

believed to have been the first race meeting in Wellington on October 28, 1842, and a gelding called Wai-ake-ake, which he rode himself. R. J. Mason was another of the old-time trainers present, and he has prepared half a dozen Wellington Cup winners. Mr. Greenwood's team at the recent meeting ran with bad luck, Bimeter, Emperador, Nones, Banksia each ran consistently however, and Emperador and Banksia each won a race on the last day, but Sutala, a colt probably worth 1500 guineas, who got galloped on and probably ruined, thus lost the opportunity of displaying his form. S. Waddell is another long service trainer, and came early to Otago, and is one of the best known trainers in the Dominion, in which he has been conspicuous since the middle sixties. Waddell trained Hoy, who effected a surprise in the Telegraph Handicap, and Daytime, another winner for the Hon. J. D. Ormond, one of the oldest of our racing magnates. It is pleasing to see the boys of the old brigade so regularly to the fore.

CHARLIE JENKINS.

C. Jenkins for a number of years had more winning rides in New Zealand than any other horseman, but seldom rides a winner now; indeed, does very little riding. When he got Victoris home in the President's Handicap at Foxton there was a lot of enthusiasm. Jenkins was always very popular at the West Coast meetings of the North Island, nowhere more so than at the Rangitikei and Foxton meetings; indeed, it was at the Himingtangi-Foxton Maori meeting that he had his first winning rides, on Mr. J. R. McDonald's hack Cameo, which won the Flying and Cup races, valued respectively at £5 and £8. He was then thirteen years old and was under 5st., and clay in a sack was used to make up the weight Cameo had to 8st. This was about twenty-six years ago. He was apprenticed to W. Holmes, and was with that trainer for nine years before becoming a free lance, and as most racegoers know rode many cracks in his time, including such as Advance, Achilles, Tortulla, Irish Twist, Boreas, Lorelei, Lady Lilian, and Convoy and in one season had as many as ninety-one wins, his last on that occasion, singular to say, being for his first master who gave him his first winning ride. His brilliant achievements will never be forgotten by racegoers, who are every ready to recognise ability in the pigskin when they see it.

COUNTRY RACING CLUBS' DELEGATES HONOURED.

After the concluding race at the Takapuna meeting on Saturday, the Thames Jockey Club, a number of whose members were present, took the opportunity of recognising the valuable services rendered by the delegates to the Racing Conference, the Hon. Herries, M.P., and Mr. E. W. Alison, by presenting each with a suitably framed certificate of life membership to the Thames Jockey Club. In making the presentations before a large number of sportsmen assembled in the stewards' room, Mr. Albert Bruce spoke in the highest terms of the good work the delegates had done for the country clubs of New Zealand, and credited Mr. E. W. Alison, the senior delegate, with being the originator of the idea that country clubs should have representation on the Conference, and pointed out how at last the country clubs had obtained equal voting power, which, however, he was sorry to say, was not as fully used by the representatives of the country clubs as might have been expected, owing to the sympathies of some of the delegates appointed by the country clubs being with the larger clubs. Their delegates had always been great batters for the country clubs. Mr. Alison and the Hon. W. H. Herries, the recipients of the honours the Thames Jockey Club had conferred, each thanked Mr. Bruce, the president, who had spoken so nicely of them, for the good feeling his club had shown in recognising their efforts as they had done, Mr. Herries taking the opportunity of stating that the Racing Conference as now constituted had done a lot of good work, and that racing interests generally were being well looked after under existing administration. Speeches were short and to the point, and toasts were drunk with musical honours.

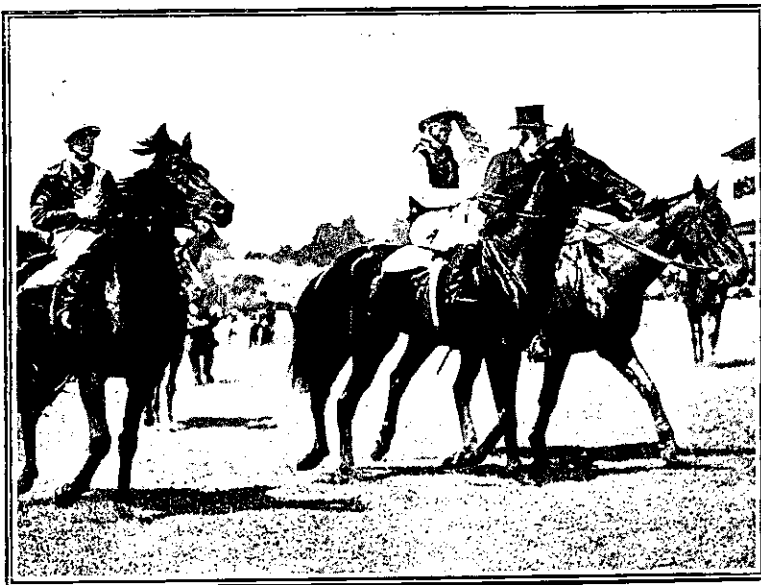
The Cuirassier gelding John, who used to carry R. Hannou's and A. Jackson's colours in this country, and was subsequently raced in Victoria, changed hands recently there for £10.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

