

he is handled. Acre might want a race or two to sharpen him up, and should be all the better for the run he will have in the Egmont Stakes. Moutoa. Queen is sprinting well, while Endure always shows a lot of pace on the track, and should race well here. Bayberry has come on considerably since the Marton meeting, while Gang Awa and Coolpan have been going along nicely.

HAWKE'S BAY.

The Speaker a Promising Two-year-old—Indigo and Mazama in Active Commission Again—Waipukurau Jockey Club's Attractive Annual Programme—Ohoreka Now Property of Poverty Bay Sportsman.

NAPIER, Monday.

Impostor and Merrie Lad are doing well at their owner's (Mr. T. E. Whelch) station at Wanstead, and should be in fine nick when the time arrives for the pair to be got ready in earnest for chasing events.

Information was received here on Saturday afternoon that L. Manson had met with an accident at Gisborne during the progress of the Poverty Bay Turf Club's meeting and his injuries were of such a severe nature that he had to be removed to the hospital.

Cleft, who won the principal event (the Cup) at the Gisborne Racing Club's meeting on Thursday and who also secured the Turanga Stakes at the Poverty Bay Turf Club's gathering on Saturday, has been some time in getting on the winning list, for his last score previous to last week was registered at the Easter gathering of the Feilding Jockey Club last season, when he led the field home in the Easter Handicap.

The Speaker, the two-year-old son of Demosthenes and Chatterer, is progressing favourably in his studies

thing doing when Lord Laddo gets stripped for business in hurdle races.

Ohoreka, the Australian-bred son of Poseidon and Pleasant Surprise, is now owned in the Poverty Bay district, a patron of A. McLeod's establishment having acquired the gelding from Mr. W. Richmond, of Hastings, in whose colours he used to race.

Mr. P. F. Wall, of Hatuma, has bestowed the appellation of Verbosity upon the rising yearling son of Demosthenes and Suratura that was bred by him.

Vermillion, who captured a double at the Poverty Bay Turf Club's fixture on Saturday, is owned by Mr. G. M. Spencer, who is at present in camp. She is trained by P. Smith, of Hastings, who is also responsible for the education of Trials.

The three-year-old full sister to Indigo is being handled by R. Gooseman. She is the property of Mr. P. Hunter, whose luck of late has not been on the up grade.

The two-year-old full sister to Harpaulus (Demosthenes—Lady Atholene) that J. Oldfield is imparting information to, is moving along in good style on the tracks at Napier Park. She certainly has not been asked to do much, but what she has done has been executed in a meritorious fashion.

CANTERBURY.

Margerine's Impressive Track Gallops—Local Candidates Claiming Engagements at Wingatui—Wardancer Fancied for Dunedin Cup—Bomb Pays Adieu to Race Track—Prospects for Dunedin J.C.'s Autumn Meeting—Biplane Registers an Attractive Gallop.

CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

Riccarton stables will be very strongly represented at the Dunedin Jockey Club's meeting this week, and

whom can be expected to show improved form.

Miss de Val passed through on her way to Dunedin a few days ago, and though rumours credit her with being slightly lame she certainly is in the best of health. All Red's daughter is to be ridden in the Dunedin Cup by J. Olsen.

R. O'Donnell had a successful innings at Taranaki with his small team, Wishful accounting for both the big events. The Yaldhurst mentor intends remaining in the north for the Egmont and Wanganui meetings.

Seeing that the fields he beat were anything but first-class, Wishful appears to have caught it rather hot in the Wanganui Cup in being placed within 6lb. of such as Sasanof and Menelaus.

The well-known Riccarton trainer Harry Thomson has decided to relinquish his profession in favour of farming pursuits. Arrangements have been made for Bondage to go into F. D. Jones' stable, while the two jumpers Kirkby and Naupata are being spelled.

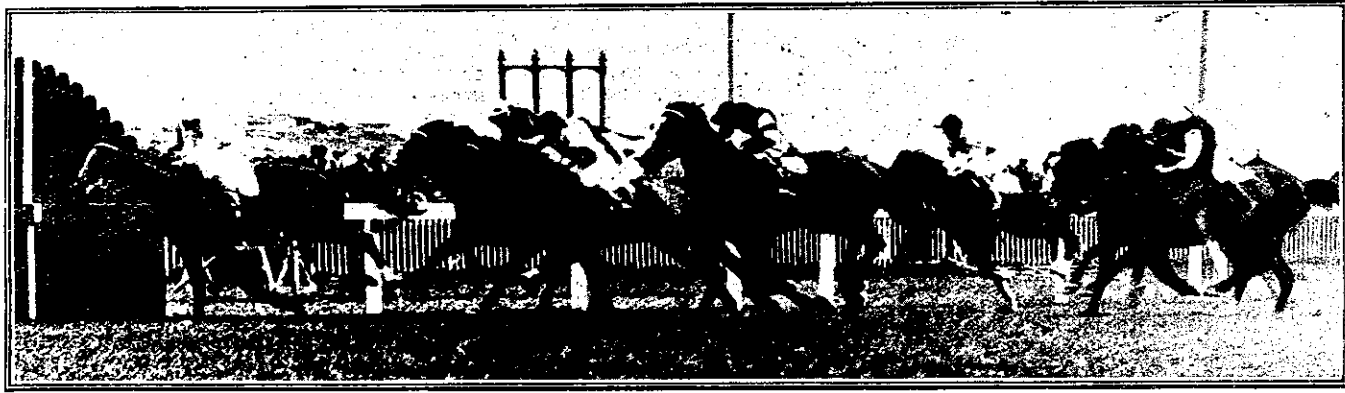
The Charlemagne gelding Bomb has finished his racing career, having been returned to his owner as untrainable.

