

taken to hospital in an unconscious condition.

There were nineteen starters in the concluding event, the Telegraph Handicap, for which Madam Ristori, with H. Gray in the saddle, was sorted out as a good thing, but she did not get into a place. When the barrier went up Pennon jumped back, and she appeared to be in a hopeless position as the others closed in on her. Occasion, on the rails, got going quickly, and led to the bend, where Pennon, having got clear, could be seen to be overhauling the leaders in fine style. She was first into the straight, and raced home an easy winner from Genskus. Pennon is a four-year-old mare by Coriander—Eulogy, and is owned by Mr. G. M. Currie, and trained by W. Rayner. She is very brilliant, but has to be handled very carefully, as she is always more or less sore. She was nicely handled by S. Corlett.

H. Gray, with two wins, was the most successful rider. Others who had winning mounts were L. Morris, J. Roach, S. Corlett, D. Burt, Copestake and Mr. Cloutt.

During the afternoon a number of two-year-olds were sprinted on the course, a chestnut gelding owned by Mr. A. Lile and named Mistian (Winkle—Mistime), showing to most advantage.

The results were:—

HUNTERS' PLAT RACE HANDICAP of 120sovs. Gentlemen riders. One mile and a distance.

- 1—J. Hawkins' ch g Flying Camp, aged, by Campfire—La Milo, 12.10 (Mr. Cloutt) 1
 - 7—A. Reid's b g Forum, 6yrs, 10.7 (Mr. T. Taylor) 2
 - 2—H. Keesing's br g Lagan, 5yrs, 10.12 (Mr. A. Terry) 3
- Also started: 6 Key 10.12 (Mr. W. Crow), 4 Whietoki 10.12 (Mr. N. Short), 5 Anitra 10.7 (Mr. H. Cameron), 8 Formosus 10.7 (Mr. George), 3 Larry 10.7.
- Won easily by a length and a-half. Time, 2min 5 3/5sec.

TONGAHOE HACK HURDLES of 150 sovs. One mile and a-half.

- 1—W. Rayner's br g Zola, 6yrs, by Sweet Simon—Zaida, 10.0 (E. Copestake) 1
 - 10—L. Wemmick's b g Polthogue, 6yrs, 9.0 (W. Ayres) 2
 - 7—T. J. B. Stewart's b g Dancastor, aged, 9.9 (J. Preston) 3
- Also started: 3 Lord Ainslie 10.12 (J. Roach), 8 Golden Grafton 10.0 (Tutcher), 2 Waioata 9.8 (Flynn), 4 Dasher Boy 9.8 (S. Reid), 5 Huzza 9.3 (A. Ward), 9 Papearose 9.2 (Henderson), 6 Welshman 9.0 (L. Coleman).
- Won by six lengths. Time, 2min 5 1/4 sec.

TAWHITI HANDICAP (Open) of 200 sovs. Six furlongs.

- 1—J. George's br g Glenroy, aged, by Glenapp—Vardo, 8.0, inc. 11b over (H. Gray) 1
 - 2—G. Larcom's br g Royal Chef, aged, 7.11 (D. Anderson) 2
 - 3—A. Symes' b g Hyginas, 5yrs, 8.3 (R. Reed) 3
- Also started: 8 Rewi Poto 9.0 (Johnson), 4 Coropett 7.8 (L. Morris), 7 Starengo 7 1/4, inc. 2 1/4lb over (C. Reed), 5 Rajput 6.11 1/2, inc. 16lb over (Corlett), 6 Notability 6.7 (McCormack).
- Won by three lengths. Time, 1min 17 2/5sec.

NORTH TARANAKI HUNT CUP HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE, a cup value 25sovs, presented by the Taranaki J.C., and 200sovs in specie. About three miles.

