

RACING NOTES

RACING FIXTURES, 1916-17.

June 14, 16—Gisborne R.C. Steeplechase
June 22, 23—Napier Park R.C. Winter

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

OWNERS' AND TRAINERS' DIARY.

Friday, June 15.

Entries for yearlings and upwards for the Thirteenth Palmerston North Stakes of 500sovs (six furlongs), to be run at the Manawatu Racing Club's summer meeting, 1918, at 9 p.m. (free).

Entries for yearlings and upwards for the Fifteenth Manawatu Stakes of 500sovs (six furlongs), to be run at the Manawatu Racing Club's autumn meeting, 1918, at 9 p.m. (free).

Nominations for yearlings (progeny of nominated sires) for the Tenth Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes, of 600sovs (six furlongs), to be run at the Manawatu Racing Club's autumn meeting, 1918, at 9 p.m.

MR. HARLEY'S STARTING AT OTAKI.

At the Otaki race meeting last week the starting was one of the outstanding features. Mr. R. E. Harley, of Christchurch, was decidedly successful in getting the big fields away, no delays occurring, and he marshalled them in real good style. One the first day 26 starters were in the Rahui Handicap, in which the field was despatched evenly, to the great satisfaction of the public. There was no suspense, Mr. Harley's handling of the horses at the post being very creditable. Being an expert, he knows his business thoroughly, and is to be congratulated on the splendid despatches. There is nothing like a man of experience. The writer well remembers Mr. Harley when he was a gentleman rider some years ago on the old Hutt course, when he piloted Slow Tom to victory over the big jumps.

Before the starts at Otaki, Mr. Harley informed the boys he would have "no nonsense," and if they did not line up under his instructions they would be left, as he intended to despatch his fields to time. His send-offs were effected right to time, a fact which earned general commendation from all concerned.

It is to be hoped that we will see more of Mr. Harley's work at the barrier, and that some of the other clubs will avail themselves of his ser-

vices, as the general remarks at Otaki were that his starting was highly satisfactory, giving people time to look around and not have the unnecessary delays at the starting-post. The great satisfaction to owners was to see the fields sent away on even terms, and no flying starts.

A meeting of Auckland horse-owners has been convened for Monday night to discuss the altered conditions under which they will have to race during the coming season.

The Auckland Racing Club give a final reminder to owners that nominations close for their ten classic races on Friday of this week. They are the Welcome Stakes 1917, Great Northern Foal Stakes 1917-18, Twenty-third Royal Stakes 1917-18, Great Northern Champagne Stakes 1918, Great Northern Oaks 1918, Great Northern Guineas 1918, Forty-fifth Great Northern Derby 1918-19, Great Northern St. Leger 1919, and for now yearlings and two-year-olds, the Twenty-fourth Royal Stakes. The nominations can be made with the secretary of the C.J.C., Christchurch, D.J.C., Dunedin, W.R.C., Wellington, and H.B.J.C., Hastings.

ELLERSLIE ITEMS.

T. Morris, the trainer of Tiniroto, the treble winner at the Auckland winter meeting, has several horses in work at Cambridge, as under: Ditto, a six-year-old brother to Waipuna (Soul-Folly), Bonnie Jean, the rising three-year-old Persian Prince (by Persian Knight), and the maiden hurdler Signature.

Jack Roach, who rode four winners at the A.R.C. winter gathering, had his best meeting to date, financially. He received £101 at the net result of his efforts in the saddle.

Two juveniles at Ellerslie that are showing promise of being useful are the Bezonian—Dirge colt in D. Moraghan's stable and the Marble Arch—Madam Soul colt. The latter is brimful of quality and very intelligent and looks like coming to hand early.

Tiniroto's name is generally missing from the summer fixtures. The Glengowrie gelding is none too sound, and the soft ground in the winter stands to him.

The hunter Swastika is carrying an enlarged knee since the Auckland winter meeting, through clouting the obstacles while racing.

P. Jones has taken up the rising three-year-old by Spaalpeen—Guidwife. The juvenile appears to go a bit tender after working.

Patetonga, who has been indulged in a few months' spell, has been taken up again. The ailment this useful gelding suffered from was bleeding.

J. Chisholm is expecting to put a half brother to Seldon into work shortly and also a rising three-year-old by Glengowrie, both from the Waikato.

Stewart Waddell left by the s.s. Monowai on Tuesday for Hawke's Bay, taking Gladful and Morecambe with him. The steeplechase horse was sore after the fall in the Great Northern Steeplechase.

Mr. "Monty" Mills has purchased Mr. W. C. Ring's Paddington Green, by Flagfall—Polly Perkins. The price did not transpire.

L. Morris has shifted into Mr. James Muir's stables at Greenlane with Cardrona and company.

T. Cotton has been keeping Prince Rufus, Regio and the rising two-year-old Delesian (Elysian—Delantia) in road exercise, and starts working his team shortly.

