

ting Club's fixture. The southern mare Win Soon put up several good races, just missing the money on more than one occasion, and it is pleasing to have to note that she is healthy and well and may hold a chance in her second New Zealand Cup race, provided the limit is not unduly extended.

In view of the fact that an Auckland has purchased the crack pacer Admiral Wood, by Wildwood, Junr.—D.I.C., for the record price of £1000, it may not be out of place to remark that the New Brighton Derby winner of 1914 is in great heart at the present time. When inspected by the writer at Wildwood Farm a week before his sale he was found to be lusty and well forward in condition, as Mr. Kerr had taken advantage of the prolonged spell of fine weather to push his forward in case the rain came down. He is a beautiful pacer and a most commanding horse and should attract widespread attention in the north when his racing career closes and he is claimed as a sire. It would look as if the light harness sport is prospering in the Far North, as Auckland now holds two records in connection with the selling price of pacers, and both were bred by Mr. W. Kerr at Wildwood Farm, viz., Waverley, by Galindo—Thelma, two-year-old, £500, and Admiral Wood, four-year-old, £1000. At the same time, followers of trotting in Auckland will have to bear in mind that Admiral Wood is not the only champion in the field for the New Zealand Trotting Cup, as there is another four-year-old colt in Canterbury who can pace far and fast, and this is Our Thorpe, who will be supported for real money on the day of the big race, provided all goes well with both cracks in the meantime.

Several Southland owners were on the look out for horses during the C.J.C. Grand National meeting, but found it hard to gratify their desires, as worn out and moderate racers invariably prove a costly investment when brought to the home province nowadays—the locally-bred article is making itself felt.

At a meeting of the Gore Racing Club committee last week it was decided to increase the stakes for the spring meeting by £300, a departure upon which the Eastern District turf institution is to be congratulated, and it is to be hoped that their hack events will be fully recognised when the allocation is made. The committee also voted £100 to the Wounded Soldiers' Fund and decided to direct a proportion of the profits of the spring fixture to the same object. Mr. R. E. Harley was re-appointed starter for the season.

It is reported from Winton that Mr. H. Cunningham is working Varanian again after a lengthy spell. The matter of having the big chestnut schooled over hurdles is at present under review.

Mr. A. J. Gibbs has been appointed handicapper to the Tapanui Racing Club. Mr. W. R. Quin, who has been selected as starter by this club is a son of the gentleman who bred and for some time raced that smart sprinter Red Lancer, a full brother to Red Peony (dam of Palisade, Redshire and other winners).

CANTERBURY.

Ormoloid Changes Hands—Latest Additions to Active Brigade at Riccarton—Holiday Purchased by Australian Sportsman—Toki Sustains Serious Injury Schooling at Riccarton—Daylight Bill's Speedy Recovery—All Ready's N.Z. Cup Preparation—Amberley Steeplechase Club's Meeting.

(By Telegraph—Christchurch Correspondent.)

CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

Matters at Riccarton have been decidedly quiet since the Grand National meeting, the only horses kept up to the collar being those with engagements at the Amberley meeting. Several trainers have been sprinting their juveniles, and during the next few weeks a number of them will be tried out over fairly lengthy courses.

Bee was withdrawn from the New Zealand Cup as soon as the weights appeared, her owner being dissatisfied with her treatment. Mr. Taylor is now on his way to Sydney, and it is quite on the cards that he will have Martian's daughter sent over to race there.

Ormoloid, who put up a fair race in the Hunters' Plate at Riccarton, is now owned by a Canterbury sportsman, and will race in his new interest at the Amberley meeting.

R. J. Mason has been putting a fair amount of work into Nones and Xanthos. The former is one of the most brilliant gallopers at Riccarton, while the latter has improved a lot since last sporting silk. It will be surprising if the pair do not show something pretty good at the spring meetings, as they are both well forward.

A couple of recent additions to the active brigade at head-quarters are Ladrone and Snapdragon, both of whom have been in retirement for some weeks. The latter looks really well, but Ladrone will take a lot of building up.

Holiday, by Varco—Flitaway, who last season won a couple of races for Sir Geo. Clifford, has been sold to an Australian sportsman, and is now on her way to her new home.

After doing a gallop at Riccarton on Tuesday, Emperador was in a rather bad way, and it was expected that he would require a lengthy spell. To the surprise of track watchers Charlemagne's son reappeared on Friday and on Saturday was given an easy task.

It was intended to give the North Island-owned Toki a run at the Amberley meeting, and on Tuesday he was schooled over hurdles at head-quarters. At one of the obstacles he

exercised at Riccarton during the past week. Amongst them those that have shaped most pleasingly are St. Ewe, Glenowl, Countess Tolstoi, Concordia, Pyjama, and Snowraker.

The tan track at Riccarton is at present being improved by the addition of a lot of material on the outer part.

