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WELLINGTON.

The N.Z. Cup Weights—Some Promising Two-year-olds—T. Pine's Team at Hawera—Glacier's Promising Hurdle Prospects—Important Purchase of Brood Mares by Wellington Sportsmen.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WELLINGTON, Monday.

Mr. G. Morse's adjustments for the Marton and Rangitikei Hunt meetings read fairly well, and provided owners' opinions agree with that of the handicapper a successful meeting should result. In placing Glenroy within 6lb. of Crown Pearl in the Railway Handicap Mr. Morse has been somewhat harsh. In the writer's opinion Crown Pearl would beat his stable mate at a difference of two stone. Provided the former lines up at the starting post J. George's galloper should keep his opponents busy.

The weights for the New Zealand Cup, which appeared during last week, make interesting reading, and in looking through the list the writer is firmly convinced that Warstep in being asked to carry 9st. 5lb. has been very kindly treated by the handicapper. Provided sporting enthusiasts could select the winner of the Stewards then the Cup would be an easy matter. The race promises to consist of a very small field, provided, of course, that Warstep goes to the post.

C. Pritchard is busy at Trentham

Quite a large number of horses are being trained on the Egmont race-course at Hawera. T. Pine has six in work, the list being as follows, their breeding being given in parenthesis: Vestalis, five-year-old mare (Martian—Ingleneuk); Play Off, five-year-old gelding (Coronet—Pomerey); Dingle, three-year-old colt (Husbandman—from a mare by Rangipuhi); Crawlford, seven-year-old gelding (St. Paul—Lily); Nockahgow, five-year-old gelding (Coronet—Secrecy, the latter being the dam of Ngataruanui); and Austin Pride, a five-year-old gelding (by Glenullin from a St. Paul mare). The horses are all in steady work, and with his team Pine should show some returns during the next few months.

Mr. F. O. Bailey, of Ohakea, near Bulls, has a nice cut of a galloper in a five-year-old gelding by Martello (Hotchkiss—Rose of Wellington) from Amaryllis (Handsome Jack—Kate), running out on his place. Being of a distinctly racy appearance and solidly put together, there seems a promising future in store for this horse.

Chatting last week with Mr. "F. Selwood," the assumed name of a genial Otakeho (Taranaki) sportsman, he informed me that he had decided to place Zion in the private sale list. This horse is still in the hack class, and being a real good sort the six-year-old daughter of St. Clements—Pomerey should soon repay her purchase money. For the present Zion is being trained by Percy Johnson at New Plymouth.

the next few weeks. In all probability this Foxton-trained horse will be seen out at the Marton gatherings.

Fortify, with 7st. 5lb. opposite his name, reads well in the Marton Handicap, of a mile and a-quarter. In looking the gelding over at Hawera last week the writer was much struck by his muscular appearance. "Dick" Brough has the son of Foremost in rare nick.

Two smart sprinters in Depredation (Campfire—Gosling) and Veto (Coronet—St. Clements mare) are to compete at Marton. This pair are thought susceptible of being seen under favourable circumstances in the near future. The former is being trained by R. ("Bob") Barlow at New Plymouth, while Veto is being trained by his owner.

At the recent sale of the bloodstock of the late Mr. St. John Buckley, of Redcastle, Oamaru, held in Christchurch by Messrs. Pyne and Co., auctioneers, Messrs. Dwan Bros., of Wellington, bought two splendidly-bred brood mares. One is a brown mare, Rose Shield, by Hotchkiss—Rose of Wellington, full-sister to True Blue, Royal Artillery and Screwgun. This mare is in foal to Masterpiece, and at the price paid, 40 guineas, was absolutely thrown away, as her blood is the best in Australasia. She is a blood-like mare, in excellent condition. The other mare, Northern Rose, by Finland—Rose Shield, was bought for 80 guineas. She is much bigger than her dam, Rose Shield, being a mag-

take a lot of time to mature, but Carmont hopes to have her far enough advanced to run at the C.J.C. Cup meeting in the spring. In the meantime she will most likely start in the two-year-old events in order to get used to racing before testing the big classical events at the Cup meeting.

The latest sporting enthusiast to join the colours is J. W. Dobson, who was associated with J. Farmer in all his training operations at Rototawai. Dobson is a private in the Earl of Liverpool's Own, and he leaves for the front within the next few weeks.

Mr. A. Best, the well-known gentleman rider, and his father have purchased a 6000-acre sheep station at Levin, on the Manawatu line, and for the future the genial "Alf." will devote practically the whole of his time to farming pursuits.