The two rising two-year-olds in F. J. Macmanamin's stable, by Monoform and Menschikoff respectively, are doing well at headquarters. The latter is a light-hearted youngster, which looks like kicking over the tracks if not ruled with a firm hand.

On Saturday the Mystification—Step-daughter gelding Step was put at the pony battens at Ellerslie, with T. Chaplin in the saddle. The initial batten proved fatal to his chance, for slipping into the hurdle he fell over on his back into the two-year-old rink, neither the rider or horse were hurt.

Toka Toka, with J. Preston, as pilot, showed a very attractive mixed schooling lesson over the pony hurdles and four of the big schooling battens. The mare has not been up long, but may be useful as a hunter.

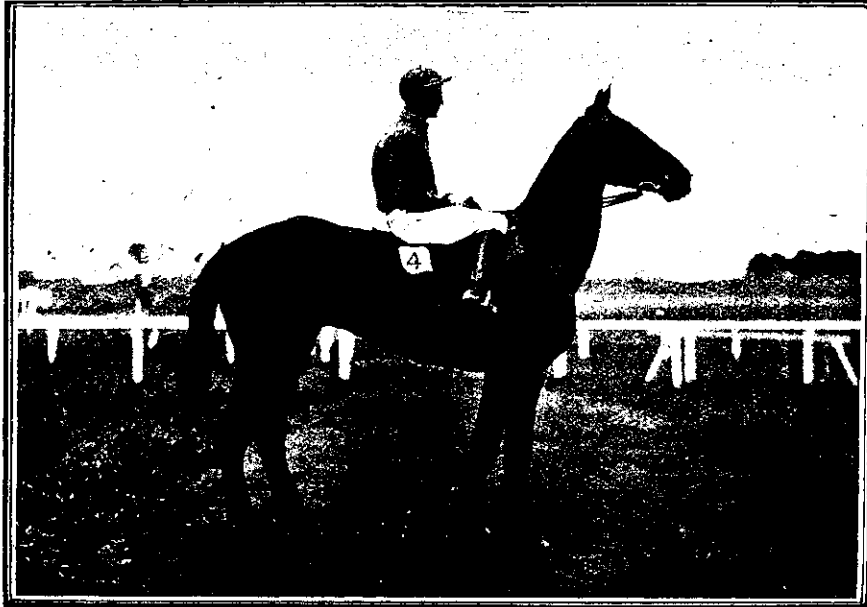
L. Coleman, the trainer of Dunganon, has blistered the gelding, which is at the present time spelling. The same mentor has a half sister to Dunganon, by Marble Arch, which is to start her education next month. Coleman is also keeping Patetonga's full sister (Marble Arch—Chiara), a rising three-year-old in work for next season. The filly has grown into a slashing looking, free striding juvenile.

Mr. Victor Casey leaves shortly for a trip to the Australian colonies for a holiday. Last week Mr. Casey acquired a half interest in the Demosthenes gelding Demotic and also a like share in the two-year-old by Demosthenes—Formality, which has been named Informal, a likely looking youngster.

Mr. J. Winder, the Thames owner-trainer, has the filly Wajuta (Carl Rosa—Waiohaki), a classic winner, Tuipa, New Zealand (by Marble Arch—Lady Neville) and a four-year-old by Glengowrie—St. Tui in work at the Thames.

Mr. Pat. Quinlan's maiden hurdler, Merry Dan, which looked in nice mellow condition at the Auckland winter meeting, ran rather disappointingly. The Pukaki—Merry Kate gelding went sore after a gallop on the sand track.

Mr. John Lennard, of Waihou, will probably be putting a rising three-year-old by Carl Rosa—Ida, and the six-year-old Vallambrosa into work. The same owner has a useful looking rising two-year-old by Bezonian—Madam Rose, by Extractor—Alba Rose, that may join the others.



Mr. W. H. Windsor's ch g GLUEPOT, by Gluten—Cloud, winner of the 33rd Great Northern Steeplechase, 1917.



HISTORIC MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.—GROUP PHOTOGRAPHED AT THE COLONIAL OFFICE OF THE IMPERIAL WAR COUNCIL AT THE CLOSE OF AN IMPORTANT MEETING. Back Row (from left): Sir S. P. Sinha, Lieutenant-Colonel Dally-Jones, the Hon. Robert Rogers, Sir J. C. Meston, Mr. Austen Chamberlain, H. H. Sir Ganga Singh Bahadur (Maharaja of Bikanir), Mr. E. J. Harding, Mr. Steel Maitland, Mr. Henry Lambert. Front row: Sir Joseph Ward, Sir H. Perley, Lieutenant-General C. Smuts, Sir R. Borden, Mr. Walter Long, Mr. Massey, Sir E. Morris, the Hon. J. D. Hazen.