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WELLINGTON.

North Taranaki Hunt Club's Approaching Meeting—A Promising Juvenile—C. Jackson's Pair for Trentham—Eworth Galloping Brilliantly—Undecided to Make His Reappearance at Wellington R.C. Gathering—Wellington Steeplechase Prospects.

(From our own correspondent.)

WELLINGTON, Monday.

With the advent of increased racing permits, Mr. G. Morse, the well-known weight adjuster, finds himself a busier man than he has been in the past. He has been appointed handicapper to the Horowhenua and Pahatua Racing Clubs and the North Taranaki Hunt Club. "George" is a popular personality, who has the happy knack of doing his best for the many clubs that he is interested in, and naturally he quite deserves recognition at the hands of racing clubs, as his work is always very satisfactory.

The North Taranaki Hunt Club are holding their first totalisator meeting on the Taranaki Jockey Club's racecourse on July 29th, when £300 will be given away in stakes. Nominations close on July 9th, and the weights are due on the following Friday. Hunting is gaining much headway in Taranaki, and the coming gathering promises to be very successful.

Sam Gibbons, at Marton, has a rising two-year-old colt by Signor from Ambrosian (St. Ambrose—Neva), who unquestionably is built on capital galloping lines, and appears assured of making a name for himself on the turf. This promising juvenile will be put into training in the spring.

A nice cut of a colt by Husbandman from The Boyne, and consequently a half-brother to Rewipoto, was sold recently for 250 guineas. The juvenile is expected to show up prominently in racing events next season.

C. Jackson, the Hawera owner-trainer, has booked accommodation at Trentham for Harbour Light and Lady Middleton, both of whom are in rare racing buckle. The pair should keep their opponents busy in events that they compete in at the W.R.C. meeting next month.

Astor, who has performed fairly well this season, has been turned out, and will not race again until the spring.

The latest sporting enthusiast to join the Expeditionary Forces is Mr. R. Earle, a well-known Wanganui sportsman, who has for some years been engaged in farming pursuits at Makirikiri, on the Wanganui River. The genal "Bob" goes into camp at Trentham this week.

Mr. C. J. Nelson, mine host of the Masonic Hotel at Waitara, has a nice cut of a galloper in Omakaha, by Chasseur from The Rook, in training for future events. The six-year-old gelding is down to compete at the North Taranaki Hunt meeting next month, when he should keep his opponent's busy.

T. C. White, formerly a well-known trainer in the Wairarapa, has settled down at Mr. J. Davidson's place at Taiprohenui, near Hawera, where he has a couple of budding equines in training for next season's racing events. The juveniles are both by Husbandman, and are from those two good mares Hospitality and Generosity. The former is so far unnamed, but the latter will race as Hushman. They both show some promise, and should carry their popular owner's colours with some success next season. Talking about Mr. Davidson reminds me that during a conversation at Taiprohenui last week he informed the writer that he would be 89 years of age within the next week. The writer expresses the hope that this veteran sportsman shall yet attain the coveted century.

After his forward running at the Hawke's Bay meetings Soporific is assured of many admirers during the approaching 'chasing' season. A bold fencer, with ample pace, this gelding should do his popular Wirokino owner some good turns during the next few months. The Otaki trainer, F. Higgott, has Soporific in great heart at present.

Cyra and Doon, the two Trentham hurdling candidates, continue to show some fine schooling work, and it would occasion no surprise if they got amongst the winners at the W.R.C. meeting.

A horse that is sure to show up well during the next few weeks is Eworth, who has improved consider-

ably in his jumping ability. In a gallop recently the gelding put up good time on the reldng tracks.

Tom Pritchard, at Opaki, has Lady Black well forward, and all going well in the interim this fine galloper will be a competitor at Trentham next month, where she should carry Mr. Cameron's colours in a creditable manner.

Training is booming at Masterton, and in passing through Opaki by motor last week the writer noticed that "Sam" Jamieson, T. Pritchard and H. Pritchard were all having commodious new stabling and loose-boxes erected. From the nature of the undertakings it was quite evident that the "sport of kings" has many adherents in the Wairarapa, judging by the fine residence the brothers Pritchard are having erected, while Jamieson is content with new horse accommodation, as the residence he occupies will suit his requirements for many years to come.

Rene is hitting out in quite an attractive style at Trentham, and Albert Goodman is sparing no pains with a view to getting this capable galloper up to concert pitch in view of her W.R.C. engagements next month.

Undecided appears to be coming back to form, judging by his track essays. The gelding carries a robust appearance, and still appears capable of winning races. He will represent Mr. W. Smart in flat events at Trentham next month. With Undecided and Doon the Willis Street sportsman will have two useful representatives to carry his colours at the approaching gathering.