- 3—B. H. Chaney's b g Kurnalpi, aged, by Daystar—St. Conon mare, 11.4 (D. Burt) 1
 - 4—H. Guyton's br g Brown Joe, aged, 10.13 (S. Reid) 2
 - 1—C. A. Green's b g Jacaranda, aged, 11.8 (J. Preston) 3
- Also started: 2 Tirau 11.8 (Roach), 7 Lady Renown 10.13 (Tilsey), 6 Mac 10.7 (Deerey), 5 Patarkiri 10.7 (Hunt).
- Won by five lengths. Time, 6min 36sec.

MCRAE MEMORIAL (Open) of 250 sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

- 2—J. George's b h Alteration, 5yrs, by Elevation—Eduam, 7.13 (H. Gray) 1
 - 1—G. Wrelling's br g Detroit, aged, 8.12 (R. Reed) 2
 - 3—J. Machell's b g Melchikoff, aged, 8.2 (Schmidt) 3
- Also started: 4 Otter 6.11 (McCormack).
- Won by three lengths. Time, 2min 14 3/5sec.

WAIHI HACK HANDICAP of 130sovs. One mile and 110 yards.

- 7—W. Cleaver's b m Jiu-Jitsu, 6yrs, by Guianforte—Iseult, 7.2 (L. Morris) 1
 - 1—Ogle and Jury's ch g Royal Park, 6yrs, 9.2 (H. Gray) 2
 - 15—J. M. Hurley's gr m Otongo, 7.0 (McDonnell) 3
- Also started: 6 Robur 9.3 (R. Reed), 4 Glucian 7.13 (Henderson), 2 Zela 7.7 (E. Reed), 11 Compel 7.6 (Schmidt), 9 Perfect Day 7.6 (McCormack), 13 Marquetry 7.2 (Henderson), 16 Army Service 7.2 (W. Price), 19 Romance 7.0 (Rowland), 17 Trench Wheel 7.0 (H. Hunt), 3 Windorah 7.0 (O'Shea), 12 Lipton 7.0 (McCarten), 8 Lagan 7.0 (Sinclair), 5 Hallow 7.0 (Brady), 14 Suvia 7.0 (Corlett), 18 Guianform 7.0 (C. Reed), 16 Cammey 7.0 (Ayres).
- Won by two lengths. Time, 1min 55 2/5sec.

LADIES' BRACELET HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE, a bracelet value 20sovs, and 130sovs in specie. About two miles.

- 4—Sefton Bank's ch g Tirau, aged, by Spalpeen—Queenie, 11.1 (J. Roach) 1
- 6—J. O'Donnell's br g Papatere, aged, 10.5 (Tutcher) 2
- 8—L. O'Neill's b g Mac, aged, 10.0 (Henderson) 3

Also started: 1 Flying Camp 11.9 (D. Burt), 3 Jacaranda 11.3 (J. Preston), 2 King's Park 10.13 (S. Reid), 12 Whakamoia 10.0 (Stockman), 11 Jet Black 10.0 (J. Deerey), 13 Glenaron 10.0 (George), 5 Larry 10.0 (Keapa), 10 Neatness 10.0 (A. Ward), 9 Master Webster 10.0 (Flynn), 7 White Stockings 10.0 (Copestake).

Won by two lengths. Time, 4min 15sec.

TELEGRAPH HANDICAP of 125sovs. Five furlongs.

- 2—G. M. Currie's b m Pennon, 4yrs, by Coriander—Eulogy, 8.4 (Corlett) 1
 - 6—P. Thurle's b m Genskus, 5yrs, 7.0 (Bagby) 2
 - 13—R. Brough's blk b White Ranger, 5yrs, 7.8 (McCarten) 3
- Also started: 5 Hawakore 9.8 (Johnson), 7 Staccato 9.5 (Nodder), 1 Madam Ristori 9.0 (Gray), 3 Rajput 8.9 (C. Price), 13 Marquetteur 8.5 (Anderson), 11 Munition 7.10 (W. Price), 8 Melita 7.10 (Ayres), 14 Metallum 7.5 (Rowland), 10 Beauforte 7.4 (C. Reed), 4 Occasion 7.0 (R. Reed), 15 Royal Divorce 7.0 (O'Shea), 16 Totara Jack 7.0 (Sinclair), 17 Torokaha 7.0 (W. Scott), 9 Gloam 7.0 (L. Morris), 18 Sir William 7.0 (McCormack), 12 Trombone 7.0 (McDonnell).
- Won by three lengths. Time, 1min 5sec.