The nominations for the Wanganui Cup this year are disappointingly small when compared with the entries received for the same race in some previous years. The fact that only one sovereign was needed to see the weight did not appear to influence owners. In these days when long distance races are advocated, it is surprising to some people that for such a good stake there are not more good horses engaged. The exigencies of training have found weak spots in some of the horses which earlier in the season it might have been expected would be in evidence in the autumn. No doubt some are being kept in reserve for the Canterbury Jockey Club and Auckland Racing Club's autumn meetings. The weights for the Wanganui meeting are to appear in two instalments, those for the Wanganui Cup and Flying Handicap on February 12, the day following the Taranaki Jockey Club's summer meeting, and those for the minor races on the first day a week later. Revised weights, if necessary, for the Wanganui Cup are to appear at the same time. This would give the handicapper a chance of considering form at Woodville and on two of the three days at the Dunedin Jockey Club's meeting. The nominations for the other events are very good, and the chances are that the meeting will go

TARANAKI JOCKEY CLUB.

The acceptances received by the Taranaki Jockey Club for their meeting next week suggest a fine re-union. The notable defections from the Taranaki Cup are Pavlova, Merry Roe, Rewi Poto, Sea Pink, Jack Delaval, Kooya and Di Gama, eight out of nine of the top weights, but there are sixteen still left in, which looks encouraging. Pavlova's connections were not prepared to take on Egmont and Taranaki engagements with that filly at the weights allotted her at each of those places. It looked like magnifying a fair-sized goose into a swan jumping her up so high, but dropping Byron from 8.4 to 7.8 and 7.6 after winning the Marton Cup with the first-mentioned impost, meant putting the moderates out of court. Byron is not consistent, but is better over a mile and a-quarter than beyond it, and only has to reproduce his form of last year to be handy in the Taranaki Cup, in which, if Emperador escapes a penalty, he must be one of the hardest to beat. Byron is not the sort one cares to back, nor can he be left out of calculations. Some of the Auckland horses engaged will likely make the trip down. Bedford will have to carry a penalty of 7lb. or be re-handicapped beyond that, we take it, at the discretion of the handicapper. In the programme the conditions are capable of two constructions, and it is



BEDFORD (J. Conquest), the winner, and PHOSPHORUS (C. Brown), who finished second, returning to scale after the Takapuna Cup.

down as one of the best in the history of the Club. The Wanganui J.C., it will be remembered, gave the profits of their spring meeting to the War Fund, and they deserve a lot of support at their coming fixture.

OHINEMURI JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Ohinemuri Jockey Club's annual meeting will be held on the Paeroa race course on March 17 and 18, when given fine weather there should be a large number of visitors present from Auckland and the Goldfields districts. A first-rate programme has been drawn up by the Club, who have been liberal in their distribution of stake money. On the first day the Ohinemuri Cup, of 200 sovs., 1 1/4 miles, forms the chief event, and indications point to a good field contesting the race in question. The Paeroa Handicap, of 120sovs., one mile, is the big race on the second day, and should attract a good class of handicap horse.

A notable feature of the gathering is the holding of a steeplechase on each day, the Paeroa Steeplechase, of 100sovs., 2 1/2 miles, to be run on the first day, and the Autumn Steeplechase, of 110sovs., three miles, to be decided on the concluding day. A maiden race will be held each day, of 55sovs. and 60sovs. respectively, both over a six furlongs course. Other events to be decided are:—First day: Netherton Welter, 70sovs., seven furlongs; Handicap Hurdles, of 85sovs., 1 1/4 miles; Karangahake Handicap, of 80sovs., five furlongs; Komata Handicap, of 60sovs., six furlongs; St. Patrick's Handicap, of 100sovs., six furlongs. Second day: Waitakauri Handicap, of 70sovs., five furlongs; Second Handicap Hurdles, of 80sovs., 1 1/2 miles; Miners' Handicap, of 60 sovs., six furlongs; Waikino Welter, of 70sovs., seven furlongs; Waihi Handicap, of 80sovs., six furlongs.