Scornful will carry Mr. C. G. Dalgety's colours in the Dunedin Champagne Stakes, but her recent track work has not been attractive enough to suggest her having much chance with the best of the Chokebore representatives.

W. Bush has accepted a retainer to ride Mr. A. Boyle's horses for the rest of the season, and he will pilot Margerine in the Dunedin Cup.

Phil May promises to be hard to dispose of in the Publican's Handicap at Wingatui, and he will lack nothing by having the services of A. Reed in the saddle.

The last of the Riccarton contingent took their departure for Dunedin on Monday, and altogether the local stables have seldom been so



THE FINISH OF THE ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP (1½ MILES) AT THE AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB'S MEETING AT RANDWICK ON JANUARY 26—The favourite, KENNAQUHAIR (F. Dempsey) wins from MEHI KING (W. H. McLachlan), with WEDDING DAY (L. A. Walker) third.

under the tuition of R. Gooseman at Hastings. He is owned by Mr. J. Armstrong, of Dannevirke, who also has in work under the control of Gooseman another two-year-old, the youngster being by Demosthenes—Tiret. He is coming on satisfactorily, and is due to make his first appearance at Napier Park next month.

Owner-trainer S. Marshall, of Porangahau, was amongst those who left Waipukurau last Thursday for camp.

Indigo and Mazama, who were recently taken in hand again by R. Gooseman, are looking in good heart, and there is every indication that they will both stand up to the ordeal. This educator has also lately received a couple of new pupils, both coming two-year-olds, one being by Merry Moment—Evening, while the other is by Merry Moment out of a full sister to Evening. The former is the property of Mr. F. Armstrong, of Akitio, the other being owned by Mr. H. Hassall. They are both geldings and display a lot of power and quality, a characteristic that their sire imparts to his stock. If they can gallop in keeping with their appearances there is sure to be a good time ahead of them.

The Waipukurau Jockey Club has issued an attractive "menu" for their annual meeting, which, like those held in the years gone by, takes place on Easter Monday. The stake money allotted for the eight events tots up to £1140, an increase of 15sovs when compared with the amount distributed amongst owners at the last meeting. As was the case last season, the whole of the net profits of the gathering are to be donated to patriotic funds.

Lord Laddo, the elder full brother to Nobleman, is being kept busy on the try-out at Porangahau. The son of Sir Laddo is no slouch at the leaping business, and his owner (Mr. Keith White) intends to have him later on competing in obstacle races. With the pace and courage that he is possessed of, there should be some

the horses engaged have been hurried along during the past few days.

Margerine has been responsible for a couple of useful gallops since her failure in the Midsummer Handicap. That was evidently not her true form, and she can be expected to do much better at Wingatui.

Multicipal and Torfreda took their departure for Dunedin early last week. The former is bound to be greatly improved by his race at Riccarton, and should take a lot of beating in the big event at Wingatui. When Torfreda ran at Riccarton she was not quite at her best, and met a particularly smart juvenile in Lionskin.

Devotion and Probation passed through on their way to Dunedin on Wednesday. The former is to be ridden in her southern engagements by A. Reed, who will also have the mount on Punka in the Champagne Stakes.

Wardancer made a lot of friends for the Dunedin Cup by administering a sound defeat to Adjutant at Riccarton on Thursday morning. He has come on a lot since winning the Midsummer Handicap, and can be depended on to put up a great race in the Dunedin Cup.

Subterfuge appears to have gone off as the result of her hard race in the Post Handicap at the C.J.C. meeting, and she is unlikely to be sent to Dunedin.

As the tracks are still hard, Hy-lans' owner has decided to keep the gelding to flat racing for the next few months. He can muster up a fine turn of speed and may get on the winning list at Dunedin.

Piery Cross has been responsible for some attractive work on the tracks, and stands up to his tasks wonderfully well. He is to race at the Dunedin meeting this week, where his special objective will be the Hazlett Memorial Plate. Glendower's son is accompanied south by Glendower and Partisan, both of

strongly represented at the southern fixture as is the case this week.

