

**CANTERBURY.**

Chokebore Lodge's Successes—Adjutant and the Great Autumn—Soreness of Rorke's Drift—Interest in St. Leger and Caks at Auckland—Six Mares for Sydney—Work at Riccarton.

(By Tele.—Christchurch Correspondent.)

CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

Horses hailing from Chokebore Lodge had a good innings at Trentham, three events falling to their lot. Adjutant is reproducing his best track form in public, and despite a stone penalty will run well in the Great Autumn Handicap.

The *Cannie Chiel* colt Peurcio was well supported for the Pacific Handicap at Trentham on Saturday. Unfortunately for his backers, the colt turned round when the barrier went up and took no part in the contest.

There is just a suspicion abroad that Rorke's Drift has more than once of late shown signs of soreness. However, now that the sting is out of the ground it may be found that all is going well with the Dunedin Cup winner. It has not yet been finally decided to take the Southlander to Riccarton for the C.J.C. Easter fixture, but in the vent of the son of Calibre fulfilling his Great Easter and Great Autumn engagements he will travel north in charge of trainer Hogan, the balance of whose team to race at River-ton will be left in the care of W. Robinson, first horseman to Sirius Lodge.

Mr. W. G. Stead's colt Eligible is not engaged in the Great Northern St. Leger, and with Nones unlikely to make the trip North, the St. Leger and Oaks at the Auckland Racing Club's Easter meeting will be robbed of all interest, as opposition to Desert Gold will be of a moderate character.

Sir George Clifford is sending six mares to Sydney for the Easter sales. They leave in charge of R. Frame this week.

A lot of interesting work was got through at Riccarton on Saturday morning. The Great Autumn candidate Marc Antony had Don Francisco as a companion in a brush over a mile and a-quarter on the plough, which took 2min. 14sec. The three-year-old appeared to hold his stable mate safe all through and finished up his task in good style. Don Pacifico showed to more advantage than Glen Helen in getting over five furlongs on the grass in 1min. 5 3-5sec. There was little to choose between Flying Start and Good Hope at the end of six furlongs on the plough, run in 1min. 17sec. It was a pleasing effort on the part of the two-year-old. Pyjama carried altogether too many guns for Trevena in a sprint over half a mile on the plough, which took the former 50 1-5sec. Reval and Down got over six furlongs from a standing start in 1min. 17 1-5sec., the former showing to most advantage. Killena skipped over five furlongs on the plough in 1min. 4sec.

After breakfast Fabrikoff and Martius were ridden right out over seven furlongs on the tan, the journey being accomplished in 1min. 32 3-5sec. Margerine and Findhorn finished abreast in leaving six furlongs behind on the tan in 1min. 18 2-5sec., the latter having the outside running. Melchikoff and Briar Patch got over six furlongs on the tan nicely in 1min. 17 4-5sec., and Disdainful took 1min. 19sec. for a similar journey. Snub cast nine furlongs behind on the plough in 1min. 58 1-5sec., and Glen-owl rattled over half a mile in 53sec. Fiery Cross and Bore were doing their best to get over six furlongs on the plough in 1min. 18 2-5sec., and Wardancer ran seven furlongs in 1min. 31 2-5sec.

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**NOMINATIONS.**

**FEILDING JOCKEY CLUB.**

**EASTER MEETING.**

The following nominations have been received for the Feilding Jockey Club's Easter meeting:—

**FIRST DAY.**

**WAIATA STAKES**, five furlongs and a-half.—Starengo, Merry Andrew, Birkenetta, Marziale, Haupai, Warmaid, Pergola, Crimea, Camp Kettle, Waimahake, Pawerewere, Mick, Ngatirangi, Montalvo, Goldbearing, Detroit, Hazelnut, The Guide, Akatia, Lady Edith, Coronita, Erma, Westella.

**MANGAONE STAKES**, six furlongs.—Master Achilles, Interlude, Astor, Tree Lucerne, Tirana, Ring Lupin, Square Deal, Hushabye, Mystified, Patronale, Mahzoltov, Calais.

**FEILDING CUP**, one mile and a-half.—Rewi Poto, Want, Lady Louisa, Harbour Light, Master Laddo, Indigo, Sir Solo, Master Moutoa, Leonta, Miralma, Master Lupin, Maid o' Gowrie, Square Deal, Byron, Orleans, Combustion, Maniaroa, Analogue.

