

ago brought Rock Sand into extreme favour with breeders. The loss is a severe one, as his representative was only a young horse, having been foaled in 1907, and he seemed to have a particularly bright career before him at the Burnside Stud.

Though Bee has been kept up to the collar of late, she is suffering from a bad throat, which is causing her trainer a good deal of trouble. There is little chance of her racing again till the autumn.

For some time past Olga Carlowna has been giving her trainer a lot of trouble, the injury being in one of her front fetlock joints. At present she is being spelled to see if that will affect a remedy.

The hurdler Salathiel has been showing symptoms of lameness in the shoulder lately, and his trainer will have a hard task to get him ready for autumn racing.

A promising two-year-old gelding by Martian from Irish Girl has lately joined P. McGrath's team. He will not be raced till next season, his owner having determined to give him plenty of time.

Gnome is right off colour at present, and has been galloping without the least heart.

First Glance will probably make her next appearance in the Dunedin Cup, and it will be interesting to see how she will shape in a mile and a-half race.

The Riccarton Course Committee has at length decided to extend the water service to the scraping sheds, an innovation that will be greatly appreciated by trainers.

Since his return from the West Coast, Sea King has been turned out and will not be taken up again till the autumn.

WANGANUI.

Son to be Tried Over Hurdles—Wanganui J.C.'s Improvements—W. Rayner's Pair for Foxton Meeting—Horses in Training at Fordell—Probable Entrants for Wanganui—Aruake Going Along Nicely—Wanganui Trotting Club's Meeting.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WANGANUI, Monday.

Son, which won a race at the Marton meeting, will be put to hurdling later on. The gelding is by Stepson—Wangaehu, and was bred and is owned by Mr. Sam. Woodill, a well-known Wanganui sportsman. If looks go for anything, Son ought to make a good jumper.

Denise Orme was physicked after the Marton meeting and given a short spell, but is now in work again. She is engaged at the Egmont meeting and also at the Taranaki autumn gathering.

St. Gate figures amongst the entrants for the Egmont hurdle events. The St. Clements gelding has freshened up as a result of his enforced spell consequent of knocking his knee recently, and there is every prospect of him being at the top of his form by the time he is again called upon to race.

The Wanganui Jockey Club is having its weighing room enlarged, which is a move in the right direction, as the room is at present too small for its requirements. The club is also going in for one of Gray's improved starting machines, which should enable Mr. R. H. Skipwith to do even better work than he has done in the past.

Another innovation which will be very popular with the public is the installation of the ten shilling tote. It is proposed to make all the outside windows ten shillings and five ten shilling windows are being put in on the lawn. Many people have urged that the public should be given the opportunity of getting 10s. tickets, and surprise has been expressed that the club had not seen the wisdom of this long ere this.

Euroco figures amongst the entrants for a couple of hack flat events at the Egmont meeting. The gelding has been in steady work for some time past, and is now galloping in good style.

Seaplane appears to have got over his lameness, which was caused by a bruised heel, and is engaged at the Egmont and Taranaki meetings.

W. Rayner intends taking Sweet Van and Vladian to the Foxton meeting. The former has been doing good work lately, and is likely to be well backed in the Cup on Friday. Vladian is an improved sort of gelding, and should place a win to his credit soon.

Fred. Tilley is taking Austin, Interlude and Ararat to Wellington. The first-named did not accept for

the Cup, but will start in the Anniversary Welter, in which event he has 8.7. He has been doing good work on the tracks since returning from Auckland, and may run prominently. Ararat figures in the Trial Plate, in which the daughter of Advance—Ballarat will have to meet some speedy ones, but should give a good account of herself.

Tilley has a strong team in training at Fordell, including Goodwin Park, Kew, Leonta, Austin, Sunbird, Princess Mutoa, Ardent, Bonny Helen, Ararat, Record, Interlude and Mia Cara. Postillion has been having an easy time of it since returning from Auckland, but will probably be put into work again shortly with a view to the Wanganui meeting, where he will be seen out in the Flying Handicap and the Jackson Stakes all going well.

Judging from the entries received for the Taranaki Cup, there is a likelihood of Merry Roe, Jack Delaval, Royal Irish, Goldsize and one or two other Auckland horses being seen out in the Wanganui Cup, nominations for which are due on Monday next, the 25th inst. Other probable entrants include Emperor, Bertrada, Chaminade, Kooya, Square Deal, Sea Pink, Football, Bonny Helen, Austin, Court Martial, Kilrain, Sinapis, Indigo and others, so that a fine field should face the starter.

minimum, and is expected to run a good race.

Mr. George Morse has been appointed handicapper for the Master-ton Club, vice Mr. J. H. Pollock, who has resigned from the position owing to ill-health.

The Birkenhead—Epilogue filly in W. Rayner's stable is making good progress. She is a shapely looking youngster, and should prove able to gallop when properly fit.

Byron is said to have done a good trial at Awapuni on Saturday, and his connections are said to be very confident that he will win the Wellington Cup. Square Deal is also reported to be in splendid form, and is regarded as a "moral" to pick up a race or two at Trentham.

HAWKE'S BAY.

Iliad's Hero and Downham Galloping Freely—Football Responsible for Attractive Displays.

(From Our Napier Correspondent.)

NAPIER, Monday.

