

day, and they had the finish to themselves. Killjoy led throughout, but from the manner in which Glendower kept the others in check it seemed that he could have done better. Thought not quite at his best the Glenapp gelding promises very well for his N.Z. Cup engagement. Killjoy is improving with every race and is almost certain to catch a good race in November.

LATER.

N.Z. Cup Entries—Only Two Three-year-olds Engaged—Geraldine R.C.'s Meeting.

(By Telegraph—Christchurch Correspondent.)

F. D. Jones has just taken in hand a very promising two-year-old filly by San Francisco from Tikitere. She is rather on the small side, but looks like developing early.

Mr. J. E. Henrys' adjustments for the New Zealand Cup are due on Friday next. The list of entrants is particularly weak in three-year-olds, the only ones of that age engaged being Braid and Risingham, neither of whom are likely to ever stay two miles.

For some reason owners have not paid up for the Geraldine Racing Club's meeting, which takes place on Thursday, nearly so generously as could have been expected. Only a quintette remains in the Geraldine Cup, of whom John Barleycorn, Rose Pink and Sedd-el-Bahr also figure in the New Zealand Cup. The field for the Farewell Handicap has been reduced to four, but matters are more promising in regard to the Wainui Hurdle Race, Ohapi Hack Handicap, and Belfield Welter.

Two notable absentees from the New Zealand Cup are Fiery Cross and Adjutant. The former has a worthy stable companion in Glendower engaged, but the Chokebore stable is without a representative. As such other prominent owners as Messrs. G. L. Stead, G. D. Greenwood, T. H. Lowry and E. J. Watt have nothing entered, the field is hardly likely to be up to the standard of previous years.

After her excellent showing at Ashburton, Rose Pink is likely to put up a great race in the Geraldine Cup, in which she will only have to carry 7lb. more than she succeeded under last week.

Subterfuge is benefited by her recent racing, and should get on the winning list at Geraldine on Thursday.

On the conclusion of their Geraldine engagements, Mr. Whitney's horses will go on to Kurow and then be taken to Dunedin.

WANGANUI.

Waverley-Waitotara R.C.'s Meeting—Form of Local Horses at Egmont Fixture—Nobleman Making Steady Progress—F. Tilley Has Large Team in Work.

WANGANUI, Monday.

It is expected that the Waverley-Waitotara Racing Club will receive large nominations for its annual meeting, to be held on Labour Day. The hack events are sure to fill well, while the two open races should also draw good fields, as they are both well endowed. Nominations are due on October 2 with Secretary W. Macfarlane.

Pennon does not look any the worse for her race at Hawera, but it is feared that as soon as the tracks become hard she will have to be eased up owing to her dicky knees. In the meantime, W. Rayner will probably try to win all that he can with the daughter of Coriander. That she can gallop very fast is beyond question, and it is a pity she is not sound, otherwise she would win some good races for Mr. G. M. Currie.

Zola won the hurdles at Hawera so easily that it is hard to say how good he really is, though the opposition was not very strong. He will be seen out again at Waverley.

Rayner was disappointed with Zela's display at the Egmont meeting. The daughter of Patronus had been galloping well on the tracks, and it was quite expected that she would run into a place, but she was never prominent.

Mr. T. Long, who had Interlude under lease for a couple of seasons, has got hold of a big strapping four-year-old gelding by Husbandman which he intends to try and knock into shape. The gelding is very rough at present, and it will be some considerable time before he will be ready to race.

The Advance—Daisy Clipper mare which H. Johnston has in work con-

tinues to make steady progress, and from the pace she is already showing she should prove equal to winning a good sprint race or two when properly wound up.

Hyginas is at present being trained at Hawera by J. Fryer. The gelding ought to win a race soon, as he looks very well.

Mr. Alf. Morse, of Hawera, has been appointed to do the starting at the Taranaki Christmas meeting, the Stratford meeting, and also the Opunake gathering. Mr. Morse has acted as starter at Opunake for three or four years past with great success, and he can be depended upon to do equally well for the other two clubs which have engaged him.

W. Rayner, the well-known trainer of Zola, Pennon and others, was suffering from the effects of ptomaine poisoning at Hawera; in fact, it was doubtful on Tuesday whether he would be able to make the trip, so bad was he. His son, Percy, was also very bad from the same cause, and was unable to fulfil his engagements to ride at the Egmont meeting, but he has since recovered, and will be riding at Otaki to-day. It is understood that the poisoning was due to eating some brawn, and quite a number of other people who patronised the same shop were also very ill after partaking of the brawn.

Nobleman is making steady progress in his preparation at Bulls under J. Coyle, and should be in something like racing condition by the time the Wellington meeting comes round, though he might be given a run at Masterton before then.

Client is to make his first appearance this season at Masterton, and as he is hitting out nicely in his work at Fordell he should be fairly well by October 17. Tilley will have strong teams for the Masterton and Wellington meetings, as he has no fewer than seventeen horses in work now, though several will not be seen out until later on in the season.