**KAWA KAWA HURDLES**, about two miles.—Parawanui, Vladian, Kauwairoa, Aruake, Tararu Jack, Captain Macky, Marton, Naupata, Jackman, Master Strowan, Queen's Post, Glenorchy, The Rover.

**TAONU HACK HURDLES**, one mile and a-half.—Kaniki, Tararu Jack, Arlington, Captain Macky, Austin, Sir Moutoa, Scrutineer, Simple Sam, Florist, Great Mogul, Melodist, Regis, Lord Nelson, Roseblush, Royal Simon, Cron Park, Happy Jack, Zetes.

**ONEPUHI HACK WELTER**, one mile and 54 yards.—Ladify, Harbour Light, Dood, Kukri, Helsingfors, Pomeroy, Vestalis, Ormesby, Florist, Maid o' Gowrie, Battle Tide, Amity, Black Ada, Mystified, Captain Miro, Belle Paul, Cron Park, Analogue, Sir Fisher.

**ONGO HACK**, five furlongs and a-half.—Interlude, Royal Chef, Coropet, Rewa Rewa, Warmaid, Coral King, Durane, Moutoa Queen, Miss Kelly, Ring Lupin, Ihapuna, Tango, Tiora, Sir Wallace, Vladineau, Vestalis, Veto, Antwerp, Ticino, Goldbearing, Martlet, Bisogne, Bairsdale, Namur, Mahzoltov.

**HALCOMBE WELTER**, seven furlongs.—Paraoa, Lady Louisa, Master Achilles, Lady Amal, Kaniki, Princess Moutoa, Zola, George, Martial Air, Veto, Crawford, Black Ada, Combustion, Black Lupin, Ineuru, Wild Lupin, Patronale, Zetes, Calais, Patronymic.

**SECOND DAY.**

**AWAHURI HACK WELTER**, seven furlongs.—Ladify, Dood, Haupai, Wai-puna, Kukri, Helsingfors, Pomeroy, St. Omer, Ormesby, Vestalis, Antwerp, Ticino, Detroit, Captain Miro, Belle Paul, Battle Tide, Hastie, Montalvo, Amity, Namur, New York, Silenus, Erma, Sir Fisher, Analogue.

**DENBIGH STAKES**, six furlongs.—Master Achilles, Interlude, Lady Amal, Astor, Tree Lucerne, Coropet, Tirana, Ring Lupin, George, Patronale, Calais, Bisogne.

**KIMBOLTON HURDLES**, one mile and three-quarters.—Parawanui, Harbour Light, Vladian, Aruake, Captain Macky, Tararu Jack, Austin, Marton, Naupata, Kauwairoa, Jackman, Master Strowan, Simple Sam, Florist, Melodist, Queen's Post, Glenorchy, The Rover.

**OROUA HACK HURDLES**, one mile and a-half.—Kaniki, Tararu Jack, Arlington, Austin, Scrutineer, Moutoa Tiki, Simple Sam, Florist, The Great Mogul, Waimahaki, Regis, Lord Nelson, Roseblush, Royal Simon, Ringey, Golden March, Cron Park, Happy Jack.

**EASTER HANDICAP**, one mile and a-quarter.—Rewi Poto, Paraoa, Want, Lady Louisa, Master Laddo, Indigo, Sir Solo, Leonta, Tango, Crawford, Miralma, Master Moutoa, Master Lupin, Maid o' Gowrie, Square Deal, Byron, Orleans, Ineuru, Combustion, Maniaroa, Analogue.

**REWA HACK**, six furlongs.—Royal Chef, Rewa Rewa, Coropet, Glorify, Warmaid, Pergola, Coral King, Durane, Moutoa Queen, Ring Lupin, Ihapuna, Tango, Tiora, Vladineau, Sir Wallace, Silver Webb, Antwerp, Mick, Conziska, Ticino, Goldbearing, Martlet, Detroit, Bairsdale, Bisogne, Namur, Mahzoltov, Veto.

**MAIDEN STAKES**, five furlongs and a-half.—Merry Andrew, Birkenetta, Marziale, Haupai, Warmaid, War Lass, Pergola, Helsingfors, Crimea, Silver Webb, Camp Kettle, Pawerewere, Battle Tide, Mick, Ngatirangi, Montalvo, The Guide, Hazelnut, Akatia, Coronita, Lady Edith, Erma.

**MAKINO WELTER**, seven furlongs.—Paraoa, Lady Louisa, Master Achilles, Lady Amal, Dood, Rewa Rewa, Kaniki, Zola, Master Laddo, Tirana, Princess Moutoa, George, Martial Air, Crawford, Miralma, Veto, Montreal, Square Deal, Byron, Hush-a-bye, Black Ada, Combustion, Orleans, Mystified, Black Lupin, Ineuru, Wild Lupin, Patronale, New York, Mahzoltov, Zetes, Calais, Patronymic.

