

## SOUTHLAND.

**Southland Racing Club's Satisfactory Season—Rorke's Drift to be Prepared for New Zealand Cup—A. D. McIvor's Team Progressing Well.**

INVERCARGILL, September 6.

Fine weather is now being experienced, with the result that the caretaker has thrown the Southland Racing Club's tracks open for the current season. The grass, plough, and clay trotting circuits are all in the best of order, and, for once, trainers have commenced the busy period without alleged grievances as to tracks.

A very satisfactory financial position was disclosed to members of the Southland Racing Club at the annual meeting this week. Commencing with a balance of £7137 8s. 8d., and after making the usual depreciation on the buildings and plant, the season closed with a balance of £7405 19s. 2d., and the overdraft at the bank has been reduced from £2413 2s. 4d. to £1585 19s. 10d. The totalisator turnover for the season amounted to £60,882, and that for the summer fixture £36,104, easily constituting a record for the club, and a fresh record for the country clubs of Otago and Southland.

There are fewer trainers in evidence at the Southland Racing Club's tracks this season, but several of the mentors have control of teams of record proportions as far as local figures are concerned. The strongest numerically is that under the care of G. McLean, but P. T. Hogan controls a lengthy string, too, and J. Boyd and H. G. Coker are kept busy with the horses placed in their respective charges.

There are now 187 members on the roll of the Southland Racing Club, of whom 20 are now or have been engaged in the war.

The most appreciated member of G. McLean's team is undoubtedly Glensponse, and it has to be said that the son of Glenapp is not looking as well now as at this time last year. He is wearing a somewhat jaded appearance, and it may be found that he will hardly be ready for the spring meetings, granting that he is a horse who comes on quickly.

The annual meeting of members of the Wyndham Racing Club was held last week, and it was pointed out that the club had experienced a satisfactory season, despite a severe handicap in regard to railway facilities and war conditions generally. The president (Mr. E. J. Traynor) said that the profit on the past season amounted to £138. The receipts from the totalisator were £1000 less than the previous year. The farm account showed a loss of £35, but that was the equivalent of a cheap rent for the racecourse. There were 22 members on active service, of whom four had been killed. That was 20 per cent. of their membership, and it spoke volumes for their patriotism.

It has been officially announced that Rorke's Drift will be specially prepared and entered for the New Zealand Cup. It is quite likely that his connections are confirmed in this course of action by their regrets at not having started the Calibre gelding in the Great Autumn Handicap of last season, but where the 12 furlongs course of the big C.J.C. autumn event would have suited Rorke's Drift, the two miles of the New Zealand Cup will trouble him badly unless he gets in at a moderate weight. In the meantime, the Messrs. Price's horse is doing all that can be expected of him at this time of year. The alteration of the penalty clauses attached to the Cup will permit of Rorke's Drift and other horses being thoroughly extended in public in order to fit them for the November meeting at Riccarton.

At the annual meeting of the Wyndham Racing Club members it was decided to recommend to the executive that they consider the question of making a vote to the patriotic funds; the extension of the lawn embankment, and the erection of permanent starting barriers. In connection with the last-named suggestion it may be explained that the club has for some years past used a portable barrier, which, although very useful where small fields are concerned, does not readily lend itself to the sending away of ten or twelve starters.

It may interest those who have the controls of some northern clubs to know that the Southland Racing Club again reaped a profit from the cultivation of the portions of their property not actually required for racing purposes. In this manner a permanent caretaker and up-to-date

training circuits are provided for where they could almost be out of reach from a financial point of view under other circumstances.

Reports from Riverton are to the effect that A. D. McIvor's team, the strongest numerically that he has ever controlled, are going on the right way. He should have a successful season with Highwater, Gunrest, Martifors, Burrangong, Buller, and other useful horses to represent him. There is little doubt but that horses trained from his establishment will play an important part in southern long distance events this season, as Highwater, Gunrest and Burrangong (apparently) can see out ten furlongs or more when in the best of form.

The Varco—Mango gelding recently purchased by a local owner from Mr. M. Hobbs, of Riccarton, has settled down in his new home, and in the meantime will be treated to road exercise and special care by feminine hands to fit him for his track trials and troubles to come. Those who have seen him at home have a good word to say for the Australian-bred youngster.

## WAIRARAPA.

**Mr. W. R. Kemball's Large String—Bright Prospects for Masterton Racing Club's Meeting—Mr. Kemball to Take Team to Australia Early in New Year—Success of Masterton Horses at Marton—Local Horses Engaged at Otaki.**

MASTERTON, Saturday.