Adjutant is to contest the Dunedin Cup instead of the Wanganui event, and if caught in a generous mood is bound to take a lot of beating in Thursday's race. Margerine is bound to improve on her Midsummer Handicap essay, as also should Wardancer. Devotion and Miss de Val will not lack friends, and Marsa is bound to have a strong following. It is quite probable that Multicipal will strip in much better trim than when he raced at Riccarton, in which case he is sure to be one of the hardest to beat. Amongst the lightweights, Glendower is most likely to effect a surprise.

The Publican's Handicap looks particularly open. Killjoy may not be quite at her best, and Brambletye is hardly brilliant enough for such a race. The American-bred Mohawk has plenty of supporters, but he is not over reliable. Golden King is sure to race well, but probably Phil May will keep the best of them busy. He is a very quick beginner, and it is only a question of his seeing out the last part of the journey to be very dangerous.

Long Range did not accompany the rest of the Chokebore horses to Dunedin, but the stable has two very useful candidates for Champagne Stakes in Lionskin and Heathercote.

The protest lodged in the Castiron disqualification case will be heard in Dunedin this week.

Biplane was responsible for an attractive gallop at Riccarton on Saturday morning, when he cast six furlongs behind on the plough in 1min. 17 3/5sec. He was wearing bandages on his off hind leg and off foreleg at the time. His trainer, R. J. Mason, is just recovering from an attack of influenza, and has not yet definitely made up his mind whether to take any horses to the Wanganui meeting or not.

Since the C.J.C. meeting, Euripos has been given a dose of physic, and is at present on the easy list.

W. Bush, who rides for R. Derrett's stable, met with an accident on Friday, whereby he sprained his wrist. He thinks, however, it will be well enough to enable him to ride Margerine in the Dunedin Cup, and Phil May in the Publican's Handicap on Thursday next.

SOUTHLAND.

Southland R.C.'s Autumn Fixture—Bonnally Joins J. Boyd's Team—Mohawk Nominated for Wanganui Meeting—Mussulman Still on Invalid List—Gunrest Making Steady Progress.

INVERCARGILL, February 9.

The sum of £2500 is to be given away at the Southland R.C.'s autumn fixture next month, making the local turf institution's prize total £5500 for the current season. A race for apprentices will now be necessary, and this has been fixed as the Disposal Stakes Handicap on the opening day.

Jockey A. McKay was turned down by the Military Appeal Board the other day, and will consequently have to go into camp immediately after the Dunedin Cup meeting, at which his services will be in great demand.

The Sarto—Dinna Forget gelding Bonnally has joined J. Boyd's team at Invercargill, to be prepared for the Southland R.C.'s gathering on March 20 and 21. He has been hacked about the roads and is looking bright and well. Boyd, by the way, is taking Awahou and the two-year-old filly Ancenia to the Dunedin Cup meeting. The former is galloping along nicely at present, while the juvenile daughter of King Mark has furnished in a marked manner since being brought here from Hawke's Bay.

The Riverton trainer J. Thistleton has been granted an extension of time by the Military Appeal Board until the May draft go forward to camp. The chairman of the Board hastened to explain that Thistleton's request was granted on account of private and not professional reasons. As he served for Australia throughout the South African war, the writer would think that Thistleton is just as much entitled to consideration as any other member of the community who has to work for a living, on commercial or religious lines.

The Southland-owned mare Redowa was a visitor to the Canterbury J.C. summer meeting on Saturday last, and managed to finish second in the Hornby Welter Handicap to Majestikoff. She ran a fair race, but the second dividend returned was not welcome to a strong following of local punters.

It is just possible that the American horse Mohawk will again visit the North Island in the near future, as he has been nominated for three events at the Wanganui J.C.'s autumn meeting. If started at the Dunedin Cup gathering he will carry a fair share of support in the Publican's Handicap, as he is very well just now and should not find 89 beyond him in the company he is asked to meet at Wingatui. If he should strip at Wingatui visitors to that far-away meeting will at least see a very fine specimen of the imported thoroughbred in action, as he has both appearance and breeding to recommend him.

It is hard to find reliable riders for hurdle horses in the south at the present time, and for this reason the local gelding Prairie Fire may not make the trip to the Dunedin J.C. meeting. This is rather hard on Mr. Fahey, as the Pilgrim's Progress gelding is fresh and well.

A very large contingent of Southland supporters of the turf purpose assisting at the Dunedin Cup fixture next week, and it looks as if they will get a run for their money in events in which Mohawk, Special Order, Burrangong, Hot Air, Kilkee, Glensponse, Kauwhero and Korke's Drift are engaged. Golden King is training on well but may hardly be ready to strip at his best yet.

It is stated that the veteran steep-chaser Peary has been giving trainer J. Boyd a considerable amount of trouble of late.

The Winton Stakes winner, Mussulman, is still suffering from a mild attack of strangles, but his full-sister Muzzin is going on the right way.

Gunrest is making progress in G. McLean's hands, and may be ready to race fairly well by Easter time at Riverton, but the son of Calibre is not a horse easy to wind up to his very best form.