

RACING NOTES

RACING FIXTURES, 1916-17.

May 4, 5—Hawke's Bay J.C. Autumn
 May 9, 10—Egmont R.C. Winter
 May 16, 17—Manawatu R.C. Autumn
 May 24, 26—Wanganui J.C. Winter
 June 2, 4, 6—Auckland R.C. Winter
 June 2, 4—Dunedin J.C. Winter
 June 4, 5—Otaki Maori R.C. Winter
 June 14, 16—Gisborne R.C. Steeplechase

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

OWNERS' AND TRAINERS' DIARY.

Thursday, May 3.

Acceptances first day Egmont R.C. winter at 9 p.m.

Monday, May 7.

Nominations all events and entries for the Maiden Flat Race and Final Hack Scurry, Otaki Maori R.C. winter meeting at 8.30 p.m.

Weights Great Northern Hurdles, Great Northern Steeplechase and Cornwall Handicap, A.R.C. winter.

Wednesday, May 9.

Weights second day Egmont R.C. winter at 8 p.m.

Acceptances second day Egmont R.C. winter at 9 p.m.

Friday, May 11.

Weights first day Wanganui J.C. winter, on or about.

General entries Auckland R.C. winter, at 9 p.m.

Acceptances Great Northern Hurdles, Great Northern Steeplechase and Cornwall Handicap, at 9 p.m.

Friday, May 18.

Weights first day Otaki Maori R.C. winter.

Monday, May 21.

Acceptances first day Wanganui J.C. winter at 9.30 p.m.

Acceptances first day Otaki Maori R.C. winter at 8.30 p.m.

Weights minor events first day A.R.C. winter and also for Hunt Club Cup (second day).

Thursday, May 24.

Weights second day Wanganui J.C. winter, at or about 8.30 p.m.

Friday, May 25.

Acceptances minor events first day Auckland R.C. winter and also for Hunt Club Cup Steeplechase (second day) at 9 p.m.

Final payments Great Northern Hurdles and Cornwall Handicap, Auckland R.C. winter, at 9 p.m.

Nominations all events Gisborne R.C. Steeplechase meeting at 9 p.m.

Acceptances second day Wanganui J.C. winter at noon.

Friday, June 1.

Weights first day Gisborne R.C. steeplechase meeting.

Saturday, June 2.

Weights minor events second day Auckland R.C. winter at 8 p.m.

Acceptances second day Auckland R.C. winter, and final payments Carbine Plate and Great Northern Steeplechase at 9 p.m.

Monday, June 4.

Weights second day Otaki Maori R.C. winter at 8 p.m.

Acceptances second day Otaki Maori R.C. winter at 9 p.m.

Tuesday, June 5.

Weights third day Auckland R.C. winter (in morning paper).

Acceptances third day Auckland R.C. winter at 12 noon.

Friday, June 8.

Acceptances first day Gisborne R.C. steeplechase meeting at 9 p.m.

Thursday, June 14.

Weights second day Gisborne R.C. steeplechase meeting at 8 p.m.

Acceptances second day Gisborne R.C. steeplechase meeting at 9.30 p.m.

GISBORNE RACING CLUB.

STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

Active preparations are being made by the officials of the Gisborne Racing Club for their steeplechase meeting, which takes place on the club's course, Te Hapara, on Thursday and Saturday, June 14 and 16. The gathering in question is one of the most popular in the North Island and coming a little over a week after the Auckland R.C.'s Great Northern meeting is certain to receive considerable attention from northern owners and trainers. The programme, full particulars of which appear elsewhere, is a most attractive one, providing special inducements to owners of steeplechasers, who can be relied upon to extend wide patronage to the fixture. The steeplechase meeting of the Gisborne Racing Club has always held rank as one of the best jumping fixtures of the season in New Zealand, and with so many horses in training for the winter prizes, the club's enterprise should result in record nominations being received by the capable secretary, Mr. H. E. Dodd, on Friday.

May 25, when entries close at 9 p.m. for all events to be decided on the two days.

Principal interest on the opening day is centred in the Gisborne Steeplechase Handicap, of 400sovs., about three miles, while the chief event on the second day, the Te Hapara Steeplechase, of 200sovs., about two miles and a-half, affords a further opportunity to the 'chasing brigade to annex a valuable stake at the meeting. In addition to the events named, two other important cross-country events figure on the programme, the Tramway Hack Steeplechase, of 150sovs., two miles, to be decided on the first day, and the Turanganui Steeplechase of 150sovs., two miles, which comes up for decision on the concluding day, so that owners of 'chasers have plenty of scope to earn distinction with their horses. The Park Hurdles Handicap, of 250sovs., two miles (first day), and the Gisborne Hurdles Handicap, of 200sovs., one mile and three-quarters, offer special opportunities to jumpers, and invest the meeting with special interest to lovers of jumping events. The big flat race on the opening day is the Winter Oats Handicap, of 175sovs., one mile and a-quarter, which invariably attracts a good field, and has been productive of many sterling finishes in the past. On the concluding day handicap horses will be given a chance to display their galloping powers in the Waikanae Handicap, of 150sovs., seven furlongs, and a splendid field should be on hand to contest this event. Sprinters are offered special facilities to demonstrate their