**HANDICAPS.**

**WAIPUKURAU JOCKEY CLUB.**

The following handicaps have been declared by Mr. J. E. Henrys for the Waipukurau Jockey Club's annual meeting, on April 24:—

**EASTER HANDICAP**, once round.—Kooya 9.9, Sir Alba 9.7, Zeus 9.1, Despatch Carrier 8.11, Jem 8.7, Hylatus 8.6, Paraoa 8.0, Finnisterre 7.12, Discussion 7.11, St. Omer 7.10, Sicily 7.10, The Summit 7.10, Fore 7.9, Morning 7.7, Whakahoki 7.3, Montreal 6.7, Amical 6.7, Manuwhiri 6.7, Tuatahi 6.7.

**HACK HANDICAP**, one mile and a-quarter.—Bunting 9.0, Goldenlyte 8.11, Finnisterre 8.6, St. Omer 8.4, Cleft 8.4, Fore 8.3, Hineuranu 7.13, Maraetotara 7.10, Sensitive 7.7, Amical 7.0, Sailor King 6.12, Waiaku 6.10, King's Host 6.10.

**WAIPUKURAU HANDICAP**, one mile and a-quarter.—Indigo 9.9, Rewi Poto 9.2, Pursefiller 8.6, Rupahu 8.5, Kooya 8.2, Sir Alba 8.0, Tavistock 7.10, Jem 7.3, Bunting 7.3, Hiwitapu 6.11, Discussion 6.7, Sicily 6.7, The Summit 6.7, Cleft 6.7.

**TWO-YEAR-OLD HANDICAP**, five furlongs.—Beitane 8.9, Carlatur 8.5, Sarah Grand 8.4, Idyllic 7.9, Lady Kilworth 7.9, Circle Lady 7.7, Powder King 7.2, Queen Lizzie 7.0, Hopelite 7.0, Morganatic 7.0, Genee 7.0, Chemise 7.0.

**LADIES' HANDICAP**, one mile and a-half.—Jem 13.9, Shaki 13.2, The Summit 12.13, Huraka 12.9, Braeburn 12.4, Sensitive 12.1, Miriam 11.13, Montreal 11.9, Kuropotangi 11.9, Kirupuka 11.9, Mokai 11.9, Black Powder 11.9, Anatoro 11.9, Woolloomooloo 11.7, Kirky 11.7, Sailor King 11.7, Miss Reta 11.7, The Hound 11.7, Sinora 11.7, Tuatahi 11.7, Lady Hapuka 11.7, Turana 11.7, King's Host 11.7, Waratah 11.7, Quinton 11.7.

**HATUMA HANDICAP**, five furlongs.—King of Athol 9.3, Shaki 9.3, Hygia 8.13, Finnisterre 8.10, Conziska 8.10, Jack Jellicoe 8.5, Bodenham 8.4, Trials 8.3, Con 8.3, Cherry Blossom 7.13, Golden Glade 7.12, Maryland 7.11, Admiral Beattie 7.9, Spectual 7.7, Tame Duck 7.3, Roderick 7.2, Anatoro 7.1, Kaiserine 7.0, Boniths 7.0, Cardrona 7.0, Subduer 6.7.

**FLYING HANDICAP**, six furlongs.—Pursefiller 9.9, Rupahu 9.7, Zeus 9.0, Sea Lord 8.11, Watchful 8.3, Hygia 8.3, Conziska 7.13, Paraoa 7.13, Discussion 7.10, Toki 7.10, Trials 7.7, Cherry Blossom 7.3, Maraetotara 7.0, Bootle 7.0, Step 7.0, Tame Duck 6.7, Manuwhiri 6.7, Miss Reta 6.7, Zauzone 6.7.

**TURF TOPICS.**

Mr. John Norton, newspaper proprietor and politician, is dead.

Sweet Corn is an out-and-outer sometimes and an in-and-outer at other times.

Ring Lupin, Tararu Jack and Ihapuna are Auckland horses entered for the Feilding meeting.

Paraoa should take some beating in the Easter Handicap at Waipukurau, but there is material for a good race.

With Adjutant, Battle Eve and Cease Fire winners at Trentham and plenty of khaki in evidence it was a military day on Saturday.