Nominations for all events close with the secretary, Mr. H. Poland, on Saturday, February 20, at 9 p.m., while weights will appear on Monday, March 1st.

not clear as to what the intentions of the club really were. They evidently intended 7lb. to be the penalty for all races with the exception of the Taranaki Cup event. Bedford should be capable of putting up a very good performance, and so should Phosphorus and Goldsize, though on last year's form, when Goldsize won, it is hard to see how he can beat Emperador and Byron at the weights now. Racing on the Takapuna course and racing on the Taranaki course are two different matters, but it will depend upon what is done in Bedford's case and how Goldsize, Phosphorus, Royal Irish and Soldier have shaped in the interval whether they will all go to the meeting, and then there is Ovation to remember, too. It is hoped that the Auckland horses will be well represented at the meeting, as Taranaki is a regular contributor to Auckland. The acceptances for the Flying Handicap are excellent, Denise Orme, Astor and Grattan being the chief of

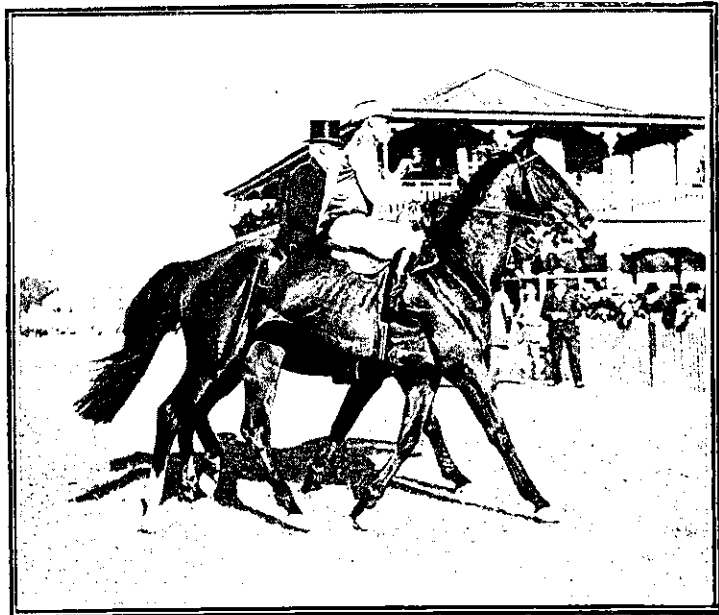
the few non-acceptors, and Lord Lupin, Denise Orme, Grattan, Kitty Bellairs and a few others from the Stewards' Handicap. Most of the other races have filled well, and our Taranaki friends should have a good meeting.

CLASHING OF MEETINGS.

It is occasionally stated that the Foxton Racing Club should not hold their annual meeting so as to clash with the Wellington Racing Club's meeting, but those who know the facts are aware that the Foxton Club has always and for a very long time raced on Anniversary Day as one of the days of their summer meeting. The records go to show this, and it is unlikely that the country club will give way and select another date at this stage of its long and healthy life. At one time the Wellington Racing Club could not afford to be without the support of the country racing men from the Foxton, Rangitikei and Manawatu districts, and their meetings at the Hutt were held later, and horses from Foxton journeyed on there, the meeting for a long time being held early in February. For a long time the Wellington R.C. experienced a difficulty about their dates. They would have held their spring meetings on November 30th, but that date had been allotted to the Feilding Jockey Club. Frequent attempts were made to get Labour Day, but the Otaki Maori meeting and Napier Park meeting fell on that date, and the club could not race in opposition, and the Dunedin Jockey Club raced on that date, too. At last, when Labour Day was altered from the second Wednesday in October to the fourth Monday in that month, Wellington got in, and that is how that club established their spring meeting before the spring meeting of the Canterbury Jockey Club. The Wellington R.C. had an uphill fight, but owe it to the persistency of some of their representatives that they have at last got settled dates that are suitable for their meetings. It made a good deal of difference to the Otaki Club losing Labour Day. In these days when there are so many people racing and so many horses, the clashing of dates is not so seriously felt as formerly, but the luck in getting suitable ones has meant a very great difference to clubs, and the Rangitikei Racing Club was very unfortunate in being deprived of New Year's Day and January 2nd, the dates which the Marton Jockey Club was permitted to take. When the extra permits have been allotted to the clubs considered entitled to receive them, the allocation of racing dates will have to be considered.

NEWMARKET AND AUSTRALIAN CUP CANDIDATES.

Di Gama has been awarded 9.5 in the Newmarket Handicap and is sixth in the list of 98 engaged. Ventura has 9.0, Tatterley 8.13, Valhalla 8.0. In the Australian Cup Di Gama has top weight, 9.5, in a list of 62, Rathlea 8.11, Sir Solo 8.5, Bon Ton 8.3, Moonbria 8.0, Cherubini 7.9. Cisco, who is now six years old and by San Francisco from Lady Wallace, and who lately won the A.J.C. Anniversary Handicap of 1000sovs, carrying 8.3, running the mile and a-half in 2min 33 1/2sec, beating a good field, has 8.7 in the Newmarket and 8.5 in the Australian Cup. It was his first win for three years when he annexed the A.J.C. Derby prior to which he won the Breeders' Stakes at Randwick. Since the weights have appeared Di Gama has won a race, the value of which may mean a penalty. Mr. Morse's estimate of 9.11 on Pav-



TOREADOR (J. Conquest) after his victory in the Stewards' Handicap (5 1/2 furlongs) at Takapuna on Saturday.