Glenowl and Master Hamilton were given a turn over the hurdles on Monday, the former showing to most advantage. The former should give a good account of himself in the hurdle race at Amberley.

On the conclusion of the New Zealand Cup meeting All Ready, who is held on lease by his trainer, will be submitted to public auction.

Very satisfactory acceptances have been received for the Amberley Steeplechase Club's meeting, which takes place on Thursday. Unfortunately the class of competitors is by no means good, but there can be no question as to the open nature of the various events.

If Kingsway contests the Brackenfield Steeplechase at Amberley on Thursday it will mark his sixth effort in that particular event. His record to date in the race is two firsts, a second, a third, and once unplaced.

The veteran Sea King has been

£986. Reference was made to the fact that two members of the committee, Messrs. T. E. Wilson and D. B. McDonald, had offered their services in the defence of the Empire, and that the latter had died from wounds received. It was resolved to place on record the great loss the club had sustained in the death of such a fine sportsman and good soldier. The balance-sheet showed a handsome profit, and the sound position of the club was favourably commented upon by members.

The appearance of the weights for the New Zealand Cup has not excited a great deal of interest, but has led to the prospects of Warstep (9.5), Pavoia (8.9) and Bonny Helen (8.5) being favourably discussed. Warstep looks to be particularly well treated, despite the fact that she is top weight, and if she goes to the post dressed at her best she will probably be a warm favourite. Pavlova is a good mare, and should run well, while Bonny Helen will only require to be fit and well to take a power of beating, as she is a good 'un, the best of whom has not yet been seen. It is a pity she is none too sound, but she is reported to be getting along well in her work at Fordell. Her stable mate, Rinaldo, is in at 8.3, and his chance will look very rosy if he is landed at the post well enough to do himself full justice, but he also is under a suspicion of unsoundness. Sunbird, another of the Fordell stable's representatives, is nicely weighted at 7.2, and as she has wintered well the daughter of Martian may have to be reckoned with, as she is very fast and should stay all right.

The Egmont-Wanganui Hunt meeting, to be held on Thursday next, the 26th inst., on the Waverley racecourse, gives every indication of being a successful one. The totalisator will be in use, and as the fields will be fairly large no doubt speculation will be brisk. In the Ladies' Bracelet Steeplechase Captain Dick (11.5) is spoken of as one likely to run prominently, as he is a great jumper. Hydraulic (11.2) is another likely to be well supported. In the big event, the Hunt Cup, Consul (12.6), if saved for this race, will take a power of beating, while Expedition, despite his big load, 13.7, is expected to run well.

W. Rayner has Viadian in capital nick, and this gelding ought to have a good chance in the Maiden, and also in the Kakaramea Hack Race, in which he has 9.3. Calais, with 11.5 in the latter event, is sure to be handy, as he is said to be galloping well at Waverley under M. Gardner's careful attention. With Glacier (10.8), Bivouac (10.0) and one or two other speedy ones engaged, this promises to be a fine race.

It will be interesting to see how Cornelian shapes in the Patea Hack Steeplechase. He can jump the big sticks all right, and unless he has lost his old dash he should be handy at the finish. Nita (9.13) is a good fencer and has a lot of pace, so that it will be no surprise to see her make a bold bid for victory.

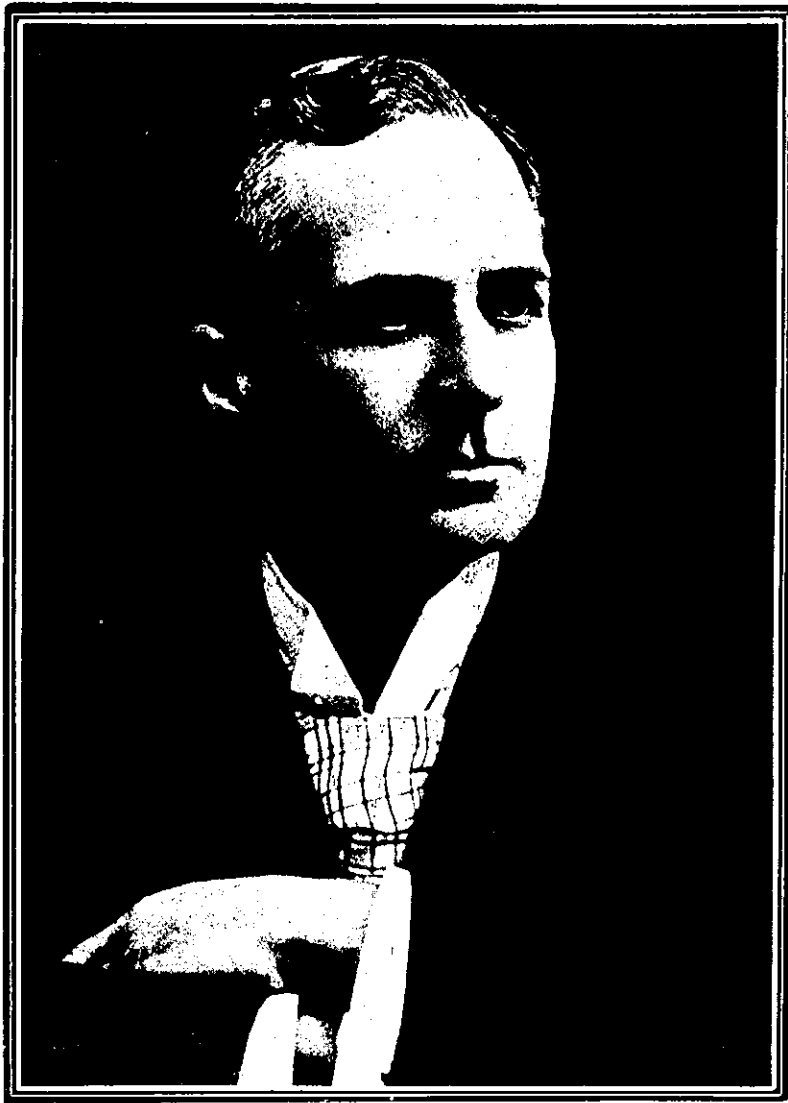
Arnaek is a regular attendant on the track, and looks very well indeed, but moves a bit scratchily.