Moutoa Ivanova has been striding along freely since racing at Marton, and when next she is started she should show improvement. Amongst others which are beginning to show something like a return to form at Fordell are Moutoa Camp, Endure, Acre, Oratress, Bayberry Rude and Cello.

A number of trainers are busy getting their horses ready for the Waverley meeting though the work being done is mostly of the useful sort at present.

HAWKE'S BAY.

King Albert Making Good Headway—Gold Shot Being Kept Busy—Bisogne to be Operated on for Leg Trouble—Schlanter to be Given a Spell—Croesus in Good Heart.

NAPIER, Monday.

King Albert, the son of King's Guest and Rain, who is being got ready for business at Hastings by A. Quinlivan, is making good headway in his tasks, and gives promise of turning out well.

The brood mare Sinora (Sir Alymer—Sirona), in foal to Merry Moment, was sold by auction at Hastings on Friday for 30 guineas, and her yearling son by Wolawa was disposed of for 50 guineas. Demonstrate, the three-year-old gelding by Demosthenes—Te Awahou, was also offered, but did not reach his owner's (H. Hickey) reserve, and consequently no business was effected.

Amongst those drawn in the last ballot was trainer J. B. Ware, of Hastings.

T. Quinlivan took up his residence at Otatara (Mrs. M. A. Perry's training establishment at Taradale) last week, and his team will therefore for the future be put through their facings on the try-out at Napier Park.

The cognomen of Cashmere has been bestowed upon the two-year-old son of Feramorz and Ringdove, while the three-year-old gelding by Demosthenes—Los Vegas will race as Athens. Both are owned by Mr. W. G. Stead, who also bred them.

Gold Shot is being kept busy on the hurry-up at Napier Park, and it is intended that the black gelding will be seen in action at the spring gathering of the Poverty Bay Turf Club next month.

Bisogne and a filly by Hallowmas recently arrived at Hastings from New Plymouth to be operated on by Mr. A. M. Brodie. The trouble with the former is one of his front ligaments, which is badly gone, while the ailment in connection with the filly is throat trouble. Both are the property of Mr. A. Alexander, who a couple of seasons back had a prosperous run with Bisogne. Mr. Brodie has also operated upon Schlanter for

throat ailment, and the relative to Golden Glade, who is owned by Mr. W. Richmond, is to be turned out for a rest.

A Wellington sport has been making enquiries from the executors of the late Mr. W. J. Douglas re the price required for Maioha, who made good at the late meeting of the Dannevirke Racing Club. The figure required is 1200 guineas, and so far no deal has been effected. Maioha, who won one event last season, is a half-brother by Hallowmas to Golden Sky, Rhodium, and Goldshine, the bunch all being out of Fairy Gold, one of the daughters of Nymph, by Gold Reef.

Trainer T. Quinlivan has given the name of Flat to the foal son of Wolawa and La Notte. The latter mare who produced amongst others those high-grade pair Nightfall and Noctuliform, was presented to Quinlivan by Mr. E. J. Watt.

Croesus looks all serene after his exertion at Dannevirke, and he may be ticked off as a probable later on.

EGMONT RACING CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

BIG FIELDS AND FINE RACING.

(From Our Wanganui Correspondent.)

The spring meeting of the Egmont Racing Club was held at Hawera on Thursday and proved an unqualified success. The morning broke cold and wintry, but the sky brightened before noon, and the conditions were almost ideal during the afternoon. The attendance was very large, visitors being present from all parts of the island, and they were treated to some excellent sport, the fields being large and the racing of a most interesting description. The feature of the meeting was the introduction of steeplechase races, which provided splendid sport, and showed the hunters produced in the district up in a most attractive light, the jumping being of a high class. The North Taranaki Hunt Cup Steeplechase proved a remarkably fine contest, and the win of Mr. B. H. Chaney's Kurnalpi was most popular, Mr. Chaney being the deputy-master of the North Taranaki Hunt. The handsome cup donated by the Taranaki Jockey Club was presented to Mr. Chaney in front of the grandstand by Mr. John Gray, vice-president of the Egmont Racing Club, who expressed his pleasure at the success of such a good sportsman and good horse. Most of the same horses competed in the Ladies' Bracelet, which was a chapter of accidents, the winner turning up in the Auckland gelding Tirau, who had a slight advantage of the favourite, King's Park, at the last obstacle, which proved fatal to the latter, Tirau going on to win easily, and thus breaking a spell of bad luck down this way. Mr. J. George won the two open events with Glenroy and Alteration, both of whom were ridden by Hector Gray, and his fine horsemanship was a big factor towards victory in each case. In the Waihi Hack Handicap, Ju Jitsu upset a red hot favourite in Royal Park, and paid a fine price. A feature of the afternoon was the easy win scored by Zola in the Hack Hurdles, though he did not have a very strong field to beat. The son of Sweet Simon took his hurdles in fine style and was much too good for the opposition. He was turned out in capital nick by W. Rayner, who also won a race with Pennon, the English-bred filly putting up a capital performance in the Telegraph Handicap, as she jumped back when the tapes went up and lost considerable ground. However, galloping at a great bat when she got under way, she registered a victory in attractive style, and has only to keep sound to win again soon.