Slanter, the younger half brother to Golden Glade, by Gold Reef, will be raced in the interests of Messrs. J. M. Cameron and H. Jago.

The following team left here last week to represent the "Bay" at the Wellington R.C.'s meeting:—Indigo,

to have had any serious effect upon him, for since his return to the Park he has presented a fine healthy appearance, and has been galloping fast and freely.

Downham previous to his departure for Trentham accomplished several excellent gallops, and if he reproduces them at Trentham this week, he is a certainty to get on the winning list there.

There is no foundation for the report that in the near future Hereford would cross the water to race in the Commonwealth States, the owners of the white faced gelding being of the opinion that there will be ample scope for Hereford to assert himself in the Dominion.

India, the two-year-old full sister to Indigo, is moulding up into a real handsome filly. She shows a great deal more substance than did her brother at the same age.

The connections of Football are inclined to favour his winning prospects in the Wellington Cup. The son of All Black and Float has come on greatly of late, and has been responsible for some attractive displays on the hurry-up at Hastings. A younger full sister of his, Dribble by name, is also going well in her training work, and she will be seen out at Trentham.

B. Deeley will have the leg up on Croesus in his attempts at Trentham this week; the Auckland horseman having accepted the mounts at Woodville after the Royal Fusilier horse had made such an excellent impression at the summer meeting of the club last month.

Beldame and Desert Gold have not been asked to exert themselves to any great extent since their return from the Auckland campaign. Both mares, however, look in the best of heart, and it would appear as if, judging by their outlook, that more favourable financial prospects are in store for Mr. T. H. Lowry.

Messrs. H. Coyle and A. G. Wood, handicapper and starter respectively to the Wairoa County Racing Club, leave for the scene of hostilities on Monday next. After assisting at the gathering they both journey on to Gisborne, where similar offices are filled by them in connection with the Gisborne Racing Club.

DEATH OF IMPORTED ROKEBY.

The death of Mr. J. F. Reid's imported thoroughbred stallion Rokeby, by Rock Sand from Aida, by Galopin from Queen Adelaide, by Hermit from Adelaide, by Young Melbourne from daughter of Maid of Fashion, which occurred last week, must be regarded as most regrettable. He was only eight years old, and had made his mark by performing well at three and four years old in England over long distances. His first crop of yearlings are very fine and full of quality and well grown, and his foals of this season are very promising. The only yearlings by him offered at auction so far this season were held in such esteem by those present at the sale that they realised very good prices indeed for a first lot. A sweet little lady, the smallest that Mr. Reid bred by him from Stepka, daughter of St. Leger and dam of Pavlova and half-sister to Reputation, Provocation, Elevation, Gravitation, and others, made 500 guineas, and a very neat, lengthy filly, a bit bigger but two months younger, from Tea Cup, dam of Di Gama, brought 320 guineas. A gelding yearling from the St. Clair mare Mosca, showing quality, fetched 260 guineas. Mr. Reid, we know, regarded the three youngsters as the least valuable of his batch this season. The lot which he is sending to Australia in the autumn by the defunct sire are very choice indeed, so we have been informed by a gentleman who has recently seen them. Mr. Reid breeds to sell, but some enterprising owner should be induced to purchase one of the colts by Rokeby for stud purposes. It is a pity that we are to lose any of the fillies by him this season. The loss of such a fine horse is a heavy one, but it is fortunate that there are this year's foals coming on and that there will be another lot next season, so that we shall have some of the blood.



WOMEN OF HOLLAND DISCUSSING THE TEMPORARY ADOPTION OF ORPHANED BELGIAN CHILDREN.

Aruake is going along nicely again, and will probably be given a run in the welter events at Egmont. W. Rayner has his other hurdler, Tirohanga, engaged in the hack hurdles at Hawera and at New Plymouth, while Sweet Van figures in the Taranaki Cup.

Indications are not wanting that that Wanganui Trotting Club will receive record nominations for its annual meeting, to be held on February 26 and March 1. The fact that the club has increased the total stake money from £600 to £1000 has been favourably commented upon by trotting enthusiasts in all parts, and word has been received as to the likelihood of a number of South Island horses being brought up for the meeting, which promises to be a big success. Nominations are due on February 5.

It will be interesting to see how White Plume shapes over the hurdles at Foxton. Her dam, The Hempie, was a good performer over the small sticks, and White Plume has shown that she can jump well in her schooling lessons. She is in at the

Alces, Sicily, Gold Foil, Marshal McDonald, Beldame, Desert Gold, Iliad's Hero, Football, Blackall, Dribble, Sea Pink, Downham, Try Hard, Croesus, Fair Rosamond, Black Heart, Kooya, St. Elmn, and Evadne.

F. Lind, who for some time past has been occupying the post of private trainer to Mr. G. P. Donnelly, severed his connection with the establishment last week. Gold Foil made the trip to Trentham under the care of R. Gooseman, who will attend to Mr. Donnelly's filly during her stay at Trentham. On her return she will be handed over to J. Oldfield at Greenmeadows. This trainer, when Lind quitted Mr. Donnelly's employ, was entrusted with the control of Gold Shot and a five-year-old gelding by Gold Reef that Lind had been moulding into shape.

During his track essays since he came back from Ellerslie, Marshal McDonald has been showing a lot of temper, and at times it has been a difficult matter to get him to extend himself to any extent.

The racing that Iliad's Hero got through does not seem in the least

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