ELLERSLIE ITEMS

During the week plenty of horses have been doing useful tasks at headquarters, and most of them are pretty well forward.

Spanner and Hincamaru have been companions in sprinting tasks, and there is not much between them at the end of their essays.

Canzonet and Thrace had a spin over half a mile on Saturday. Thrace is putting on condition.

St. Diamond jumped four pony hurdles and had Northland to keep him company over the last two.

Mullingar was led by Arch Lassie in a grass sprint.

General Stephens and Declare ran seven furlongs strongly.

Bedford, Independence, Gluterino, St. Francis, Pierrot and Royal Prince worked usefully. The first-named covered a circuit of the inner grass on Tuesday strongly.

Lady Una led the Poplnjay gelding over three furlongs on Saturday, and moved attractively on Tuesday.

Duchess Eudorus put in sound work on the tan alone.

The Finland—Finery colt sprinted nicely over three furlongs with Fabrique.

Carmen Sylva has filled out during the time she was having a spell off.

Tenacious and Bingham are getting through useful toil.

There is plenty of Isingarch, who should be useful when matured.

Billie Burke and Whitehall were companions over three furlongs on Saturday. The former had sweaters on when worked on Saturday.

Gwenette and No Mistake led the King Rufus—Condamine filly over three furlongs on the two-year-old rink.

Colonel Soult sprinted too fast for Vandubie on Saturday, and continues to do nice track work.

Ohaupo and Pre-eminent schooled over the pony hurdles and then took on the bigger ones, Ohaupo falling at one of them. Army also had a fall on the same morning (Saturday).

Gold Plane and Moneta ran three furlongs, the last two fast.

Malaya, who has not been up long, showed more speed than Demoiselle and The Broke over five furlongs on Saturday, but Demoiselle led the pair in a shorter task on Tuesday.

Sanacre registered useful work on the tan.

Pukeatua registered a solid circuit alone.

Comedy Prince covered six furlongs on the grass nicely.

The Soult horse Cordite is in work again. Mossman is another to put in an appearance.

Whitford Belle, Lanisnor and Auldana finished together in a sprint on Saturday. On Tuesday the last-named tired at the end of a circuit.

C. Coleman has the Multifid—Necktie gelding Mountain Gold and a full sister to the hurdler Vestal in hand.

The Penury—Eton Lass gelding Penetron was on the track on Tuesday.

Egmont Park galloped six furlongs strongly on Saturday and again on Tuesday.

Energy, Taiamai, a gelding by Elysian from Miss Nelson and a mare by Penury are in A. Mitchell's hands. The Elysian gelding was schooled over a few hurdles on Tuesday.

Olga Petrova and Magaloire sprinted together, and the Pendil colt in F. Stenner's team worked alone.

Loyal Arch and Penniless were schooled over hurdles on Saturday, the mare going in improved style.

Blue Cross and Comedy Prince were sent five furlongs soundly on the grass.

Miss Leslie and Lady Glen ran a useful circuit on the grass.

The Channel and Ma Copper are working, but are in the rough.

Sir John jumped some of the schooling fences well, and is very fresh.

Calais, ridden by his trainer, and the two-year-old Ariti were each worked.

Newiant, Platoon, Koiwi, Marble Star, Hopye, Cambridge, Prince Charles, Platoon, St. Francis, Lightning, Hautere, Edystone, Don Patch, Reparation, Hessian, Princess Charmring, Phyllona, and Jeweller are some others that worked at Ellerslie during the week.

It is a subject of comment that no Ellerslie or Auckland-trained horses have been nominated for the New Zealand Cup.

"Snowy" Macmanemin was one of the lucky ones on the troopship on which so many lives were lost through an epidemic.

