

TURF GOSSIP.

(From our Travelling Correspondent.)

PALMERSTON N., March 24.

Bronze, who bears no ill effects from her success in the Napier Park Cup, is again a daily attendant on the Awapuni tracks. The daughter of Field Battery—Our Lady should again demonstrate what a capital performer she is by the time the Easter racing campaign rolls round.

B. Deeley and E. Copestake, with two wins apiece, were the most successful horsemen at the Opunake meeting last week. Others to ride one winner each were H. Goldfinch, A. Oliver, W. Price and J. Cordue.

C. Price, the well-known jockey, has set up at Palmerston North as a motor car proprietor. Being careful and obliging, "Charlie" should command plenty of patronage in his new calling.

W. Wood, who was connected with J. Munn's establishment at Hastings, and who received serious injuries when Waipureka fell dead under him when she was returning from schooling work on August 5th last, is still an inmate of the Napier Hospital. Both his legs are still paralysed, and some considerable time must elapse ere he is well enough to leave the institution. Every attention is being shown him by those interested in his welfare.

Moutoa Girl cut up very badly in the race for the Napier Park Cup and was never sighted on the afternoon. After the mare's excellent showing in the Wanganui Cup it was no surprise to find her installed favourite. Her display in the event named was a shock to the mare's small army of supporters, and there were many inward murmurings at her poor showing.

In Bronze, Expect and Bertrada the Feilding sportsman who races as Mr. "Highden" has fared well during the last few weeks. The trio are all doing well under G. R. Price's guidance at Awapuni, and some more successes should come their way before the present racing season draws to a close.

Mr. E. J. Watt has decided to retire Culprit from the race tracks, and next season the daughter of Charlemagne II.—Culroy will take up stud duties.

H. Tricklebank, who has been riding with considerable success this season, has joined J. Oldfield's establishment at Greenmeadows (Napier). Being a capital horseman, there should be many inquiries for Tricklebank's services during the next few months.

Bon Ton and Bon Reve were shipped to Sydney from Wellington on Friday last, and are to go into McGrath's stable at Randwick. Bon Reve claims an engagement in the Doncaster Handicap, in which he is nicely handicapped at 8st. 4lb. The pair's exploits in Australia will be awaited with interest by sportsmen on this side of the Tasman Sea.

Owing to increasing weight the well-known horseman L. Wilson will act as a free lance next season, and will ride when the opportunity occurs. The fact of Wilson not identifying himself with any particular stable should mean good business to him, as his riding talents are well known from one end of New Zealand to the other.

J. T. Jamieson, of Awapuni, is taking Montana and Manitau to the Masterton meeting. The pair are getting through some exceedingly interesting training work, and should be on hand to bear testimony to their trainer's capable methods on the Opaki racecourse next week.

News was received in Palmerston on Saturday that Sinapis was going on the right way in her preparation for the Sydney Cup. All going well in the meantime, and provided nothing untoward occurs, the daughter of St. Ambrose—Prologue should assuredly give a good account of herself in the big Randwick event. With R. Berry, who knows the mare's humours to a nicety, there should be nothing lost on the score of horsemanship. Sinapis is now one of the favourites for the event.

Papalitz will be seen out in Bracelet events at the Masterton meeting. The big upstanding son of Papakura—Austerlitz should make it interesting for his opponents in any events that he is saddled up for during the progress of the gathering.

Orleans (Conqueror—Jeanne d'Arc) is to be sent through to race at the Masterton meeting. The gelding is fast developing into an ideal racehorse, and should do his owner-

trainer (S. W. Tatham) some good service during the next few months.

H. R. Telford is gratified at the excellent manner in which Firing Line gets through his daily tasks at Awapuni. The son of St. Ambrose—Kokiri is expected to turn out a top-notch in the racing business.

Lady Volga, who will be seen in action at the Feilding meeting, is doing well in her training work under T. W. Coleman's guidance at Marton Junction. The brown mare should be cherry ripe by Easter.