Mr. W. Corlett was asked to put a price on Sir Agnes during the progress of the National meeting, but decided to keep the son of Boris and Miss Foreshore.

Gladful made good in his first outing over the big country, and Mr. Kemball's gelding should be in the

Multaine beat all but Detroit in the Marton Handicap.

This district is not as well represented at Otaki for the approaching meeting as is usually the case, but the following Wairarapa-trained horses have been engaged: Form Up, Galore, Hydrus, Idyllic, Livland, Belle Noir, Consultation and Tuticorn.

Black Hill is looking very well just now, and trainer-owner S. Pinkerton should have the All Black gelding in rare form for the local meeting next month. At the same gathering 12 months ago Black Hill scored over a mile course on the first day, and ran second to Arrowfield over seven furlongs the day following.

The veteran Opaki trainer, R. Knox, scored an overdue win at Marton when Penury Rose won the Electric Hack Handicap. It is now a considerable time since the Masterton trainer led in a winner, and his friends hope that it will be the fore-runner of many more successes with the son of Penury and Merrie Rose.

Although the Taratahi-Carterton Racing Club are at present without a permit, the affairs of the club are being attended to by the following officers: President, Mr. H. R. Bunny; vice-president, Mr. J. Hodder; hon. treasurer, Mr. G. E. Allen; stewards, Messrs. H. A. Bunny, G. H. Eaton, A. C. Feist, R. G. Kemple, W. J. Deubee and W. C. Deller.

Matatua broke his maiden status at Marton when he beat a large field in the Trial Plate. The owner of the Birkenhead—Sunbonnet gelding (Mr. Fred. Jensen, of Masterton) was not present to see his horse win, as he has been confined to his room during the past fortnight. Matatua was bred by Mr. W. Cooper, of Masterton, who successfully raced Sunbonnet a few years ago. C. Pritchard has been responsible for the training of Matatua since July last, and landed him at the post in fine condition. The Trentham trainer was



Messrs. F. S. Murray, F. Andrews and W. Balby, with their bag of game secured during a day's shooting at Opononi, in the Hokianga district.

front rank of 'chasers next winter, as he jumps well and has the pace.

The South Wairarapa Trotting Club has donated £50 to the Red Cross Funds, which makes £80 contributed by the club this year.

W. Hawthorne has at present 15 horses under his charge at Masterton, all of which will carry the colours of Mr. W. R. Kemball.

Multicipal is going along the right way at Opaki, but is not forward enough at present to race, and was allowed to drop out of his Marton and Dannevirke engagements.

Mr. A. Hathaway, secretary of the Masterton Racing Club, informs me that already over 30 boxes have been booked for the spring meeting, and everything points to the club having a record meeting next month.

Master Boris has been on the easy list since returning from Riccarton. He contracted a slight ailment of the throat while away, but is all right again now. Mr. Brightwell's gelding may be given a run at the local meeting next month.

The local trainers, R. Knox, W. Hawthorne and J. T. Jamison, did not return with their charges after the Marton meeting, but went on to Dannevirke.

Belle Noir (All Black—Hazel) will be seen out for the first time this season in the Trial Stakes at Dannevirke. T. Pritchard is also taking up Galore and Idyllic.

Cyrisian, Brown Joe and Suvla have been nominated from this district for the Egmont meeting.

W. Hawthorne expects to leave for Australia about the end of January with Mr. Kemball's team. The horses likely to make the trip are Nanna, Hymestra, Snub, Vasilkov, Miss Gold and perhaps Gladful.

Masterton-owned horses had a good innings at Marton. Matatua won the Trial Plate, Gladful the Steeplechase, Penury Rose the Electric Hack, while

confident he would win, despite the large field, and as the dividend was a good one, the connections had a good innings.

## HAWKE'S BAY.

**Taunaha Fully Recovered From Mishap—Sarah Grand on Easy List—Crenides' Promising Displays—Hendra to Resume Work Shortly—Almo Making Excellent Progress.**

NAPIER, Monday.

Taunaha, the three-year-old son of Demosthenes and Mangaroa, who had the misfortune some time back to come down on his knees, which placed him on the easy list for a period, has now quite recovered from the mishap and is doing good work on the tracks at Napier Park. He is a very shapely colt, and one which with ordinary luck should assert himself in the very near future.