only gelding to win the two longer distance weight-for-age races at Randwick. Paul Pry won the Spring Stakes, Craven Plate, Wycombe Stakes, and Randwick Plate, at the 1900 spring meeting. Revenue was about to become a weight-for-age winner of consequence when he came to grief in the Australian Cup, and we have had such geldings as Mata, Battalion, The Grafter, Paris, Bungebah, The Parisian, and Highborn in fairly recent years; while further back many will remember Strop and Nimblefoot; but Green Cap has done something which no gelding has done in recent years. And, moreover, it has often been pointed out by Mr. Allison, the English writer most in touch with Australian racing, that in the days of Wallace, Aurum, Bobadil and others we tried our horses rather hardly in running them on every day of a four days' meeting. Green Cap is English, and he ran four times at the A.J.C. meeting, the total distance being eight and a-half miles. He could, we have no doubt, have gone racing again this week, and most people think he should have won every time he started at Randwick. But the opposition to him was not strong. The best three-year-olds were not against him. Others out of the way were Patrobas, Bursar, Cetigne, and Shepherd King, while Lavendo and Carlita were quite out of form. Looked at from any point of view, there was no strikingly good horse at Randwick, unless it was Thrice, for whom 5000 guineas was genuinely offered before the meeting began.

Paramahone was working usefully. Since the Ohinemuri J.C. meeting the big black gelding has been on the easy list. He was reported to have staked himself there.

On Thursday morning two of the Egmont candidates, Pink Tie and Torotoro, were hustled over a sand half mile. The filly finished in front in the fair time of 51 2-5sec. Torotoro made a slight noise when finishing.

El Gallo, looking a picture, was inclined to take charge of his rider (C. Scott) in a circuit of the sand. Jones has the Spalpeen gelding in splendid buckie.

Jillings, who was a successful horseman hereabout at one time, is breaking in a coming two-year-old by Marble Arch from Alfalfa for the owner at Mount Albert.

J. Conquest, who was drawn in the ballot for active service, failed to pass the standard test.

The work at Ellerslie on Saturday morning was mostly of the medium pace order, the sand and tan tracks only being available.

Gluetanus jumped the little battens and took a turn over the big schoolers afterwards going fast and clearing the timber smartly.

Tenacious and Waimai cleared a round of the big schooling battens, but were not hustled in any way. The latter looks in superb condition.

Prince Eddie, an inmate of E. Rae's stable, was also given a round over the same hurdles, fencing boldly.

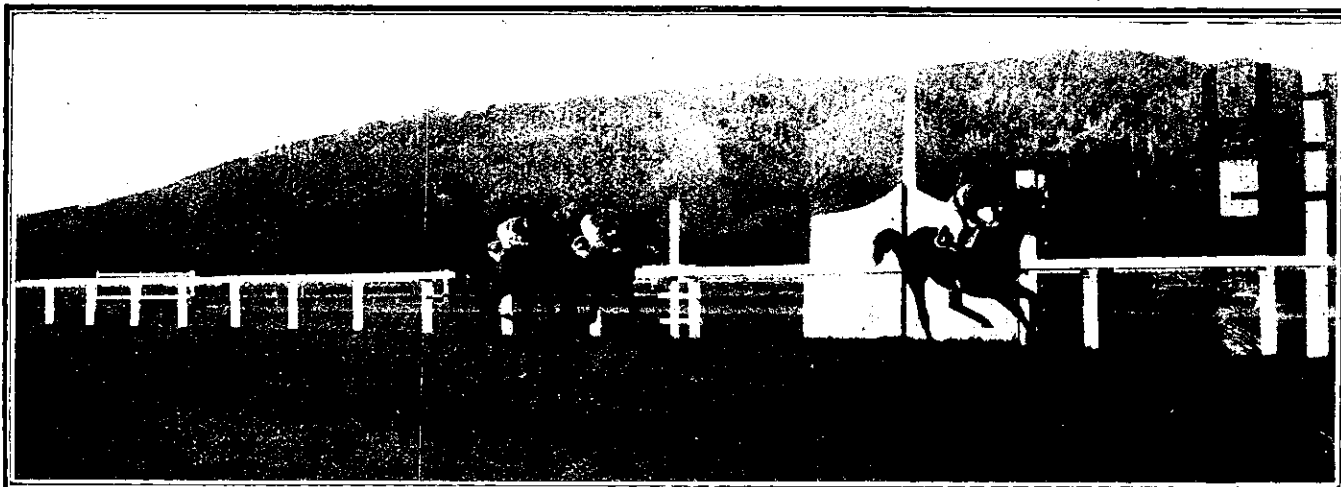
Kaingareka, a hunter in G. Irwin's stable, was popped over a few of the pony battens.

S. Henderson schooled the good-looking Silver Lupin over the pony battens. The son of Lupin has taken kindly to the timber.

Marconi, who is on the improve, and Cokeley circled the sand in 2min 6sec, with heads together.

Torotoro and Sir Ralph were running along nicely, while Dancaster and Pink Tie sprinted a sand half mile in 53 1-5 sec, a task which took Porphyry 54 2-5 sec.