Bonny, who always has a jumper's chance, will be a competitor in the W.R.C. Steeplechase, and in the event of any mistakes the son of St. Peter—Bonny Doon should be in the fighting line at the finish.

Tyrannic continues to show some of his oldtime dash over the obstacles, and judging by his excellent jumping ability he should show up prominently in crosscountry events to be decided during the next couple of months. Tyrannic is down to compete at Trentham.

Glenmore should show up prominently in the W.R.C. Steeplechase, as he is undoubtedly one of our best and most reliable steeplechasers in training to-day. The gelding should have many admirers in his next month's contest.

The Porirua stable of Mr. J. H. Prosser is represented by Naupata and Agaha Green in the W.R.C. Steeplechase, both of whom have some excellent credentials to recommend them. The "elect" on the day should certainly command some respect, as they are both reliable and clever fenceers.

In Goldstream and George the Porirua establishment has two capital gallopers engaged in the Parliamentary Handicap at Trentham. Both horses are showing up well in their training essays on the beach, and their prospects for the future are held in high esteem.

Lady Louisa is hitting out in right good style at Levin, and the daughter of Campfire promises to start a well-backed candidate in her contests at the W.R.C. meeting next month.

A. M. Wright, at Foxton, has The Rover and Captain Macky fast getting into excellent racing condition. The pair will be seen out in jumping events at Trentham next month.

Mr. Burgess, at Trentham, has Hap Dha well forward in view of the gelding's W.R.C. engagements. A splendid galloper, with undoubted pace, this horse should carry his owner-trainer's colours in a creditable manner.

With Maltegarde, Rongaro and Sir Saracen engaged, the Trentham trainer, Joe Scott, is under the impression that his little team will emerge from their W.R.C. contests with credit to their owners and themselves. The trio are fast getting up to concert pitch.

With the advent of the Wellington Racing Club's winter meeting next month the club's caretaker, Mr. McGlashan, has all the important details of the grounds in capital order. The jumps are all fixed, and as none of the obstacles are of too formidable a character the worst of our steeplechasers should negotiate them safely. Visitors to Trentham will witness some nice racing, as all the best horses in training are nominated, and it only requires owners' opinions to coincide

with that of the handicapper and the result will be a splendid meeting.

Mr. P. F. Wall, the well-known Hatuma sportsman, intends being represented at the W.R.C. meeting with Suraura, whom trainer Joe Sceats has in excellent form at Woodville.

Sir Donald promises to be a warm proposition for the Winter Hurdles, provided the circus horse sees the post. Trainer Watson, at Awapuni, has the chestnut in rare buckle, and he will have to be reckoned with in approaching hurdling events.

SOUTHLAND.

Winton Trotting Club to Give Over £400 in Stakes—Varanian in Work Again—Heatherbloom Also Resumes Work.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

INVERCARGILL, June 24.

Snow, hail and rain, followed by a very severe frost, have made it impossible to work horses on the local or outlying tracks, and trainers have been compelled to take to the roads, beaches, or hills, according to where situated, which is not a very satisfactory thing to contemplate with the Birchwood Hunt meeting in view, with the Grand National gathering to follow.

When the question came up for decision as to where the Birchwood Hunt meeting would be held under totalisator conditions, there was some competition to secure the fixture, and eventually a donation of £50 from the Riverton R.C. and a guarantee from the townspeople of the seaside resort apparently carried the day. This is indeed a satisfactory outcome, as the Riverton R.C. have an easy first claim as the body paying most attention to horses educated to the jumping game. Nominations for the meeting will close July 14th, and it is hoped that several owners connected with the Otago Hunt Club will enter horses, as the Southland contingent assisted to make the Otago hunting fixture of the current season a success.

The Winton Trotting Club, who propose to give over £400 in stakes at their first totalisator meeting, have decided to apply for Wednesday, December 1st, as the racing date, having found that December 15 would bring them into competition with the Lake County J.C. and the Southland A. and P. Association.

It is reported from Winton that Mr. H. Cunningham has taken up the three-year-old gelding Varanian, by Varco—Ngaio, the chestnut gelding having enjoyed a beneficial spell. He has grown into a commanding horse, and looks to be just the kind to develop into a useful winner on the flat or across light fences. The Winton sportsman will probably have Varanian worked at home for a time, prior to sending him on to Wingatui, where trainer C. Christie will be prepared to develop him as a flat racer, hurdler, or chaser. Christie trains them for all branches of the turf game successfully, and it would not surprise the writer to see him leading in a winning trotter or pacer some day, as he has already made threats in this direction. This Wingatui mentor, by the way, is likely to have an efficient and select team at Riccarton for the Grand National meeting.

