



Good Day has been scratched for the Caulfield Cup.

Amberite, sire of Ngarahquong, won two Derbies and the Caulfield Cup in 1897.

The Caulfield Cup is to be run on Saturday, October 19, and the Melbourne Cup on Tuesday, November 5.

Maori Kit and Ad Ream, two New Zealand-bred horses, are in the sale list in Australia.

The annual meeting of the Auckland Racing Club is to be held on August 5.

Bon Reve's prompt scratching for the C.J.C. Grand National meeting saved early backers some money.

The racing season in New Zealand ends with the South Canterbury Hunt meeting on July 25.

In Australia the racing and trotting clubs submit their lists of fixtures to the military authorities before finally having them passed.

The Egmont R.C. will this year have a spring meeting. It should attract Auckland horses. The date has been fixed for September 19.

The added money for the Queensland meeting, commencing on August 10 and extending over three days, is £5550.

Mr. P. Miller, as president, and Mr. L. C. Hazlett, as vice-president, of the Dunedin Jockey Club, has been re-elected unopposed.

The old Adelaide sportsman Mr. E. Solomon has collected over £2000, mostly from racing men, on behalf of the special Red Cross appeal.

The Te Awamutu pony Ngaroto, rising three years old, has been measured and classed 14.2 in Sydney. She is by Spalpeen from the Australian mare Love.

Narahquong is the third Grand National Hurdle Race winner to be sired by a son of Carbine. The others were Merunqua (by Carbinier) and Arquebuse (by Pistol).

The Auckland owner Mr. "C. Machell" will be represented at the Grand National fixture with Moddite, Meltchikoff and Notability. The trio were taken to Riccarton by E. J. Rae after their exertions at Trentham.

Mr. G. Carrington has decided not to send the English-bred horse Polydamon to Canterbury, and he will thus have about two months' spell before taking up stud duties in Gisborne.

A New Zealand-bred gelding in Association, by Elevation from Black Scotia, made his appearance in a Flying division at Rosebery, on July 6 (says a Sydney writer), and ran well enough to suggest that his visit will not be unprofitable.

A lot of confusion arose during the Wellington meeting owing to the similarity of names. Alteration was spelt Altercation in many of the cards, and Kahungunu was spelt Kahumangu. These mistakes through errors of omission and commission, cost some backers money.

The following mares are booked this season to All Red:—Bonny Helen, Ohiwia, Glory, Tiz, Eastwind, Minora, Martyress, Marinella, Merry Bubbles, Sylvan Song, Headache, Gold Cord, Deploy, Greenleaf, Martlet, Etesian, Waddy, Te Hau, Cantata, Ebb Tide, and Ohau.

Menangle will wind up the current season, so far as the provincial clubs in New South Wales are concerned, on the 31st inst. For the ensuing twelve months the outlook for these four bodies, who will be restricted to 16 meetings, will not be as rosy as that at the commencement of this season, says "Pilot," especially as, in addition to other difficulties, the travelling rate for horses has been increased so much. In this respect New South Wales is not alone.

It is feared that Pursefiller will not race again. Once before she injured herself and it was then reported that she was unlikely to race again, but she came up smiling, and has been a good winner since.

St. Elmn has been an unlucky performer in jumping races this season. He has been placed on five occasions in important races, and secured 570-sovs. in place money. Unfortunately, the St. Ambrose gelding is not sound, and will not stand winding up (says "Sir Lancelot" in the Wellington "Post"). He has been lame since racing at Trentham. An effort will be made to get him to Riccarton, where he ran second to Master Strowan in the Grand National Steeplechase last August.

Master Adam Skirving, a son of the well-known trainer—well-known in Auckland but for a good many years training in Victoria—had his first ride in a race in the Geelong Birdwood Handicap, in which he was on Convivial. The boy shows great promise, and no doubt will be heard of as an amateur rider later on, according to the "Australasian."

In a chat last week with Mr. Edward Sherff, the caretaker of the Avondale racecourse, that official happened to mention what the writer considered a rather unique performance, if not a record. Mr. Sherff was carrying a beautiful brace of long tails. This enthusiastic shootist has paid a shooting license for thirty-five years, and over 5000 birds have fallen to his skill with the walnut—a most notable performance. By no stretch of imagination can the genial caretaker be taken for a lazy man—the 5000 took some trailing.

