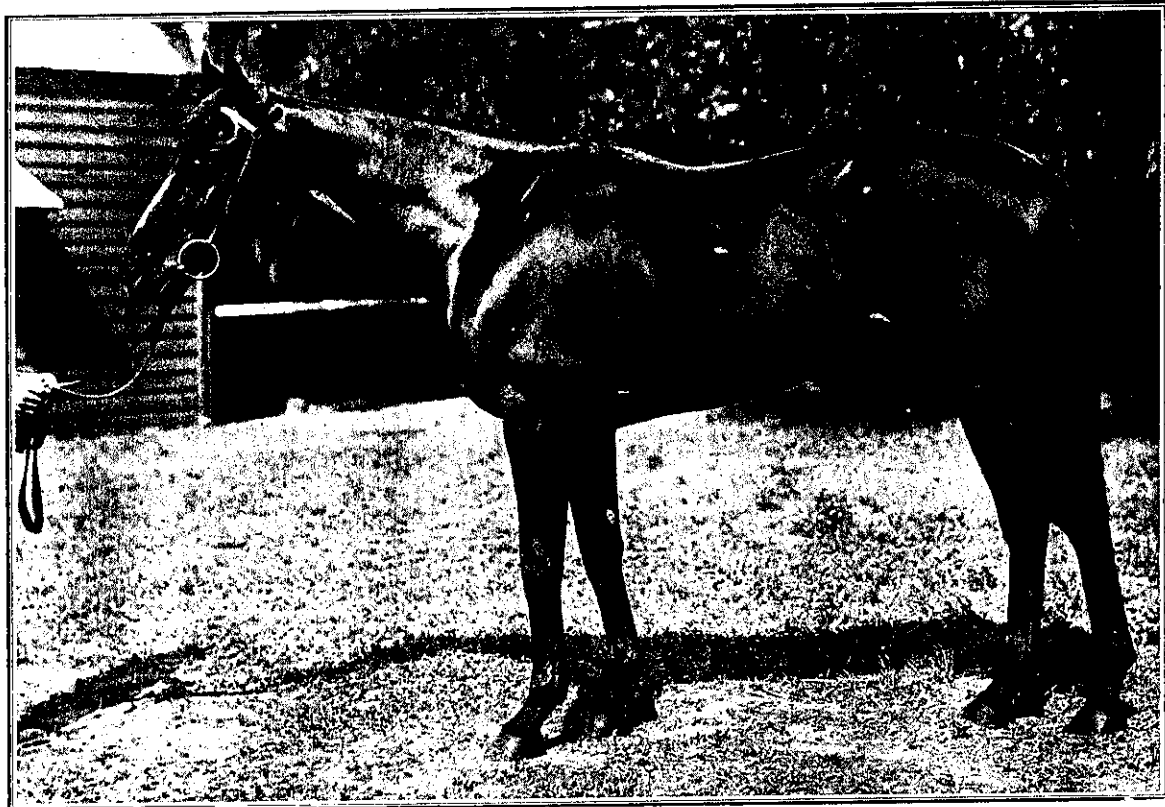
INVERCARGILL, March 1.

The crack North Island jockey, Hector Gray, who sailed for Melbourne by the Ulimaroa from the Bluff on Monday last, has crossed the Tasman Sea to carry out several special riding engagements in Victoria. Gray paid a visit to Invercargill to visit some relatives, and was quite astonished at the size of the town—North Islanders generally experience surprise when they arrive in the most southern city in the world for the first time. P. McLachlan, of Hawke's Bay, who is shaking the soil of Maoriland off his feet, to

purses. Miss Kellerman refused to eat an oat after her arrival at the scene of operations, hence her display of indifferent form is not to be wondered at.

Southern backers were more fortunate than the home-trained horses, and quite a number have no reason to regret having lent their assistance at the leading meeting of the southern season. However, winners and losers alike are agreed that the fixture was the most enjoyable ever held at headquarters at Dunedin Cup time.

The local horseman, R. Gray, has been engaged to ride Sunbeam in the Open Hurdle Race at the annual race of the Akaroa County J.C. in Canterbury this week. This will necessitate a journey of about 400 miles to Christchurch, which, with the return trip in view, is something of an undertaking when it is considered that Sunbeam showed signs of soreness at the Dunedin fixture.



Mr. A. Knox's br h POPINJAY, 5yrs., by Maltster—Pose, winner of the Oakleigh Plate (5½ furlongs) at the Victoria Amateur Turf Club's Autumn Meeting.

down this way, while the country districts are largely represented. The weights for the first day's events are due on March 16th.

Stepney will represent the Porirua stable in the Rangitikei Cup. The son of Achilles should assuredly be on hand to give a good account of himself in the event named. W. Bell is to have the mount.

Bronze was thought by her connections to have a royal chance in the Wanganui Cup, as her training work previous to the meeting had been of a very satisfactory nature, but in the race she fared badly and did not finish in the first six. She has practically run her last race, and next season she will be mated with a sire belonging to Mr. G. F. Moore.

Forded, by Sir Laddo from Orchestra, won the Kogarah Stakes at Moorfield, N.S.W., recently, well backed. Orchestra is a sister to the dam of Wallace, and it will be remembered was in the Sylvia Park Stud at one time.

together with Messrs. F. C. Davies and G. Delaney, of the North Island, were also passengers by the outgoing boat.

It is understood that next week's boat for Melbourne will take away Otago horses Sister Radius, Pure Gold, and Jack Ashore. The first named is expected to race at Randwick, while Pure Gold and Jack Ashore will be asked to negotiate the small sticks in and around Sydney. The Charlemagne II. mare Sister Radius was on the big side at the Dunedin J.C. fixture, but this did not prevent her scoring in the Hazlett Memorial Stakes (seven furlongs) in 1.28—an excellent performance for a course like Wingatui, which is not too fast. The Southland horseman J. Olsen, who rode Mr. L. C. Hazlett's mare in Dunedin, is to accompany her to the Commonwealth.

Southland horses failed to win a race at the Dunedin J.C. Autumn meeting, but it was pure mischance in several instances that this should be the case. Both Sir Brigid and Gold Sail were unfortunate, and Miss Kellerman and Buller should have gone nearer the winning end of certain

The weather in this part of the world has been very dry and hot of late, consequently the tracks in some localities have presented an unyielding surface. At Riverton trainers of jumpers have had an anxious time of it, but their minds should now be at rest as rain is falling at the time of writing. Reports from Riverton are also to the effect that Soldier's Chorus is standing up to his work, and hopes are expressed that he will be able to race at Riccarton when the Canterbury J.C. Autumn meeting comes round. Another well-known racing proposition in Sombbrero is also sticking to his tasks at the seaside in company with others of A. McKenzie's team, including the Martian horses, Teviet and Punchinello.

Several well-known totalisator meeting performers took part in the Lumsden District Hack R.C.'s meeting this week. Miss de Vere, by Obligado—Gladys II. won two short races, and the Queensland-bred Biarritz, by Ladurlad—Odone, carried off the Lumsden Handicap of £22 (one mile and a-quarter) in 2.20 with 9.5 in the saddle, beating Queen's Pride



THE FINISH OF THE BOND CUP AT THE VICTORIAN AMATEUR TURF CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING—EFFERVESCENCE (KILLORN) WINS FROM LORD GREY (LEONARD), WITH PRIZEFIGHTER (KELLY) THIRD.