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WELLINGTON.

Wellington Racing Club's Spring Meeting—Notes on the Wanganui Gathering.

(From our own Correspondent.)

WELLINGTON, Monday.

The news that the Wellington Racing Club intend holding their spring meeting on October 23 and 25 will be welcomed by sportsmen throughout the Dominion. It is recognised that the club made a great sacrifice in putting their grounds and buildings at the disposal of the sick soldiers, and the club's kindness will no doubt be splendidly recognised when the nominations close. Certainly the club's generosity in foregoing their winter meeting is worthy of recognition from sporting enthusiasts of all shades of opinion.

Taringamutu (Charlemagne II.—Arai-te-uru), belonging to a popular local identity in Mr. G. Nash, made a very creditable showing at Wanganui. The filly is a useful sort, and should be heard of again in the near future.

Tree Lucerne looked a bit big last week, but after a race or two the handsome chestnut should be getting on the winning list. Certainly the horse's future appears very rosy.

Expect is coming on nicely, and can be depended upon to pick up a decent handicap during the present season.

Merry Andrew, a four-year-old gelding by Birkenhead from Marionette, the latter being the dam of Mootoa, looks like turning out useful. This beginner to the racing business who is owned by Mr. P. Rossmead, the assumed cognomen of a genial Shannon sportsman, is quite one of the most promising gallopers in F. J. Carmont's Levin stable.

Seadown (Downshire—Sequin) owned by a popular Wellington sportsman, who races as Mr. Loring, and trained by J. W. Lowe at Trentham, won the Maiden on the opening day at Wanganui last week in a very convincing manner. This four-year-old gelding is endowed with galloping ability, and some more successes should come his way.

Probation (Downshire—Culmination) looked well forward at Wanganui, and it is quite safe to assume that this fine stamp of a galloper will carry Mr. W. E. Bidwill's colours in a creditable manner before many more meetings have run their course.

Flying Spur (Advance—Daisy Clipper), a three-year-old colt trained by A. Atwood, at Feilding, was quite one of the best looking horses seen out at Wanganui. A nice proportioned animal with capital substance, this descendant of the "black demon" should be worth watching during the next few months.

Epworth was a quiet tip for the Gonville Hack Hurdle Race at Wanganui, but failed to materialise. Being possessed of pace, the gelding appears susceptible of winning flat events.

K. Lambess, who has lately taken to the hurdle business, rode a capital

race on Patronymic at Wanganui. On present appearances "Keith" gives promise of developing into an ideal knight of the pigskin over the obstacles.

The many friends of the Hawera owner-trainer H. W. Johnston, who has been on the sick list for months past, were right pleased to see Corbett doing him a good turn by winning the Putiki Hack Handicap at Wanganui. Johnston is suffering severely from rheumatism, and it is only with the aid of crutches that he is able to get about and naturally the win was popularly received on all sides.

Square Deal (Advance—Brown Spec), who is now trained by F. Watson, at Feilding, won the Spring Handicap at Wanganui very nicely. The brown horse was ridden a capital race by R. Reed, the Trentham lightweight, who handled his mount in a capital manner.

Maniaroa (Maniapoto—Grassmere), who is being trained by A. M. Wright at Foxton, made quite a bold showing at Wanganui, and is evidently very much on the improve. The six-year-old gelding is thought susceptible of winning one of the big spring handicaps, and judging by the horse's latest display there are some grounds for the belief.

Peroneal tried to win the Spring Handicap at Wanganui from end to end, but was cut down in the finishing stages by Square Deal, who won like a racehorse. Talking about Peroneal reminds me that Mr. W. Nidd, the mare's owner, has deserted Wellington for a hotel property at Adlington, near Christchurch.

Quite one of the most popular wins at Wanganui was that of Mr. W. E. Bidwill's galloper Deviation (Elevation—Waillette), who annexed the Durie Hack Handicap very convincingly from a useful field. The gelding, who is trained by P. E. Hazleman, created a very favourable impression by his galloping ability, and it would occasion no surprise if this Rototawai-bred horse credited his owner with some more successes during the present season. Mr. Bidwill did not journey to Wanganui to see his horses in action.

