

# RACING NOTES

C. KINGSLEY SMITH

**THE N.Z. ILLUSTRATED SPORTING AND DRAMATIC REVIEW.**

The best Illustrated Paper in Australasia.

Editorial and Publishing Office:

Safe Deposit Buildings, Vulcan Lane, Auckland, N.Z.

Christchurch Office: No. 9 Hallenstein's Buildings—Mr. J. A. Donaldson, Manager.

London Office: 36-7-8 Southampton Strand, W.C. Phone 8736, City. C. Cokayne-Naylor, Manager.

"The Sporting and Dramatic Review" has a wider circulation than any illustrated paper in the Dominion. As an advertising medium it is unrivalled.

Terms of Subscription: 12 months, £1 5s.; six months, 13s. 6d.; three months, 7s. Abroad, £1 7s., 14s. 6d.,

**RACING CALENDAR.**

**FIXTURES.**

- March 3, 4—Dannevirke R.C.
- March 6—Akaroa County R.C.
- March 6, 8—Te Aroha J.C.
- March 10, 11—Nelson J.C.
- March 10, 11—Gore R.C.
- March 12, 13—Napier Park R.C.
- March 17—Opunake R.C.
- March 17, 18—Ohinemuri J.C.
- March 18—Waimate R.C.
- March 18, 19—Masterton R.C.
- March 24, 25—Southland R.C.
- March 24, 25—Rangitikei R.C.
- April 3—Tuakape County J.C.
- April 3, 5—Auckland R.C.
- April 3, 5—Wairarapa R.C.
- April 5—Beaumont J.C.
- April 5—Waipukurau J.C.
- April 5—Kumara R.C.
- April 5, 6—Canterbury J.C.
- April 5, 6—Feilding J.C.
- April 5, 6—Riverton R.C.
- April 7—Westland R.C.
- April 14—Reefton J.C.
- April 14, 17—Avondale J.C.
- April 14, 17—Wellington R.C.
- April 15, 17—South Canterbury J.C.
- April 21, 22—Manawatu R.C.
- April 30, May 1—Hawke's Bay J.C.

**EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.**

For the autumn meeting of the Westland Racing Club nominations close on March 26th for all events, including trotting races.

Nominations for the Waipukurau Jockey Club's annual meeting close on March 8.

Nominations for the Feilding Jockey Club's autumn meeting are due on March 12.

On March 8th nominations are due for the Waipukurau annual meeting.

On March 15th nominations for the Wairarapa J.C. meeting must be attended to.

On March 12th first forfeits fall due for the Great Northern Champagne

Stakes and Great Northern Oaks, and at the same time acceptances for the Easter Handicap, Brighton Hurdles and Autumn Steeplechase.

Australian J.C. autumn Doncaster Handicap and Sydney Cup forfeits are due on the 15th March.

Final payments for the Auckland R.C. Easter Handicap, Great Northern Champagne Stakes and Great Northern Oaks are due on the 26th.

Acceptances for the first day's events to be decided at the Ohinemuri Jockey Club's annual meeting close with the secretary, Mr. H. Poland, on Friday next (March 5) at 9 p.m.

Acceptances for first day's events in connection with the Masterton Racing Club's autumn meeting close with the secretary, Mr. A. Hathaway, Masterton, on Thursday next, March 11, at 10 p.m., and for the second day's races on Thursday, March 18, at 9 p.m.

**RECENT BLOODSTOCK IMPORTATIONS.**

Sir George Clifford's newly imported stallion Sanquhar arrived from Wellington on Friday (wires our Canterbury correspondent), and was at once taken out to Riccarton, where he was generally admired. He will remain at Chokobore Lodge for some time before going on to Stonyhurst. Sanquhar, who is a five-year-old brown horse, was bred by Lord Rosebery, and he was a good performer during the two seasons he raced. He is a member of Bruce Lowe's No. 1 family, being by Santry from Valve. Santry is by Gallinule from E.P., by Necromancer (son of Tucket, by Lord Lyon) from L.P., by Arbitrator (son of Solon). Valve, the dam of Sanquhar, is a full sister to the Waikanac sire Bezonian, being by Velasques (son of Donovan) from Gas, by Ayrshire (son of Hampton) from Illumine, by Rosierucian (son of Beadsman) from Paraffin, by Blair Athol (son of Stockwell) from Paradigon. Valve is a half sister to Cicero, winner of the Derby and now a leading sire in England. Gas is three-quarter sister to Ladas, winner of the Two Thousand Guineas and Derby. Illuminata is the dam of Chelanday, whose son Traquair (by Ayrshire) sired some particularly brilliant gallopers during a brief stud career in Australia, Ventura, who is well known in New Zealand, being one of the number.