St. Gate looks better to the eye than he has ever done, being big and lusty, but he does not move quite so freely as could be desired. His full-brother, the veteran St. Bill, has not been on the track recently, a fact which points to him having gone amiss.

A. Hall has Denise Orme in solid work, and the daughter of Sweet Simon gives every promise of still further demonstrating what a good mare she is. She will not be seen out until the Wanganui spring meeting comes round. Hall has had to turn the Prudent King colt out owing to the three-year-old having contracted strangles, which is very bad luck, as the colt was moving along in very promising style. Hall has a very nice-looking two-year-old filly named Daisy Desmond, by Desmond, in work. She is an English-bred youngster, and is a splendid cut of a filly.

The annual meeting of the Wanganui Trotting Club was held on Friday evening, when the report and balance-sheet submitted showed that the club had had a most successful season. Eulogistic references were made to the following office-bearers who have joined the Expeditionary Forces:—Messrs. H. M. Speed (judge), W. Glenn (assistant hon. judge), J. C. Paterson and E. H. Whitman (stewards), and E. Maxwell Edgar (veterinary surgeon). The balance-sheet showed that although the club gave away £1000 in stake money last year a handsome profit was made, and the success attained is evidence that trot-

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DEATH OF A LEADING AUCKLAND CITIZEN—The late MR. WILLIAM COLEMAN barrister and solicitor, whose loss is keenly felt in business social and athletic circles.

came down heavily, and subsequent examination showed that he had broken a bone in his shoulder. At present he is in a sling, and every effort is to be made to save him.

Neither of Mr. C. G. Dalgety's two brood mares Stepdancer nor Stardancer have proved in foal as the result of their mating with Demosthenes.

Concordia, who is engaged at Amberley, can muster up a lot of pace, but is decidedly deficient in stamina. Last season she was returned as being by St. Ambrose out of Irene, but it is now claimed that she is a daughter of Tsaritsa.

When he fell in the Beaufort Steeplechase at the Grand National meeting it was quite expected that Daylight Bill would not be seen on the tracks again for some time. Evidently the veteran grey is made of pretty tough material, for to the general surprise he made his reappearance again at Riccarton on Friday looking little the worse for his mishap.

The Oamaru mentor R. McKay, who for several years acted as private trainer to the late Mr. J. Buckley, will prepare All Ready for his New Zealand Cup engagement. Prior to the Oamaru sportsman's death he made arrangements for the gelding to be leased to McKay, and the latter now has All Red's son in steady work.

A large number of horses engaged at the Amberley meeting have been

galloping very freely at Riccarton lately, and may run prominently at the Amberley meeting.

A. Longley has decided not to persevere with Banian or Rejection for the present, and the pair are to be returned to their owners.

As the result of Banksia's win in the Winter Cup at the Grand National meeting the Red Cross Hospital Ship Fund has benefited to the extent of £490. In acknowledging the donation His Excellency the Governor wrote to Mr. G. D. Greenwood as follows:—"My most grateful thanks to you for your generous donation to the Hospital Ship Fund, which is very much appreciated."

WANGANUI.

Waverley-Waitotara Racing Club—New Zealand Cup Fancies—Egmont-Wanganui Hunt Club's Meeting—Notes on Intending Starters—Denise Orme in Solid Work—Marion J.C.'s Spring Meeting: Weights Discussed.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WANGANUI, Monday.

The Waverley-Waitotara Racing Club held its annual meeting on Monday evening, when the report presented to members showed that the annual race meeting, held on Labour Day, 1914, was a record. Although the stakes were increased by £305, the profit on the meeting totalled