It is stated that the ex-West Coast jockey E. Moran, who is at present in charge of Clynelish in North Otago, is to join G. Hope's establishment at Winton. The old pilot of that great steeplechaser Mutiny is getting a very nice team around him at Winton, including Bob West and several young horses of exceptional breeding as far as this part of the world is concerned. A rising three-year-old filly by Glenculloch from Order, by The Officer—Spot, is well spoken of in regard to her appearance and preliminary studies.

Mr. W. A. Saunders has been appointed handicapper to the Birchwood Hunt, and should take a pleasure in adjusting the weights for a jumping fixture, as in his day he was no mean performer in the saddle when steeplechase fences barred the way.

At Gore the well-known trotting owner-trainer Mr. W. R. Wilson, at one time the proprietor of that good pacer Eccentric, is breaking in two thoroughbred youngsters by Glenculloch and Pallas respectively.

The local trainer G. McLean has taken up Heatherbloom, who has been treated to a spell. The son of Canrobert and Rosebloom is a very nice gelding, and was unlucky in not being returned a winner during the current season.

The Winton owner Mr. H. Cunningham has disposed of the brood mare Miss Judge to a district breeder. Miss Judge has every appearance of being in foal to her late owner's sire, Buff

Gauntlet. It may be remembered that the son of Red Gauntlet and St. Ouida has found favour with breeders in the locality of his home, and is likely to be well patronised next season.

CANTERBURY.

Trainers Indignant at Closing of Riccarton Tracks—Ngatiruanui Getting Through Satisfactory Preparation—The Grand National Entries—A Satisfactory Response From Owners in Principal Events.

(By Telegraph—Christchurch Correspondent.)

CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

During the past week the weather has been of such a nature as to reduce training operations to a minimum. On Thursday morning, much to their surprise, trainers found all the tracks closed against them, and they had to exercise their charges as best they could on the adjacent roads. Seeing that the tan track has just recently been put into good order for winter work the action of those responsible for the step taken was strongly condemned, and the local mentors were loud in their complaints.

On Friday the hunter Phamos and White Cockade were given a schooling task over the big fences. Starting off at the double the former went to the front but blundered, causing his jockey (McSeveney) to lose an iron. Despite this, the rest of the journey was completed without mishap. In the meantime White Cockade had dropped behind through losing ground at each obstacle. He was too clever to come down, but his jumping was of such a deliberate nature as to make his chance of ever pulling off a steeplechase looks decidedly remote.

All the Riccarton horses claiming engagements at the Wellington meeting are in forward condition, so the enforced respite from activities will not interfere with their prospects to any great extent.

The Timaru-owned jumper Ngatiruanui is reported to be getting through a satisfactory preparation at the Washdyke course. It is quite on the cards that he will be sent north for the Wellington meeting for a race in public prior to taking on the Grand National Steeplechase.

Very little work was got through on Saturday morning on account of the heavy state of the tracks. Part of the grass gallop was thrown open for rising two-year-olds, and a fair number were given sprinting tasks. The fact of the tan gallop being again closed was not relished by those trainers who have Wellington engagements ahead of them.

The most pleasing feature of the Grand National entries is the inclusion of the Australian crack Clontaft in the three principal cross-country events. It is by no means certain that the son of Godwin will be sent across, but should he make the trip his presence in the National field will help to make the contest more interesting. Auckland stables are very well represented in the leading events at the National meeting, but the local forces are weaker than ever.

Corrie is still on the idle list, and her trainer is not certain as to the cause of her indisposition. This accounts for her non-inclusion in the Grand National Hurdle Race.

During the past week Daylight Bill has only been asked to do the very lightest of tasks as the result of his damaged knee. In the meantime it is not known whether he will be well enough to race at Wellington.

Notwithstanding the unfavourable prospects the entries for the Grand National meeting have turned out remarkably well so far as the six leading events are concerned. No less than 40 figure in the big steeplechase, as against the 28 entered last year, and though the majority of them would, on past showings, be more at home in less pretentious events, they include the best of the cross-country talent available. Such as Morning, Soporific, El Gallo, Cloudy Dawn, Tim Doolan, Jackman, Daylight Bill, Golden Glow, Clontaft, and Glenmore have fair credentials in their favour, while there are distinct possibilities associated with such as Harbour Light, Ngatiruanui, Player, Bolin, Appin, Master Strowan and Bandalero. There is an increase of one in the Grand National Hurdles, the figures being 42, as against 41, and the entry includes the best that could possibly be got together.

Almost every stable that shelters hurdlers from Auckland to the Bluff is represented, and the calibre of those engaged is quite satisfactory. The Winter Cup evidently retains