J. Fryer, at Hawera, has quite a useful team in preparation for future events, the list including Tree Lucerne, Welcome Nugget, Cornelian, and Collector, the last-named being a five-year-old gelding by Conqueror—Grecian Maid and consequently a half brother to Montana, who can gallop fast. The number is made up with a likely looking sort of a galloper in a four-year-old gelding by St. Paul from Master Sylvia's dam, who gives indications of developing into something above the ordinary. With the horses named the genial Jack should fare well during the present season.

H. Fletcher, who gained many admirers when he trained Sinavis for Mr. A. R. Durrant, is getting quite a big team together at Bulls, and quite recently he found it necessary to refuse some more horses as his boxes were taxed to the utmost. Fletcher has about a dozen horses in work,

and some of his charges' prospects are held in high esteem.

A. Atwood, at Feilding, has Bronk Delaval (Seaton Delaval—Aerial Fire) well forward in view of impending engagements. The three-year-old colt is a good sort, and can be depended upon to credit his owner-trainer with some good fortune in the near future.

Capital nominations have been received for the spring meeting of the Masterton Racing Club, that takes place on October 14, and on present appearances the fixture promises to prove very successful. Mr. George Morse's adjustments are due on or before October 4.

SOUTHLAND.

Winners at Otago Hunt Meeting—English-bred Mare Wild Oats Sold—Winton Trotting Club's Meeting—Camaisu's Narrow Escape from Injury.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

INVERCARGILL, September 24.

The Southland-owned horses produced at the Otago Hunt Club's steeplechase fixture last week fared badly, but this was only to be expected, as the competitors sent forward were of a moderate class and the conditions were unfavourable for the jumpers of the local Birchwood Hunt. The hurdle contest and cross-country races were held on the schooling area on the inside of the course proper and training tracks and this did not suit the Southlanders accustomed to open country or extended racecourse tracks. However, the two hunters' steeplechase events were secured by an enthusiastic Dunedin hunting stable with the aid of Wellwood and Milo (said to have changed hands a short time back at the munificent figure of 30s.) respectively.

The starting at the Otago Hunt meeting was not too good, and in the principal flat race the New Zealand Cup candidate Palisade slipped his field and was never afterwards headed, so that a line could not be got on his form, but he galloped resolutely throughout. The Invercargill-owned Giralda was supported for this race, but he was badly left, and, as he is also a slow beginner, he might as well have been at home in his box for all the chance he had. In addition to winning the Kitchener Handicap with Palisade, Mr. L. C. Hazlett also won the Jellicoe Handicap (five furlongs) with the aid of a very nice Downshire—Decoy filly called Take Down. She was making her first public appearance on a very light preparation, and it can be said that she afforded a display which will be borne in mind by those who witnessed it. Take Down is a half sister to Cute, who was a good winner in the North Island some years back for the Messrs. Johnson, of Oamaru.

It was fully expected that Mr. J. Nestor, who recently arrived in Southland from India via Australia with three English-bred and one

French-bred racing mares, would start at least one of his team at the Otago Hunt meeting. In fact, he took the French-bred mare Fondrette, by Rossey—Foudre-d'igna, to Wingatui for that purpose, but a cracked heel and the uncertainty of obtaining the necessary registration certificate in time accounted for the pen being passed through her name. The delay in issuing the certificate on the part of the New Zealand Racing Conference authorities was probably due to the fact that a cablegram had to be sent to Calcutta inquiring as to the antecedents of Fondrette and her companions and an answer received before the papers could be declared in order. Mr. Nestor will probably start Fondrette and Rosa Chamberlain at the Kurow gathering next week.