Windorah, Notability, Larry, Melchikoff, Dancastor, Glucian, Dunrobin, Welshman and Totara Jack are back from Egmont.

THE AUSTRALIAN RACING CAMPAIGN.

The Rosehill meeting, held on Saturday near Sydney, stands in the same relation to racing in New South Wales as did the spring meetings at one time held at Hawkesbury, where the Guineas race was regarded as a good try-out for three-year-olds with later engagements. Some good ones of that age were annually seen out while the Hawkesbury Guineas remained on the Calendar. It sometimes acted as a pointer to the winner of the Australian J.C. Derby. The Rosehill Guineas, won on Saturday by Mr. J. Y. Black's colt Woorawa, by the one-time New Zealand-owned imported Charlemagne II. from the Ayr Laddie mare Gaelic Lass, may do so this year. The colt appears to have come at the right end, and beat Mr. T. H. Lowry's colt Finmark and Mr. "J. Baron's" filly Princess Clare, and eight others, including Almoner, who was sixth, in handy style in the good time for the distance and with the weights of 1min. 54sec. There would be one Derby candidate less through the accident suffered by Red Fox. The racing may have a beneficial effect on both Finmark and Almoner. The Derby distance may suit the last-named best. Finmark was thought the best of last year's New Zealand two-year-olds, but we have never regarded any of them as of the same class as were Biplane and Hymestra of the season before. Outlook's second in the Spring Stakes at Rosehill seems to have been almost as impressive as that of the winner of the Rosehill Guineas, though the distance was a furlong shorter. Whether after these races were concluded Gloaming would hold his ground as favourite for the Australian Derby we have yet to learn, but all things considered the performance of Woorawa looks a pretty good one. Kilmoon and Almoner are both owned by Mr. G. L. Stead, and the fact of the former having won the Rosehill Handicap, of a mile and a-quarter, from Thana and Kandos (who are in some of the A.J.C. weight-for-age events) and eighteen other runners, must not be lost sight of, seeing that the son of Kilbroney was amongst those paid up for in the A.J.C. classic race on September 8. Mr. Stead thus has a brace in Almoner and Kilmoon, Mr. T. H. Lowry a brace in Finmark and Killowen, and Mr. Greenwood Gloaming to do battle against Woorawa, Outlook, Princess Clare and other Australians that figured in the list after the first acceptance, when there were 37 all told standing their ground, one of the number being the Hallowmas—Blue Ribbon colt owned by Mr. F. Dorset, of the Wairarapa, who did not send him over.

Biplane is evidently still a source of anxiety to his trainer. He has always been one of the high-metalled sort, and being a thick-winded colt needs plenty of galloping. Last year, just after he arrived in Sydney, he met with an accident through getting too close to a tram car. After one of his gallops with Deeley up he nearly choked. To let him run along his own way, which in the past has been a hard-pulling way, and not just what a trainer could desire, is the way to let him beat himself even when pretty fit, when a distance of ground has to be covered. We saw him when not fit run himself right out and get beaten at the end of seven furlongs by Estland in the Wanganui Guineas, and Estland is inferior in pace beyond doubt. A few days before Biplane was taken to the last Manawatu meeting he bolted with a boy at Riccarton over two miles. McLaughlin, the Australian horseman, shortly after Biplane arrived in Sydney rode him work and was reported to have said that he found no difficulty in holding him. He was not then strung up. A few weeks since the lad who rode him work one morning had him stop with him after going a short gallop, and clearly could not manage him. Bracken, who rode him in the Spring Stakes at the Rosehill meeting, found him a handful and could not do him justice, and Bracken is voted one of the very best of Australian horsemen. Biplane, we are told in a cable, was left a long way behind when the barrier lifted, and though he made his way up on the outside of the field along the back he never had a hope of catching the pacemakers, and "finished near the last horses, probably due to the fact that he was eased up when it was seen to be useless to chase the place-getters."