Mr. W. Murray, who in the days gone by used to race that good horse Moral during a portion of his turf career, must be having a prosperous period with Conziska of late, for in the last four starts that the Conqueror gelding has made he has won three times and been placed second in his other attempt.

Sensitive, who failed to materialise at the Manawatu Hunt Club gathering, has been having an easy time of late. He is more than a useful sort if the conditions of the running are suitable to him, and mayhap when the going gets more on the top of the ground than what it is at present he will be able to make amends for his late run of misses.

SOUTHLAND.

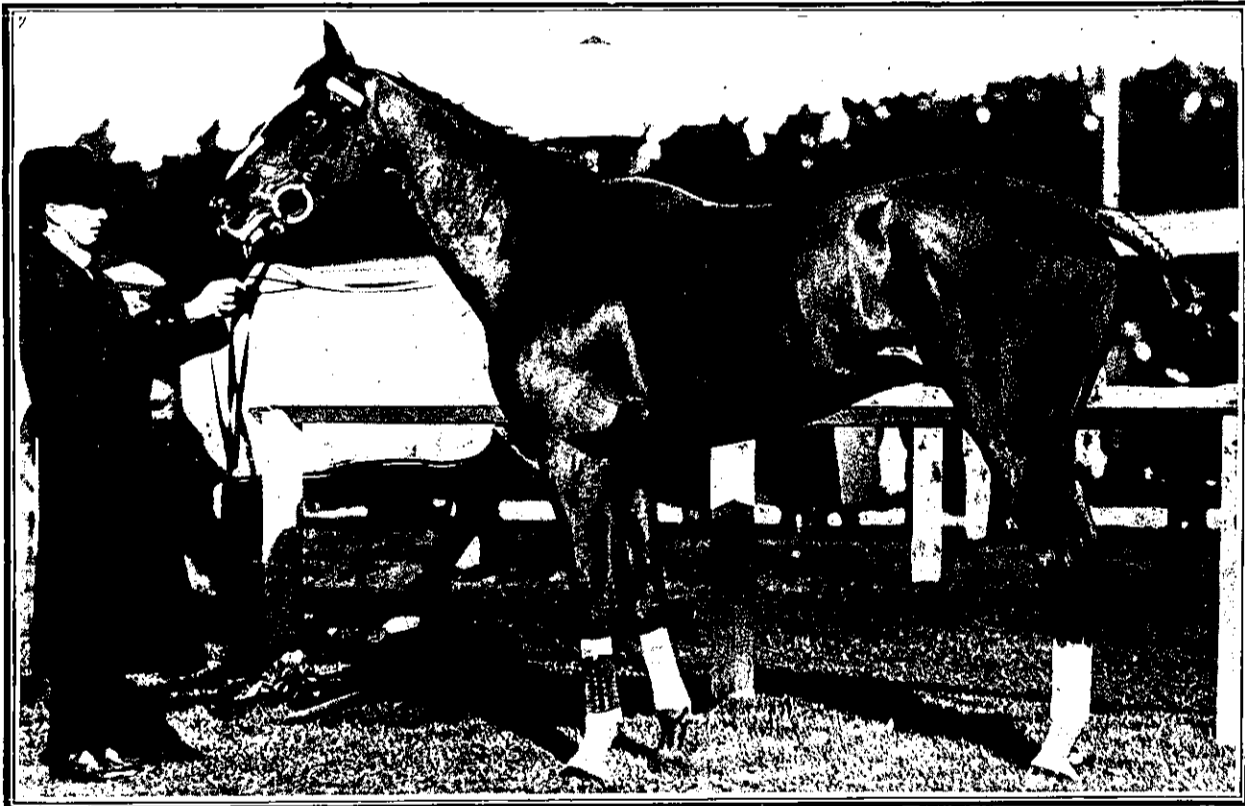
Failure of Local Brigade at C.J.C. Meeting—Sale of Pacer, Admiral Wood—The New Zealand Trotting Cup Representative, Our Thorpe—Gore Racing Club's Enterprise.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

INVERCARGILL, August 19.

Horses from Southland were anything but successful at the Canterbury Grand National carnival, as far as proceedings at Riccarton were concerned, the hurdle horse Lord Frederick being the only one to get into the prize money list when he ran into third place in the Styx Hurdle Race Handicap on the concluding day. He ran good races in each of his starts, however, and this fact may be worth remembering when he in future strips nearer home, where the competition is not of such an exclusive nature. Wild Pilgrim ran once across the flat, but failed dismally, and the Canterbury-owned hunter Turco, from the same stable, was unfortunate enough to topple over a prone opponent in the Hunters' Hurdles and this accident settled him for the meeting. It was anticipated that P. T. Hogan's third charge, Prairie Fire, would have a chance in the Hunters' Plate (flat) on the last day, but he burst a blood vessel in the head when running in the front rank, and thus universal disaster attended the entrants from Sirius Lodge. The Otautau-owned hunter Royal Guard was a competitor in several cross-country events restricted to his class, but he too fell when the pace was on, and some of his rivals persisted in falling in his class.