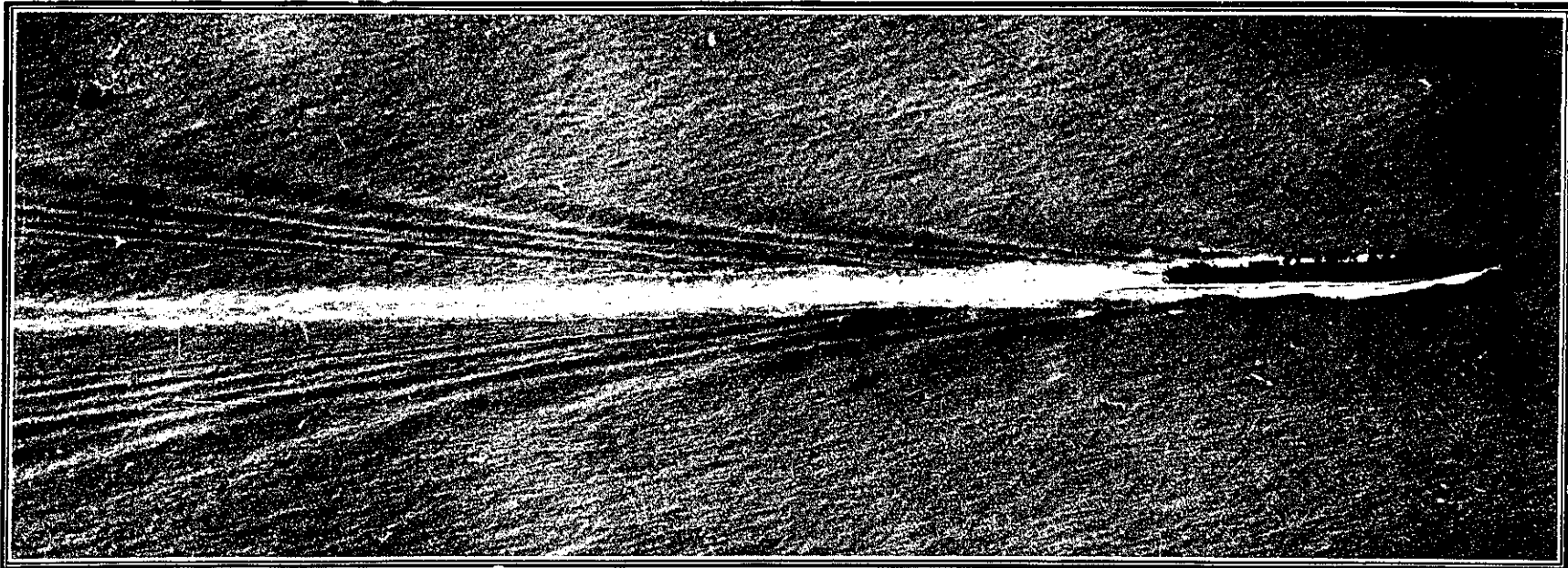
It has to be announced that Mr. Nestor has disposed of the English-bred mare Wild Oats, by Bachelor's Button from Lola, by Surefoot, to Mr. J. C. N. Grigg, of Canterbury. The chestnut mare was sent through to Longbeach last week and will be retired to the stud. It is understood that she will be mated with Calibre at Mr. Nestor's wish, and as part of the bargain the mare's first foal will become that gentleman's property. Wild Oats, who is a beautiful mare, was successful on the turf, and, if looks go for anything, should prove a valuable acquisition to Mr. Grigg's stud.

The first meeting of the Winton Trotting Club under totalisator conditions will be held on December 1, when £750 will be distributed in stakes. There is little doubt as to the success of the gathering, as the Wintonites will command the support of trotting folk from all parts of the home province, while it is fully expected that Otago and Canterbury owners will also lend a helping hand.

After a lengthy retirement from the racecourse Daringdale, by Canrobert—St. Brigid, has been placed in work again under the care of his owner (Mr. W. T. Hazlett), but it will be some time before he is forward enough to appear in public. Mr. Hazlett also has the three-year-old colt Dorian, by Martian—Greek Maid, in commission, but he too is not ready.

It is expected that two Winton horses from George Hope's establishment will be nominated for the South Canterbury Jockey Club's spring meeting, viz., Bob West, by Canrobert—Wild West, and Orderdown, by Glenculloch—Order. Both are galloping well and the trip should season them for racing at Gore and Winton shortly afterwards. Hope has done well with several maiden performers recently entrusted to his care, the result being that one or two new patrons have sought his services during the past few days.

Quite a number of southern-owned horses have been engaged at the Dunedin Jockey Club's spring meeting, and the very satisfactory nominations received for the gathering should tempt many people from this part of the world to visit Wingatui next month. The fact that six New Zea-



BRITISH DESTROYER AS SEEN FROM A MOUNTAIN TOP HALF A MILE ABOVE THE SEA.—A remarkable picture of a British destroyer steaming at full speed. It was taken with a long-focus camera from a mountain top, 2500 feet high, or roughly half a mile above the sea level.