Mr. J. H. Colebourne has bestowed the appellation of Dangerous upon the three-year-old daughter of Hymettus and Derelict, and his colt of the same age by King Mark—Balama will race as Marcus. Both of them are under the care of J. Oldfield, who is also putting another of Mr. Colebourne's representatives through his facings. I refer to Dry Up, the three-year-old son of Demosthenes and Drought, who has now apparently got over the soreness that was so evident with him while being worked as a two-year-old.

Teka, who has been hitting out in good fashion in his rehearsals at Napier Park, is underlined for appearance at Dannevirke this week, and his party are favourable to his chances.

Diavolo, who has been on the invalid list since the Wellington winter meeting, is making an improvement,

and it is anticipated that he will soon be sound and solid again.

J. Bridges, who is in charge of the remainder of Mr. Lowry's team at Greenmeadows, was last week passed as fit for active service, and he goes into camp at the beginning of next year.

Karo, the younger full-sister to Impediment, is one of the local brigade who has been nominated at Dannevirke. She has been doing really well in her work, and her mission should prove fruitful.

Sarah Grand is having a let-up, and the daughter of All Black and Heavenly Twin is holiday-making on her owner's (Mr. P. P. Neagle) farm.

J. Lyford is slipping the work into Bollin, and the son of Birkenhead and Goyt is standing up to his work all serene. He has been nominated for the steeplechase at Hawera, to be run on the 19th inst.

Import, the three-year-old filly by Birkenhead—Suratura, is slipping along satisfactorily in her work on the try-out at Napier Park. She is quick to begin, and over short courses should pay her way.

One of the most promising of the two-year-old brigade at present in work at Hastings is Crenides, the younger full-brother to Simonides. He is a real nice mover, and displays a lot of determination in his efforts.

La Notte (Eiridspond—La Tosca) produced a colt to Wolawa last week at Otatara.

The following mares have been booked to visit Demosthenes this season:—Chakwana, Suratura, Necktie, Lake Placid, Florigid, Sylvan Maid, Jeanne D'Arc, Ukraine, Flora McDonald, The Boyne, Aurarias, War Scare, War Talk, Chuckle, Queen Lizzie, Tino Atua, Te Puia, Asteroid, Cullmination, La Notte, Float, Nottata and Tatters.

Amongst the idlers at Otatara is Hendra, the black gelding by Royal Artillery—Hecuba. After T. Quinlivan arrives at Otatara, which will be after the Dannevirke meeting this week, he intends to put him into commission again.

The connections of Tornea expect him to show to advantage at Dannevirke on Wednesday. There is no getting away from the fact that he is "some" horse over twelve furlongs with the obstacles up.

R. Hatch has been engaged to pilot Teka at Dannevirke, and the same horseman will have the seat on Wapping, who is considered to have first-class prospects.

The Australian-bred gelding Almo is making excellent progress in his efforts on the preparing circuits at Napier Park. The report gained currency some time ago that he had been given away by his owner, Mr. W. Richmond, but some one was peddling hot air, for he is still the property of Mr. Richmond, and is, as of yore, one of G. Jones' pupils.

## WANGANUI.

**Pennon Makes Steady Progress—Zola to Make His Debut Over Hurdles at Egmont Meeting—Nobleman Getting into Shape—Notes on Likely Starters at Hawera Next Week—J. Peachey's Team Coming on Nicely.**

WANGANUI, Monday.

Marton's place in W. Rayner's stable has been taken by a three-year-old colt by San Fran out of a Renown mare. The colt is very much in the rough yet, but is a likely-looking youngster.

Pennon continues to do steady work without any increase in the stiffness which affects her occasionally, and Rayner is hopeful of getting a race or two out of her.

Zola will make his first appearance over the hurdles at the Egmont meeting next week if he goes on all right in the interim. He has shown that he can jump, and there is no doubt about his pace, so that he might win a race or two over the small sticks.

F. Tilley's team which visited Marton did not do much good, Moutoa Ivanova being the only one to run into a place (second in the Trial). She is evidently endowed with a fair amount of pace, and later on is likely to do good service for her owner Mr. F. S. Easton. Arrowfield looked fit enough for anything, but he did not run prominently in the big money though the state of the going might have been responsible for that. Oratress wants a race or two to live her up. Endure was looking at his best, but did not show up.

Nobleman was not paid up for in the big money at Dannevirke. He is gradually getting into shape at Bulls but it will be some time before he is back to form. Since last seen out the Sir Laddo gelding has built up