On Saturday by the Tainui, which arrived at Wellington from London, the young thoroughbred horse Absurd, winner of the Middle Park Plate, and foaled in 1910, therefore

now a five-year-old, was a notable passenger. He is by Sundridge from Absurdity, and is an upstanding lengthy chestnut horse with a white face and one fore and one hind leg white up nearly to the knee and neck respectively. His blood should suit any of the mares in the stud of his owner, Mr. George Currie, of Koatani, near Wanganui, where he is to be located and his services made available for a limited number of mares of the outside public. Absurd's sale for New Zealand was noted in several English papers, and one of them, the "Bloodstock Review," mentions him as likely to prove a success with mares he will be mated with in the Dominion. He will certainly get a fair chance. We recently gave his pedigree. At the same time that he was imported the mare Eulogy, by Cicero from Kelbia, arrived, also having been purchased by the Wanganui studmaster for his stud, from which half a dozen fine yearlings are being sent to Australia next week.

A week or two back Mr. G. F. Moore, of Bushy Park, got out a young mare specially purchased in England on his account by Mr. R. H. Nolan, who is on a trip to the Old Land. Toora is her name, and she is a mottled brown, five years old, by Royal Fox, son of Flying Fox and Hamchilde, by Hampton from Lady Forfax, by Forfarshire, by Royal Hampton from Lady St. John, by Childwick from Miss Langden, by Silver Crown from Lady Langden, dam of Hampton. With three strains of Hampton through his dam and three of Galopin, one through Galopin himself and the other two through St. Simon, and dashes of the same line through Princess (dam of Royal Hampton and Angelica, the dam of Orme, it may be said that Toora is very inbred to Hampton and the St. Simon line. She resembles the St. Simons, is a very nice mare, and walks with wonderful freedom and should prove an acquisition to Mr. Moore's stud. Before being shipped from England she was mated with St. Girons, a 22 horse by St. Simon from Acunha, by Tristram, son of Hermit from Polenta, by Coltness from Modena. If in foal her progeny will have a further dash of the St. Simon blood. Toora is to be mated with Absurd next season, as her owner has no desire to further double up the strains of blood so prominent in her pedigree.

Hallowmas, who was imported last year by Mr. Moore, has stunted his mares well as far as can be judged, and has thickened out and is hard to beat in the matter of quality, substance, colour, conformation and temperament. He has nearly got his