A loss of about £400 was made over the Williamstown Racing Club June fixture, according to a Melbourne paper. The weather was very unfavourable, but a profit might have been made for the patriotic funds had not the Federal authorities allowed a pony meeting to be run in opposition. Since the war began the Williams-town Racing Club has contributed about £12,000 to patriotic funds. This is a splendid record, and it is evident that clubs in bookmaking States can do their bit well.

There was more betting than usual "in running" over the Grand National Hurdle Race this year. One well-known owner and backer, who had supported Westendale for a good stake, is credited by the "Australasian" writer "Goodwood" with having saved a considerable part of his outlay by backing Westendale during various stages of the race. As long a price as 100 to 5 was actually laid against Westendale in the last round, and even money as the last hurdle was taken.

There has never been an occasion on which the whole of the starters in the V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase have finished the course. There have been two small fields of seven, and six got round in Eaglet's year and four when Sussex won. When Guncap won in 1912 only seven out of seventeen finished, and in 1910, when Grafmax scored, eight out of 17. In 1904 nine out of 21 was the result, and in Redleap's year 8 out of 19. On several other occasions only half the field got round. This is since the start in 1881.

The thoroughbred sires Day Comet and Archiestown, imported by the Auckland Country Racing Clubs Breeders Association, arrived in Wellington last week, and were met there by Mr. Frank Marshall, of Morrinsville, who had them entrained for that centre on Thursday, where they arrived on Saturday. Mr. E. D. O'Rorke, who was entrusted with the commission of securing the horses, wrote to Mr. G. Vercoe, a member of the committee set up to arrange for the purchase, giving some further information respecting them with a promise of more to follow. They are both chestnuts, and their breeding we have already furnished. Archiestown is the bigger of the pair and a winner at two and three years old, and Mr. O'Rorke says that he proved himself the best hurdler in England after that age. He is now five years old, a beautiful horse to look at, with plenty of scope and no lumber. Of Day Comet, Mr. O'Rorke declares "there has been no horse of such standing as a classic racehorse ever imported into New Zealand," and as already stated in these columns his dam, Catgut, had produced six foals, all winners. The Waikato there is reason to believe has secured two thoroughbreds that should do good service to the country.

John Bunny got third in the Maiden Steeplechase at the V.R.C. meeting, but he does not yet represent good New Zealand maiden steeplechase form. He comes of the same family as that good mare Lottie, who was his granddam and an Auckland Cup winner.

The four-year-old All Red—Mumm gelding, All Over, has raced with considerable success during the season just closed. His latest victory was gained in the Ladies' Bracelet (1½ miles) at the Hawke's Bay J.C.'s winter meeting. The bracelet presented in connection with this event was the most handsome yet presented by the club.

The late T. Corrigan held the best riding record in connection with the Grand National Steeplechase. He won on three occasions—in 1882 on Great Western, in 1885 on Wymlet, and in 1886 on Game. The late R. Batty won the event twice (Sussex in 1881 and May Be in 1891). J. Kilduff twice (Blackthorn in 1883 and Chippenham in 1884), the late Marston Burke twice (Eaglet in 1889 and Dalmio in 1894), J. S. Edge twice (Fearless II. in 1890 and Trojan in 1893), J. J. Allan twice (Hayseed in 1897 and Mysore in 1899), F. Burn twice (Bribery in 1909 and Grafmax in 1910), and H. J. Morgan twice (on Guncap in 1912 and on Leah Kleshna in 1913).

Mr. R. Hannon, of Hautapu, has the largest team of horses in the Auckland province in winter quarters. They are being fed with a view to racing next season. He has been one of the most successful of North Island owners during the season and the most successful of owner-trainers in the Dominion and is the leading provincial owner. In conversation with Mr. Hannon last week he remarked that none of his horses had been in work since they last raced, and that his lot would eat up a good stake before the opportunity of winning one presented itself again in the Auckland province. The Waikato owner has 15 horses of his own in hand with a view to future racing, not to mention others he is breeding. He rarely goes outside the province, and, like many more Auckland owners, regards the five months' interval between the Auckland Racing Club's June meeting and the resumption of racing at Avondale as out of all reason. Fortunately for himself he has his own farm, track and stables and in a district where he can hunt his jumpers and utilise the roads to do some preparatory work. As he superintends the training of his own horses he has less expense than most owners, and has probably made his racing pay year in and year out for a considerable time. No other provincial owner has been so successful at the country meetings in the Waikato, and he has a fairly large collection of cups and trophies.

