



RACING NOTES

RACING FIXTURES, 1916-17.

June 14, 16—Gisborne R.C. Steeplechase
June 22, 23—Napier Park R.C. Winter
July, 11, 12, and 14.—Wellington R.C.'s
winter.

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

OWNERS' AND TRAINERS' DIARY.

Friday, June 29.

Entries Grand National Steeplechase, Grand National Hurdle Race and Winter Cup, C.J.C. meeting, at 9 p.m.
Nominations all events except Selling Race and Trial Plate, Wellington R.C. winter, at 9 p.m.

Monday, July 2.

Weights first day Wellington R.C. winter.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

WINTER STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

The Wellington Racing Club have now made public the programme for their winter steeplechase meeting, and it is gratifying to note that no alteration has been made in the allocation of stake money for the 24 events to be decided at the three days' gathering, despite the handicap of no race trains running. The fearless policy adopted by the Wellington Racing Club will meet with universal appreciation among racegoers, and should set an example to some of the club who are prone to view matters in a far too pessimistic spirit, although now that it is known definitely to what extent racing is to be reduced for the coming season there is no cause for alarm among the clubs. The chief difficulty to be overcome is the question of transit facilities owing to the withdrawal of all race trains, and the experience of the majority of the race meetings held during the past couple of months is that even the Railway Department's drastic action has not deterred turf enthusiasts from assembling in almost as strong force as ever at the leading fixtures. Effective steps are being taken in order to ensure the best possible means of conveying racegoers to Trentham during the three days' gathering, and, notwithstanding the absence of race trains, the meeting is certain to attract very wide patronage.

A glance through the attractive three days' programme, to be decided at Trentham on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, July 11, 12 and 14, testifies to the excellent winter racing carnival promised for next month. Five steeplechases are set down for decision, also a like number of hurdle races and the Jumpers' Flat. A big flat handicap is included on each day's programme, in addition to sprint and hack races, so that racing enthusiasts in all parts of the Dominion have good reason to look forward with keen enthusiasm to next week's fixture.

On the opening day principal interest will be centred in the Wellington Steeplechase, of 1000sovs, about three miles and a-quarter, in which it is anticipated the best 'chasers in the Dominion will be engaged. The lesser lights will have an opportunity of earning distinction in the First Hack and Hunters' Steeplechase, of 200sovs, two miles and a-half, which event should attract a representative entry, including a number of new candidates for cross-country honours. The Parliamentary Handicap, of 400 sovs, one mile and a-quarter, is a strong inducement to owners of handicap horses to nominate freely for the leading flat event of the meeting, while the Stewards' Handicap, of 200 sovs, six furlongs, is certain to attract a good field of sprinters. The principal hurdle event is the Winter Hurdles, of 600sovs, two miles, which should bring together a strong field of jumpers from both islands, while the Vittoria Hurdles, of 150sovs, one mile and three-quarters, offers special attractions to owners of hack hurdlers. Two hack flat events, the Trial Plate, of 150sovs, six furlongs, and the Te Aro Handicap, of 150sovs, six furlongs, complete the attractive first day's programme.

The second day's racing at Trentham will see the 'chasing brigade out again in the Anzac Steeplechase, of 400sovs, about two miles and a-

half, when another interesting contest can be confidently looked for. Other events to be decided are the Fleet Handicap, of 300sovs, one mile, Jumpers' Flat Handicap, of 200sovs, one mile and a-quarter, Liverpool Handicap, of 200sovs, six furlongs, Corunna Hurdle Handicap (hack conditions), of 150sovs, one mile and a-half, Selling Race, of 150sovs (for three-year-olds and upwards), five furlongs, Peninsula Handicap (hack conditions), of 150sovs, six furlongs, and the Petone Handicap (hack conditions), of 150sovs, five furlongs.

On the concluding day the cross-country event will again take precedence, the July Steeplechase, of 500 sovs, about three miles, affording owners of 'chasers the last opportunity during the present racing season to capture a stake. Earlier in the afternoon the Second Hack and Hunters' Steeplechase, of 200sovs, two miles and a-half, will see the hacks and hunters in action for the second time at the meeting. The principal flat event, the Winter Oats Handicap, of 250sovs, one mile, can be depended upon to produce a good field of milers, while the Onslow Handicap, of 200sovs, five furlongs, will receive attention from owners of sprinters. Two hurdle races will come up for decision, viz., the Final Hurdle Handicap, of 350sovs, one mile and three-quarters, and the Talavera Hurdle Handicap (hack conditions), of 150 sovs, one mile and a-half. In addition

the best performers both in the North and South Islands. The present steeplechase season has so far proved a great success, particularly in the North Island, where quality and number have both been in evidence at the leading jumping fixtures, the excellent fields seen out in the hurdle and steeplechasing events at the Wanganui and Auckland winter meetings creating unparalleled interest among sporting enthusiasts. The fact of so many high-class cross-country performers and hurdle horses being in training at the present juncture augurs well for the prospects of the C.J.C. Nationals, and a liberal nomination may be expected from the North Island. Already the names of several horses which competed at the Great Northern meeting at Ellerslie are being mentioned as probable winners of the Grand National Hurdles and Grand National Steeplechase respectively, and provided nothing unforeseen happens their owners will no doubt recognise the wisdom of a trip to Riccarton, the liberally-endowed events being an inducement which owners of good horses cannot allow to go unheeded, particularly in view of the restrictive policy which must of necessity be adhered to in connection with the new season's operations.