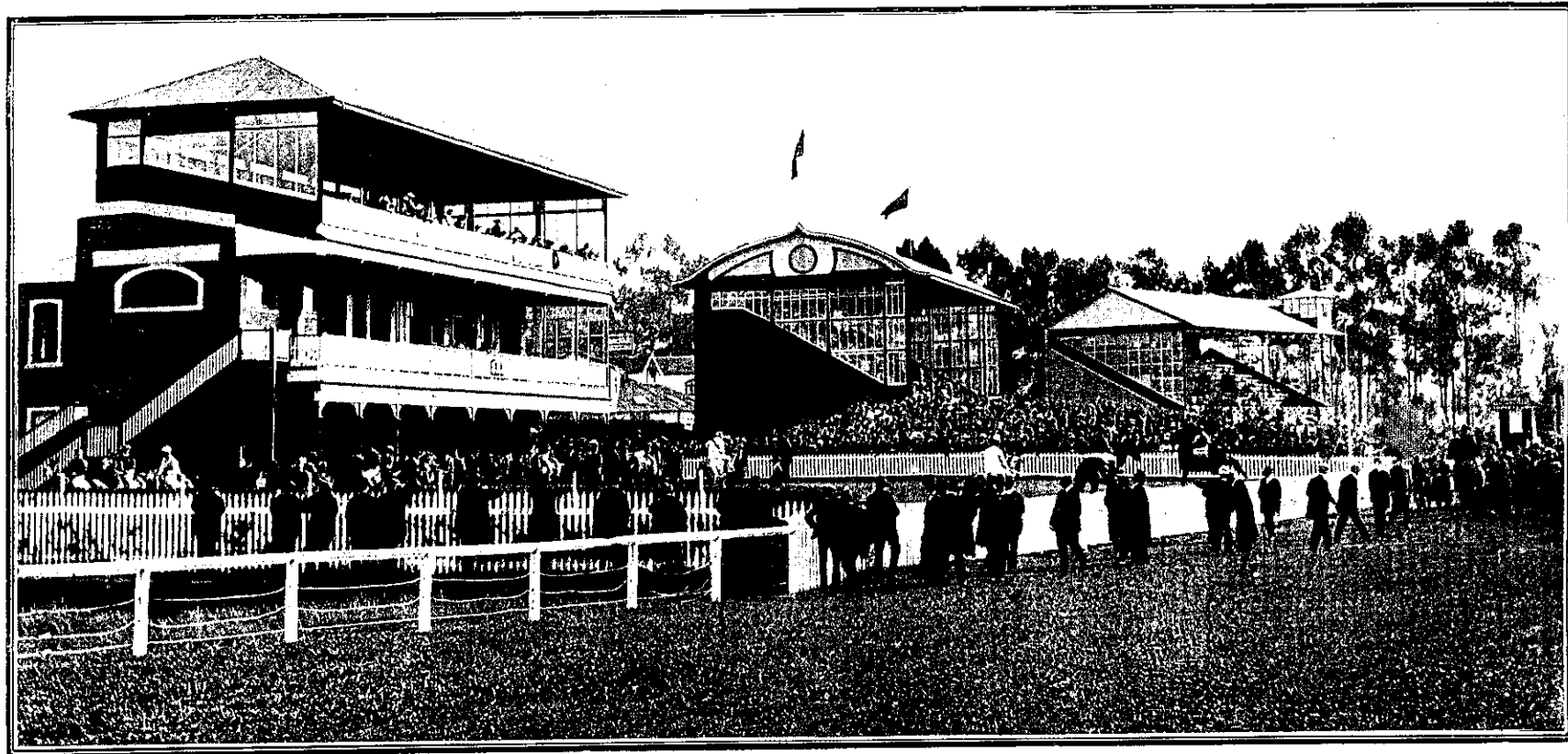
list full for the coming season and a dozen or more outside mares have been booked up to him for 1916.

**THE KING'S DERBY COLT.**

The special commissioner of the "London Sportsman" thus:—"I am writing on New Year's Eve, and before drinking punch. In these circumstances the mind should be clear—if ever—and I am bound to say that to me the future seems bright, though the rainbow vision may have to be chased for a long while yet through a welter of blood and tears. Straws show how the wind blows, we are told, and so far as racing goes the wind is blowing towards a Royal victory in the coming Derby. This would be an Imperial triumph, manifest to all, and the anxieties of Richard Marsh in the training of Friar Marcus are hardly to be envied. Yet who will not envy him if all goes well, and the son of Cicero wins! It will be a great day, indeed, if such be the happy consummation, not only in an Imperial sense, for it will retrieve the Derby from the Slough of Despond in which it has been merged for some years, with impossible animals like Minouru, Signorinetta, Tagalie, Aboyeur and Durbar II. winning it. The Blue Ribbon of the Turf was fast becoming a badge almost of infamy, when at last we are entering upon a season in which the three-year-olds bid fair to bring back the glories of what is, after all, the most famous race in the world. It is not merely that Friar Marcus is all over a high-class Derby winner to look at and on his form, but his closest competitors are also well up to the mark, even though we judge them by a high standard." Of course, the Derby is a long way off, and there are some likely candidates for Derby honours, but Friar Marcus, on past form, looks the best, and a win for the King of England would be especially welcome. We have a good deal of the same blood in New Zealand now as that which courses through the veins of Friar Marcus, whose sire Cicero won the Derby.

**SPORTSMEN AND THE BATTLE-FIELD.**

In a cable from Brisbane last week Mr. G. F. Pearce, Minister for Defence, speaking at a sportsmen's recruiting meeting, said the Empire had given the call to sportsmen. It was their turn to go. Would they skulk or go to the field of battle and play the game? As long as the men of Australia were willing to go to the front the Government would be willing to send them.



THE DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.—A VIEW OF THE STANDS ON THE WINGATUI RACECOURSE ON CUP DAY.