The "Telegraph" says: "The racing produced several surprises. The defeat of Finmark was bad enough, but worse was to follow—the defeat of Biplane. He was badly left through swinging out sideways when the bar-

rier lifted, and was last to get away. He ran out wide making the turn, but made up sufficient ground at the entrance to the straight to give him a chance. Once in the straight, however, he could make no impression on the leaders, and continued to drop back."

It is quite right to surmise, as the critics present did, that Biplane was not beaten on his merits. It is not, however, suggested by that that Bracken did not do his best to win. Deeley is acknowledged to be one of the most capable horsemen we have. Had he been on Biplane he might not have done any better than the younger horseman did, though he knows the peculiar characteristics of the colt and won each of his races in Australia on him. People who have had no experience of riding themselves are the most severe critics when horses they expect to win fail. They blame the riders and do not seem to realise that some good horses are very hard to handle. We would imagine that Deeley, whose handling of Biplane when that colt was defeated in his first engagement in Australia last season formed the subject of an enquiry, would be pleased that he was not in Bracken's position on Saturday. The incident, together with others referred to, goes to show that Biplane is not an easy horse to handle or train. It is quite evident that his owner and trainer were full of confidence in his ability to win the Spring Stakes at Rosehill on Saturday, with ordinary luck in running. This the colt did not meet with, and against such brilliant opposition in his first race for over five months, the placed horses having raced during the previous fortnight, he would have needed to be a phenomenon to have won in 1min. 40sec. after getting left, and Bracken evidently did the right thing in easing him when he found that his chance was gone.

Finmark's defeat in the Rosehill Guineas is considered due to lack of condition, according to the cable, which says "he was formed to the point to make his own running and weakened in the last furlong." Still he beat nine others. The assumption that he was not quite ready is probably correct, but the time is short to the Randwick meeting and with three furlongs further to go it will take Davis all his time to have him right, though it is just possible that he was beaten really by a horse with more pace and better staying qualifications in Woorawa.

Estland's running should have the effect of doing him good for future events. Some of the best of the horses engaged in the w.f.a. races will probably be at an advantage for having got in a few races in public before the meeting, but from latest accounts Desert Gold is well.

The following are New Zealand-bred horses engaged in other races at the A.J.C. spring meeting after which their names appear:—

First Hurdles: St. Elmn, British Arch, Merrimax.

Trial Stakes: Gloaming, Kilhope, First Rain, New Zealand.

Epsom Handicap: Killowen, Kilhope.

Spring Stakes: Biplane, Arch Marella, Desert Gold, Bunting.

Kensington Handicap: Impediment, Immortel, Briseis, New Zealand, Silent Way.

The Shorts: Lingerie, Kilhope, Killowen, Briseis.

Clibbon Stakes: Gloaming, Kilhope, Killowen, Finmark, New Zealand.

Metropolitan: Estland, Bee, Bunting, Arch Marella, Killowen, Kilhope Decorate.

First Steeplechase: St. Elmn, Tararu Jack, John Bunny.

Squatter Handicap: Immortel, New Zealand, Silent Way.

Second Hurdles: St. Elmn, British Arch, Merrimax.

Craven Plate: Biplane, Estland, Finmark, Desert Gold, Bunting.

Suburban Handicap: Impediment, Immortel, Killowen, Kilhope, Silent Way.

Members' Handicap: Gloaming, Molyneux, Hesitation, Kilhope, Killowen, New Zealand, First Rain.

Gimcrack: Kilbreeze, Demades.

Sydney Handicap: Arch Marella, Immortel, Silent Way, Bunting.

High Weight Handicap: Lingerie, Briseis.

Waverley Handicap: Arch Marella, Bunting.

Dowling Steeplechase: St. Elmn, Tararu Jack, John Bunny.

Grantham Stakes: Gloaming, Molyneux, Hesitation, Kilhope, Killowen, Finmark, New Zealand, First Rain.

Randwick Plate: Biplane, Arch Marella, Estland, Desert Gold, Bunting.

First Handicap: Immortel, Killowen, New Zealand, Silent Way, Bee.