The management of the meeting was first-class, and the secretary (Mr. V. B. Stratton) and his assistant (Mr. F. Spriggins, of Wanganui) are to be congratulated on the smoothness with which the programme was got through. Handicapper H. Coyle was warmly complimented on his good work, while Mr. C. O'Connor, the starter, was very successful in getting his fields away on even terms. The custodian, Mr. Alf. Morse, had the course in excellent order, though the going was rather heavy as a result of the rain of the previous few days. Speculation was very brisk throughout the day, a total of £23,752 being put through the machine. Altogether the meeting was a thoroughly enjoyable one, and it is very gratifying to know that the club scored such a great success over the gathering. There are few clubs in the Dominion where the same hospitality and con-

sideration for the comfort and convenience of visiting sportsmen and the Press is accorded as by the committee and officials of the Egmont Club, and hence it is not surprising that the club's gatherings are so popular with racing men.

For the opening event—the Hunters' Flat—Bollin and Master Webster were withdrawn, eight going to the post, the topweight, Flying Camp, being made a better favourite than Lagan, Larry and Whetoki being the most fancied of the others. Forum and Whetoki led in turn, the last-named having a big break on the others at one stage, but three furlongs from home the favourite ran to the front, and leading into the straight easily held his own in the final stages. Whetoki finished fourth.

Paraoa and Tonukohe were scratched for the Hack Hurdles, leaving ten to fact the starter, Zola being sent out a red-hot favourite, Waioture and Lord Ainslie coming in for most support amongst the others. Huzza and Paparess were the first to become prominent, but Zola soon ran to the front and had a good lead passing the stand. Jumping well, the son of Sweet Simon never gave anything else a chance, and was several lengths ahead at the last hurdle. He easily held his advantage in the run home. Golden Grafton was fourth. Dancastor was going fairly well at the bend in second place, but hit a hurdle hard, losing some ground, and had to be content with third place. If Zola keeps sound he is likely to do well over the small sticks, and should win in better company.

There were eight starters in the Tawhiti Handicap, Robur, Staccato, Cyresian and Gipsy Gem being withdrawn. Rewi Poto and Starengo caused some delay at the barrier, the former being badly left in the end. Royal Chef, on the rails, got away smartly and led into the straight, where H. Gray brought Glenroy along and the Glenapp gelding scored easily for Mr. J. George. The winner was a warm favourite, Royal Chef being next in demand. Starengo finished fourth, and then came Coropett and Notability.

The North Taranaki Hunt Cup Steeplechase was contested by seven, Jacaranda being made a slightly better favourite than Tirau. Kurnalpi and Brown Joe were also well supported. It was a splendid race. Tirau was the first to show out, but Patariki soon took up the running and led until the bend for home, where Brown Joe, Jacaranda and Kurnalpi drew up. The three named were in close company at the last fence, but Kurnalpi made the best jump and coming on full of running won decisively from Brown Joe, with Jacaranda some distance further back. Mac, Patariki and Tirau finished in that order outside of the places.

There were only four starters in the McRae Memorial Handicap, for which Depredation, Paraoa, Gipsy Gem and Jiu Jitsu were scratched. Detroit was the popular pick, Alteration being the most fancied of the others. Meltchikoff raced to the front and at the half distance had a big break on Otter. At the back Detroit made a forward move, and at the bend ran into the lead, being first into the straight. Once heads were turned for home, Gray brought Alteration on the outside, and the son of Elevation went on to win easily.

The fact that H. Gray had the mount on Royal Park caused that gelding to be sent out a very warm favourite for the Waihi Hack, for which a large field started. Zola, Windorah and Glucian were the most fancied of the others. The favourite made a big effort to win, but had to be content with second place, the winner turning up in Jiu Jitsu, on which mare L. Morris rode a fine race. He was lucky to get an opening at the turn on the rails, and shot his mount through cleverly, whereas Royal Park had to go round on the outside. The winner paid a fine price—the best of the day—while Royal Park's backers did not get much more than half their money back.

The Auckland gelding Tirau won the Ladies' Bracelet Steeplechase, for which thirteen started, Flying Camp and King's Park carrying the bulk of the money. The race was a chapter of accidents. White Stockings led for three-quarters of a mile, when he ran into a wing and spoilt the chances of the favourite, Larry and Ngatroness, while others ran off or fell, there being only six left in the race at the end of the first mile. Tirau and King's Park rose to the last jump together, but King's Park toppled over, and Tirau was left to run in an easy winner. D. Burt, the rider of Flying Camp, was badly hurt, and was