The C.J.C. Grand Nationals provide an opportunity for the most successful 'chasers and hurdlers in both island throughout the winter season

Hayward and Co.'s Chester Street stables. There are in all fourteen lots, including four imported mares, all young and in their prime, three out of imported mares by highly successful sires, one by an imported horse, and all of the most successful running families, or themselves good performers or winner producers. There is much to recommend each lot. Tournament, the first one, is a daughter of the brilliant Sir Lancelot, member of a great sire, and racing family, from Maluri, by Malua from Norna, the two last-named respectively winner and producer of Melbourne Cup winners. Ashby and Rencontre are two good winners from Tournament, who is served by Treadmill. Kitiroa is by Cyrenian (imp.) from Hinemoa, by Gang Forward, and dam of Echo, a winner in Australia, Lady Georgia and Orton, good winners in New Zealand, and she also is served by Treadmill. Then comes Lady Reina, a winner herself and grand-daughter of Onida, by Merriwee and she has been served by imported Absurd, one of the finest sires imported to the Dominion. The next is Kolentina, a five-year-old mare by Danube from the brilliant and good stake winner Armlet, whose dam, Armilla, and granddam, Necklace, were great mares. She has been served by Sutala, who raced Desert Gold to a head twice, and has already bred a fine filly to the same young horse, who was retired to the stud in consequence of having a tendon severed through being galloped upon while racing at Trentham. The imported mare Lady Wayward II., by Ladas, comes next, and she is the dam of Emperador, winner of over £7000 in stakes, and Ribble, a winner at the last C.J.C. autumn meeting, and of Conceit, by Boniform, who is the next lot. Lady Wayward II. is stinted to Elysian, and Conceit to Elysian's best son, Sutala. Conceit was not raced, and is now six years old. Nautioid, by Musketry from Nautius, by Traducer, is served by Martian, and is the dam of Mercedo, Pilgrim's Way, Carolus and Ogier, and of the Danube filly Aire. The last-named, who is rising four years old, has been served by Sutala. Danube, besides being a first-class two-year-old, won the N.Z. Derby, G.N. Derby, and N.Z. St. Leger. Sunglow, own sister to Boniform and Sungod, and half-sister to Martian, from imported Otterden, is by Multi-form, and the dam of Zanthos, Moon-glow and Splendant, winners, the last-named, who broke a leg this season, being very promising. Sunglow has been served by Absurd, and an early foal by that imported horse should be worth some money. Sunglow was herself a winner. Perle d'Or, a winner, and full-sister to Golden Slipper, a brilliant filly, is valuable for her blood. Aura, her dam, was the dam of Auraria (winner of the Melbourne Cup), Aurum (by many regarded as the best three-year-old of his time), and Auria (granddam of Desert Gold). Perle d'Or should foal in August to All Black, Desert Gold's sire, so has great possibilities. Then comes the English-bred mare by Black Sand called Remission II., foaled in 1907, from Cosette, by Cyllene from Pentel, sister to Shotover, winner of the 2000 guineas and Derby, and dam of Ravensbury, winner of over £10,000 in stakes. Remission II. is served by imported Absurd. Next in the list is that good performer at two years old Peirene, by Achilles, winner of over £9000 in stakes, and more than half-sister to Submarine and Blue River, good winners. Peirene comes from a rare family, and has been served by Sutala. Last in the list is the imported mare Vicella, by Velas, winner of about £15,000 in stakes, by Isinglass, winner of £57,185 in stakes, from Sweet Duchess, winner of the Doncaster Cup, and dam of Vain Duchess and other winners. Vicella, before leaving England, bred Houdan, winner of the Doncaster Stakes, and foaled Greenstreet on the way to the Dominion. Altogether the stud to be dispersed contains the material for producing many future good winners, and breeders will do well to note the advertisement and procure catalogues of the sale from the auctioneers.



Mr. W. Garrett's b g SIR SOLO, aged, by Sir Laddo—Wepener.
R. McSeveney in saddle.

the Crofton Handicap, of 150sovs, seven furlongs, and the Kia Ora Handicap, of 150sovs, five furlongs, will receive the attention of owners of hacks, so that turf followers are provided with an opportunity of witnessing a varied and exceptionally enjoyable programme.

Nominations for all events except the Selling Race and Trial Plate close with the secretary, Mr. A. E. Whyte, on Friday, June 29, at nine o'clock, while handicaps for the first day's races will appear on Monday, July 2.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB.

GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

The 1916-17 racing season is rapidly drawing to a close, the approaching meeting at Trentham ringing down the curtain, after which the attention of sportsmen in all parts of the Dominion will be focussed on the Canterbury Jockey Club's Grand National meeting, which will set the new season's operations in full swing. The two principal jumping events to be decided at the fixture in question are the Grand National Steeplechase, of 1500sovs (three miles) and the Grand National Hurdle Race, of 1200sovs (two miles and a-quarter), while most prominent of the flat races is the Winter Cup, of 700sovs (one mile), which invariably attracts a splendid field composed of

to measure strides in a final test at Riccarton, and the results of such are naturally watched with intense interest by sportsmen in all parts of the Dominion. There are quite a number of hurdle and cross-country performers who have registered high class performances this season, while the Hawke's Bay and Wellington meetings should unearth several more candidates whose displays may warrant a trip to Riccarton as contenders for Grand National honours. In any case, there appears to be plenty of material on hand to ensure the Grand Nationals maintaining the high standard reached in former years, while the Winter Cup is certain to result in a big response from owners of flat horses.

Entries for the Grand National Steeplechase, Grand National Hurdles and Winter Cup are due with the secretary, Mr. W. H. E. Wanklyn, on Friday, June 29, at 9 p.m.

DISPERSAL OF THE TEVIOTDALE STUD.

IN GRAND NATIONAL WEEK.

Messrs. Pyne and Co., of Christchurch, announce in this issue that they will sell on behalf of Mr. G. D. Greenwood, one of New Zealand's best-known horseowners, his Teviotdale Stud of thoroughbred mares during Grand National week, at Messrs.