With 1200sovs for the N.Z. Grand National Hurdle Race, 1500sovs for the Grand National Steeplechase and 700sovs for the Winter Cup, each run on the opening day, not to mention the minor five races worth 1100 sovs, and the two 500sovs races, Beaufort Steeplechase and Sydenham Hurdles, and the August Handicap flat race of 400sovs, and five other races of the value of 1050sovs, on the second day it can be seen that the programme is well endowed. That it is one of the most popular meetings on the racing calendar there has been a long succession of experiences to bear witness. No meetings brings out the all-round qualifications of horses and riders more convincingly. It is held at a time of year when so many can attend more conveniently than at any other period, and with the big trotting meeting of the New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club on during the same week such a varied four days' entertainment is provided as cannot be witnessed anywhere else in Australasia. It is not astonishing that there are so many devotees to all branches of the sport in which horses, be they trotters, pacers, gallopers or jumpers, and their controllers are the central figures of attraction. It is at this time of year that the visitors get most for their money in the way of racing, a majority of the events being run over longer distances than at any other period. It is a less trying time than November week, when the show is also engaging attention and putting an extra strain on so many of the citizens and the breeders of stock, who include many interested exhibitors. With four days racing and trotting of a good healthy variety visitors should have plenty to satisfy them.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Dunedin Jockey Club was held on Thursday evening last, Mr. P. Miller (president) occupying the chair. In moving the adoption of the report and balance sheet, the president congratulated the club on a fairly successful year. The racing had been interesting and free from malpractices. There had been two days less racing, but the stakes had been kept up. A good deal had been said about racing during the war, but there was much that could be said in its favour. For one thing, it yielded the Government far more money in the way of taxation than most persons were aware of, and that taxation cost the Government nothing for collection. The spring meeting was the only one at which the expenditure exceeded the receipts, but it must be remembered that at that meeting the two classic events—the McLean Stakes and the Dunedin Guineas—entailed a financial loss. From a racing point of view, however, those events were satisfactory, and advisable to keep going, and the entries for the coming season were highly promising. All the other meetings showed a profit, especially the winter meeting, which was a great success. Owing chiefly to the war, the buildings and course had been more or less neglected, but the time had come when these matters must be given due attention. They must also make provision for the liability of £2900, which would be due in December. The club had a very fine property, with a very small debt, which he would like to see reduced. The curtailment of the railway service had resulted in increased motor traffic to the course, and some provision would have to be made in the way of providing motor accommodation, which at present, he felt sure, was not sufficient. Members would be pleased to learn that negotiations were on foot whereby a piece of ground at the back of the course would be exchanged for a piece fronting the road, which would enable the club to provide the accommodation sought, and at the same time improve the public entrance. Mr. Miller referred to the fact that much had been said and written in the press to the effect that racing was not imperative during a war period. If racing were discontinued the breeding of horses would cease, and he considered that horses, in their particular sphere, were just as essential as men were in theirs. The curtailment of racing had meant a big struggle for some clubs, and he hoped that the war would soon be over and the meetings conducted at full strength.

Mr. E. H. Lough (treasurer) said that the club had had a good year, but not as good as they would have liked. It would have been pleasant to have been able to contribute a large amount to the patriotic funds, but they were not in a position to do so, in view of the debt. It was, however, hoped to be able to give something next year. What could be done in that way would be done. Racing had contributed nearly half a million to the Government in taxation since the war broke out, and the Dunedin Jockey Club had paid this last year £6900 odd. That half million would not have been got by the Government if racing had been stopped, and he would remark that it was paid at once by persons who did not growl about paying. There had been a great deal of fuss about the amount of money invested on the totalisator, but those who complained seemed to forget that the money was merely circulated and not lost to the country.

The motion was carried. Mr. P. Miller was declared re-elected president, and Mr. L. C. Hazlett vice-president, there being no opposition for either office.

A ballot for the four places on the committee resulted in the election of Messrs. A. S. Orbell, J. Gow, T. Elliott and W. Gardiner. The other candidate was Mr. A. B. Armour.



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