Adjutant is the third winner of the Wellington Racing Club's Autumn Handicap that Sir George Clifford has owned.

Fancy Woolloomooloo being again in evidence in a race. The Australian-bred grey has been entered for the Ladies' Handicap at Waipukurau.

Claggate won the Lincolnshire Handicap, the Lingfield substitute for the old-established race. Lux and Stapleton were second and third.

Those who expressed the opinion some months ago that Eligible was entitled to be considered the second best of his age in the Dominion and better than Nones would appear to have the best of the argument now.

Nominations for the Feilding Jockey Club's autumn meeting are very good, for most of the races. The Mangahone Stakes and Denbigh Stakes, six furlong events, might have filled better, however.

The Prussian Government's studs total 19, with 124 thoroughbred stallions doing stud duty. Among the stallions at Graditz are Galtee More, Ard Patrick and Dark Ronald, and those at Beberbeck include the Sydney Cup winner Cadonia.

Vol. XI. of the "Australian Stud Book" has been pushed along to such an extent by Mr. L. G. Rouse that it will be published before Easter. This, says the "Referee," will enable buyers at the yearling sales to learn what are eligible for inclusion in future volumes.

Last week James Ryan was sentenced to seven years' penal servitude and Albert Lewis to three years' imprisonment with hard labour for robbing W. H. Kelly, a well-known Sydney bookmaker, of £500. The men concerned broke into Mr. Kelly's house, and, armed with revolvers, relieved him of the amount mentioned.

The Perth paper, the "West Australian," mentions that the W.A.T.C. committee, with the object of assisting recruiting, have, following in the steps of the English Jockey Club, decided not to grant licenses or

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registrations to persons of the age required for military service unless they can show good reason for not answering the call. The new rule does not apply to persons already licensed or registered. Presumably is applies to bookmakers, as well as jockeys and trainers.

**PENALTIES ON WINNERS.**

Eligible has incurred a penalty for the Twenty-fourth Challenge Stakes at the C.J.C. autumn meeting, by reason of his dual wins at Trentham. He has also incurred a 10lb. penalty for the A.R.C. Easter Handicap. He is engaged at the Manawatu meeting, but a win there would not further increase his poundage.

Oxenhope has incurred a penalty of 14lb. in both the C.J.C. Great Easter and Great Autumn Handicaps, by reason of his victory in the Thompson Handicap last Thursday.

Adjutant has an additional 7lb. in the Great Autumn Handicap for winning the Autumn Handicap at Trentham on Saturday, and his weight for the Manawatu Autumn Handicap is now 7.8. In that race Multiply's weight is now 8.5.

Halina has 5lb. penalty in the C.J.C. Easter Handicap for her win at Trentham, and her increased weight for the Telegraph Handicap at the Manawatu meeting is 10lb., or 7.8.

Heeltap's weight in the Woodhey Handicap at the Manawatu meeting is now 8.8.

**GREENROOM GOSSIP.**

Mr. John Fuller, senr., has returned to Auckland after a lengthy visit to Australia in the firm's interest.

The celebrated war correspondent Ellis Ashmead-Bartlett, now touring Australia, is really entitled to the hyphen in his name. He is a son of Sir Ellis Ashmead-Bartlett, and is a nephew of Mr. Ashmead-Bartlett, who married the Baroness Burdett-Coutts. Like many another young Englishman of position, the famous correspondent adopted soldiering as a profession, and began active service as a subaltern in the Boer War. As a writer he is a comparative beginner, and has never had any continuous connection with newspapers, he preferring rather to contribute articles setting forth his own point of view to various papers in London. It is not generally known that he was an unattached correspondent in France at the outbreak of the present war. It was his vigorous, well-written narratives, so alive with forceful description and military knowledge, that secured him the much coveted post of official British press representative at the Dardanelles.

The Auckland Dramatic and Vaudeville Employees' Association have inaugurated a memorial to those who have given their lives in the war, and with commendable energy have undertaken the equipment and decoration of the Children's Hospital, about to be erected in Auckland as a mark of respect to the fallen. It is hoped to realise £3000 for this object, and committees are working with a will to achieve their end. On Saturday afternoon a monster matinee will be held at His Majesty's Theatre. Amongst those contributing will be the Strollers (by kind permission of Messrs. J. and N. Taft) and prominent Fuller artists, while local talent will be represented by Miss Daphne Knight and Miss McKenzie. Mr. W. Bauer, president of the Association, and Mr. H. E. Butler, secretary, are working strenuously for a cause that must appeal to all.

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