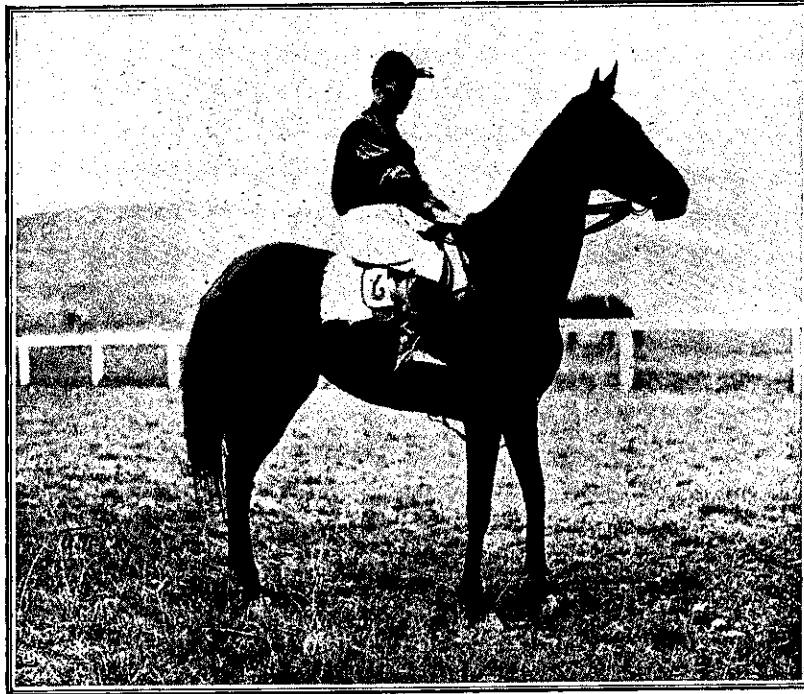
Splendid nominations have been received for the Easter meeting of the Feilding Jockey Club, and on present appearances the approaching gathering promises to eclipse any gathering hitherto held by this popular racing institution. Mr. J. E. Henry's adjustments for the first day's events are due on Saturday next.

M. Gardner, the Waverley trainer, played a strong hand at the Opunake meeting, winning two races with Calais, while Royal Loop acted as runner-up in the maidens. The pair's showing was excellent, and proves that "Mert" has his charges very fit.

The four-year-old gelding by Martello from Merope is fast getting into racing trim under J. T. Jamieson's watchful eye at Awapuni. The astute "Sam," whose horses usually pay a two-figure dividend, is under the impression that the newcomer to the racing game will turn out a big dividend payer.

Ohau, belonging to Mr. J. McKelvie, of Feilding, is standing up to her work well under J. Coyle's guidance at Bulls. Being gifted with galloping ability, the black daughter of Frisco should have a prosperous turf record.

T. Lloyd is sparing no pains with a view to getting Combustion very fit. The horse has often demonstrated



Mr. J. Collins' b m PARAWAI, aged, by Bluelight—Seamstress. R. Trigger in saddle.

his galloping ability, and owner G. Morris, of Marton, is looking forward to his equine being returned a winner in the near future. Combustion may race at Masterton.

Contrary to expectations, Merry Jack failed to get amongst the winners at the Park. Hastings trainer J. S. O'Neill is hopeful of proving to Mr. Polton that his horse will soon reproduce some of his excellent track form.

Janitor (Waipawa—Jingle), a member of J. Sullivan's Woodville team, and who ran fourth in the scurry at the recent local meeting, is training on satisfactorily. The horse, who is a five-year-old, is a very promising sort. He is owned by Mr. H. Gaisford, of Dannevirke.

Monologue, looking fresh after his Nelson exertions, is bowling along very attractively on the Awapuni tracks. The chestnut should account for something during the Easter racing campaign.

J. Lambess anticipates having Otahu and Mallard fit to race shortly, and in all probability the pair will compete at Masterton. "Jim" is gradually getting the pair up to concert pitch.

Mr. O. E. Austin, formerly a steward of the Foxton Racing Club, now occupies a similar position with the Te Aroha Racing Club. "Olly's" many friends will be pleased to learn that he is progressing well in the land of the thermal springs. Mr. Austin will shortly be putting into work a budding aspirant for racing honours.

INTERPROVINCIAL.

WELLINGTON.

Masterton Cup Prospects—Juveniles Recently Purchased by Mr. H. Gaisford Now Under J. Prosser's Guidance—Notes on Masterton Candidates—The Marlborough R.C.'s Fixture.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WELLINGTON, March 23.

Everything is well forward for the Autumn meeting of the Masterton Racing Club, which takes place on April 2nd and 3rd. With excellent fields competing the gathering promises to prove very successful.

Bertrada, with 7st 10lb opposite her name, reads well in the Masterton Cup. The daughter of Charlemagne II—Couronne has not so far been seen in a race over a distance, but if all one hears is true the "Highden" representative is sure to give a good account of herself.

Kooya would only need to be reasonably well to give an excellent display in the Masterton Cup. The filly won the principal Woodville event, leaving the mile and a-quarter behind in 2min 8 1-5sec, and she followed this up by winning the Dannevirke Cup of a mile and a-half in 2min 35sec. D. Kemp's capital galloper should certainly pay expenses on the Masterton trip.