A. Julian had Erroneous on the lead. The filly got away and bolted to the scraping sheds, but was caught without



The finish of the Trentham Gold Cup (two miles)—KILBOY (B. Deeley) wins easily from THE TOFF (C. Emerson), with DESERT GOLD (next rails) third, and SASANOF next.

speediness in the Flying Handicap, of 150sovs., six furlongs, and the Farewell Handicap, of 150sovs., one mile, to be decided on the first and second days respectively. In addition a couple of hack handicaps figure on each day's programme, and the excellence of the varied two days' attraction should make a special appeal to sportsmen throughout the North Island. The trip to Gisborne is not attended with any risk or inconvenience, and there is every prospect of the forthcoming meeting going down in the annals of this progressive club as a record one in every respect.

Mr. George Morse came through the operation performed on Sunday night week at the Huia Hospital, Auckland, very well, but has been very weak since and his condition is still a matter of grave concern.

GOOD RACING GELDINGS.

In the Dominion we have just now a lot of good gelding racehorses of varying ages, and we have had many during the past four decades, and some even before that, whose names crop up on occasions. The "Australasian," when referring to the Australian J.C. autumn meeting, thus interestingly deals with the subject of geldings:—The late Austin Saqui owned an old New Warrior gelding named Warrior, who won the Melbourne Cup of 1869, and afterwards held his own at weight for age, but we think that since Paul Pry (also trained by Scobie), Green Cap is the

ELLERSLIE TRACK NOTES.

SATURDAY.

Quite a number of Ellerslie-trained horses were nominated for the Egmont Racing Club's autumn meeting, among the number being:—Luperino, Penniless, Ditto, Sylvan Knight, Paul Moore, Bedford, El Gallo, Fionnuala, Torotoro, Corregidor, Last Call, Pink Tie, Blue and Black, Juanna, Sir Ralph and King of the Valley, Plenipotent, All Talk, and British Arch.

On Thursday morning some useful schooling work took place. Several aspirants to jumping honours made their bow to the track watchers.

Paul Moore alone put in a round of schooling over the big hurdles, shaping fairly well.

Mr. E. W. Alison made a start to educate the Australian-bred gelding Thrace in company with Gluetanus over the pony hurdles. The novice gave a distinctly promising display over the little sticks, T. Chaplin steering him, while Hawkins handled Gluetanus.

Mr. W. Kemp's Charlemagne II, gelding War Time was tried over the same battens with Te Whetumarana, both doing fairly well. J. Anderton rode War Time and Woods had charge of the long-named one.

The grey gelding Hima (Anderton) and Prince Soult (Kelly) flew the pony hurdles and then tackled the big ones, being joined by Bloomine. The first obstacle proved fatal to the latter's chances, the Prince, jumping awkwardly, brought Bloomine down, Henderson, the rider, being unhurt. After being caught Bloomine flew the pony battens without mishap, and the other pair also jumped well.

Cokeley was trotted out by S. Henderson for a schooling lesson over the big battens and went over the timber in good style.

The gelding Minstrel (by Obligado—Lute), formerly in Macmanamin's stable, is back again on the tracks after a lengthy absence and was given a turn over the schooling hurdles, shaping like an old stager.

mishap. The daughter of Finland will be shipped to her new owner, Mr. A. Pringle, of Christchurch, shortly.

Dungannon, who dead-heated with Bezzar at the Avondale J.C. fixture, looks in splendid fettle, and with weight in the saddle skipped over the last three of four furlongs in 39 2-5sec.

Step was stretched out over a sand six furlongs, beating his stable mate, Paul Moore, in 1min 20sec.

King of the Valley easily held Juanna at the end of a five furlong flutter, registering 53 3-5sec over the last half mile.

El Gallo and Bedford both look as hard as nails and should be among the stake earners in the near future.

Idra, who has been transferred to F. Macmanamin's stable, circled the sand track as gay as a lark. The change of stables may bring a change of luck.

The Mrs. Wiggs gelding in F. Jones' care was sprinted with Deeley in the saddle. When finishing he showed a lot of knee action.

The rising two-year-old by Elysian—Lady Hester is a promising looking juvenile that may come to hand early. Another that looks in prime condition is Damselle in C. Coleman's care. She is a half sister to Sweet Tipperary.

F. Macmanamin has the biggest string at headquarters at the present time, numbering 21 among the actives. Bowler has been taken to his owners' farm for the winter.

Messrs. W. Casey and J. Gleeson nominated Colonel Soult in the Great Northern Hurdle Race, but the son of Soult will not be a starter in the race.

The rising two-year-old by The Nut—Dudu has been returned to the owner, the lease having expired.

Mr. J. Hand has taken Loch Ennell (All Black—Red Plume) home to Helensville to winter, and sent the two-year-old Rathlin (Robert the Bruce) back to F. Stenning. Mulligtr is in full training under the same mentor.

Mr. James Rawson has the old Obligado gelding Minstrel in work at Ellerslie. The pale chestnut has thickened with age and is at present being educated over the battens, and is shaping well.