The majority of southern backers were not at all confident about local representatives at Riccarton, but they certainly looked for a measure of success in the light harness races at Addington, and here they were not altogether disappointed, as Messrs. Stevenson and McMattie's mare Queen's Drive scored in the Introductory Handicap (one mile and a-half) in the smart time of 3min. 32 2-5sec., at the same time beating another ex-Southlander in Cromstall (3min 30 2-5sec). The latter was very unlucky, as he cut his previous best time by about 10sec., only to meet with defeat. On the second day of the gathering the Invercargill gelding Lindetta was produced, but the mud stayed his career, and he was thereupon retired to wait a more favourable occasion. He is a smart pacer, and will be heard of again, as also will Harold Direct, who proved a very costly proposition to many Otago and Southland visitors during the New Zealand Metropolitan Trot-



THE NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL HURDLE RACE (2¼ MILES) WINNER, 1915 — Mr. F. J. Lysnar's ch g HURAKIA, aged, by Sylvia Park—Patupaerehe.

with Rose Pink, the two-year-old filly by Charlemagne II.—Rose Madder. The youngster is a little on the small side, but is expected to prove an acquisition to the racing brigade.

Three promising two-year-olds are daily being sprinted at Trentham by trainer J. W. Lowe, and on present appearances they give promise of turning out useful. One is by Martian from Lovelorn, another is by the same sire from Mary of Argyll, the latter being the dam of the speedy Sunbird. The remaining one is a capital type of a galloper by Bezonian from that good mare Effort (Advance—Endeavour). All three are doing well, and their future prospects are held in high esteem by those connected with their welfare.

Mr. A. E. Ballard, manager of the publishing department of Messrs. Gordon and Gotch, in Wellington, received news last week of the death of his father in Melbourne. The late gentleman was a keen sportsman, and he raced horses both in New Zealand and Australia. He was associated with Bravo when that horse defeated Carbine for the Melbourne Cup. Mr. Ballard was always known for his honesty of purpose, and his passing away removes a genial and popular personality.

The idea of schooling Wild Lupin has been abandoned for the present. After scrambling over one hurdle at Hawera the other morning and nearly breaking his neck at the next, Harry Nodder wisely decided to keep the chestnut to flat racing for a few more months.

One morning at Normanby last week Glacier, the six-year-old mare by Coronet—Snowflake, was given a trial over the small sticks, and gave a capital initial display for a novice, her jumping being particularly clean. There is every prospect of Glacier making a decided acquisition to the hurdle ranks.

Rangitiro is coming on nicely, and should soon be ready to carry Mr. D. Buick's (M.P.) and his son's colours in a creditable manner. This fine son of Papakura will represent "Cloverlea" in this year's C.J.C. Derby.

During the progress of the recent C.J.C. meeting Mr. D. A. Anderson, of Marton, disposed of Grey Renown to a Southern buyer. The gelding should pay his way handsomely in hurdling events in the South Island, as his jumping is of a very high order.

Master Strowan is fast developing into an ideal hurdler, and it would occasion no surprise if the gelding prevailed in a jumping event during

nificantly-built, big, robust, racy-looking matron, and takes after the Finland family. She is in foal to All Red, and as she was never raced she should throw some great stock.

At the prices paid these mares were great bargains. Messrs. Dwan Bros. have sent them on to Mr. G. P. Donnelly's stud at Taradale, where they will be mated this season with that high-classed imported horse Demosthenes, recently purchased at a very high figure in England. Demosthenes is by that great sire Desmond, who headed the list of winning sires in England.

J. W. Lowe is busy at Trentham with a couple of promising juveniles in Seadown (Devonshire—Sequin) and Trickery (Charlemagne II.—Cute). This pair of gallopers are expected to turn out decidedly useful. They will be seen out at the Wanganui meeting next month.

F. Carmont has 19 horses in training at Weraroa at the present time, amongst the lot being Messrs. Dwan Bros.' filly Sweet Tipperary. She is bred by King's Guest, who is by Bill of Portland, a St. Simon horse. She has to be taken very carefully owing to the high-strung character of the family. She has wintered very well, but is growing very fast, and it will