M McDonald and W. Ayre, who have been enjoying a holiday in Nelson since the Richmond meeting, returned

in the Opaki Welter at Masterton. The mare has the same identical weight (7.13) to carry at Opaki that she triumphed under at Dannevirke. Under the circumstances the daughter of San Fran may be worth keeping in mind.

J. Cress, the Trentham boniface trainer, is taking Otakura and Elevated to Masterton, where the pair should run respectably in their several contests. Both horses are acquitting themselves well on the local trunks.

J. W. Lowe has all his boxes fully tenanted at Trentham, and was recently obliged to refuse some more additions to his already long string. It will be good news to "Jack's" many friends to know he has had a very fair measure of success during the present season.

The Downshire—Happy Valley filly belonging to Mr. H. R. Gaisford, who is being prepared for her racing career by Mr. J. H. Prosser at Porirua, is highly spoken of by those who have seen her galloping on the beach. If appearances count for anything, she is assured of a prosperous career.

Pavlova and Gipsy Belle, both of whom will probably be seen in action at the Auckland R.C. Easter meeting, are doing well at Porirua. The pair should be in capital trim by the time the big Ellerslie fixture comes up for decision.

Lady Dalesford continues to show trainer H. W. Clay some nice gallops at Trentham. The chestnut mare will be seen out in scurry events at the Masterton meeting.

The president and committee of the Marlborough Racing Club have issued an invitation to owners, trainers and racegoers to attend their Autumn meeting, which takes place on the 6th and 7th May. The gathering is always looked forward to with racegoers on this side of Cook Strait, and the coming fixture promises to be no exception to the general rule. Nominations for all events close on April 14th with Mr. Griffiths at Blenheim.

T. Phillips is slipping some solid work into Top Note (San Fran—Lady Bevy) at Masterton. The brown mare, who has improved out of all knowledge, will be seen competing at the approaching local meeting.

Caretaker W. Conkey has the grounds, tracks, and appointments of the Masterton Racing Club's property at Opaki looking at their very best at present. Visitors to the Autumn meeting, which takes place on April 2nd and 3rd, will appreciate the efforts of the club, who have catered for their requirements on a lavish scale.

The Field Battery—St. Winifred mare, Holywell, belonging to Mr. F. Armstrong of Akiteo, who is being trained by J. W. Lowe, is quite an aristocratic member of the racing brigade. The youngster, who is a four-year-old, should carry her popular owner's colours with some success during the next few months.

M. McDonald, who was associated with Lady Vladimir's success at Nelson, will again have the mount on the chestnut mare at Masterton. She will be opposed by some "smarties" next week, and will have to be at her best if she is to reproduce her Richmond Park form.

Arlington and Ladoga, both of whom gained many admirers by their exertions at the Napier Park meeting, are again safely back at J. Ayers' stable at Trentham. The pair appear susceptible of repeating their recent performances in the near future. "Joe's" many friends were pleased to hear of his success at Greenmeadows.

Bonus is being kept up to the collar by W. Galbraith at Featherston. The son of Advance will be seen measuring strides at the Masterton gathering.

In Lady Laddo and Ladify the Levin stable of F. J. Carmont is well represented at the Masterton meeting. The pair have some excellent credentials to their credit, and with luck on their side should assuredly fare well in their next week's engagements.

Hoopoe continues to show improved form under Mr. Prosser's guidance at Porirua. The three-year-old chestnut filly by Achilles should soon be seen under favourable circumstances.

Miss Lena is credited with having executed a smart gallop recently. The bay mare showed some pace to the turn at Dannevirke, which proves that she is coming on well. It is

to Wellington on Saturday last. Both riders have some important engagements to fulfil at Masterton.

Immer is hitting out in quite an attractive style on the Trentham tracks. The Martian filly should soon be doing her Wellington owner some useful service.

H. Kingan is busy at Trentham with Big Blast, who should soon be getting on the winning list. The mare is down to compete at the Masterton gathering.

Mr. W. Smart, one of our local owners, will be represented at Masterton with Merry Frank, Amity, and Big Blast. The two former are reported well forward, while the daughter of Quarryman is coming on with every gallop.

The report that the railway authorities have given orders that all horse boxes are to be thoroughly fumigated before using will be welcome news to owners and trainers, who, on many occasions, have had a real grievance owing to the unclean state of the transit boxes. The step that has been recently taken is one that should have been put in hand years ago.

The youngsters (five) that were purchased recently by Mr. Henry Gaisford, of Dannevirke, have all been put through their preliminary facings by Mr. J. H. Prosser at Porirua. They are an even lot, and what galloping powers they possess should be revealed under the tuition of the Porirua trainer.

Manitau, who had a good field behind her when she scored at Dannevirke on March 5th, looks well in