

Ellerslie he ricked his shoulder while out doing exercise, and this necessitated his withdrawal from his northern engagements. On his return to Masterton Vasilkov was gelded, and will not race again until next season. It is indeed hard luck for Mr. Kemball to lose the services of this promising horse without having a race in public, especially as a large figure was paid for the son of Autumnus and Ukraine.

Providing shipping accommodation can be secured, trainer Hawthorne will take Mr. Kemball's team across to Australia at the conclusion of the Wellington meeting. The horses to be shipped at present are Hymestra, Nanna, Snub, Scornful, and Rebuff. Wishful and Gladful will go across later, in time for the jumping season. It is intended to race Snub in long-distance weight-for-age events in the autumn, and later on he will be tried over the hurdles. Several of the above horses have been nominated for the Taranaki and Egmont meetings, and in case of transport difficulties arising they will be taken up to compete, pending fresh arrangements.

**SOUTHLAND.**

**Glenwood's Wairio Cup Victory—The Coming Dispersal Sale at Elderslie Stud—Chaser Precious Metal to be Prepared for Autumn Engagements—Martifors Scores an Overdue Win at Wairio Meeting.**

INVERCARGILL, January 17.

At the time of writing owners and trainers are filling up entry forms in connection with the Dunedin Jockey Club's autumn meeting. Southland will be fully represented in the leading events, but hardly in proportion as far as the minor races go.

The two-year-old Anton is training on for the Dunedin Cup gathering. His shins are fining down again and he appears to be hearty and well.

Wild Night was brought down from Christchurch last week, having been purchased by the local owner, Mr. W. Stone. Sir George Clifford's cast-off did not impress local track watchers, but when produced in the Wairio Cup on Wednesday he ran a much better race than was expected. He met an aged and more experienced horse over the ten furlongs and did well to chase Glenwood home as he did. The Wairio Cup winner, Glenwood, is an aged son of Glenculloch and Miss Collingwood, by Leinster—Miss Moore, by Le Loup—Marjory Moore, by May King (a North Island stallion). He is a hardy little gelding and takes after his mother's side of the house. Leinster, by Albany—Zelica, was a good but very unsound racehorse in this district. He had very few opportunities at the stud, but left several useful gallopers here.

It is reported that the Martian—Two Step yearling colt will be sent away to Wingatui shortly to be broken in and introduced to training duties. He will be under the charge of T. Stiven, Junior, who is building up a reputation as a successful mentor.

The Wairio Jockey Club's meeting, which took place on Wednesday, was held in a district which was heavily hit by the influenza epidemic, consequently it was not as successful as its predecessor of last season from a financial point of view, but it is expected to show a reasonable profit.

The Solferino—Eager Eyes colt is now taking to his saddle duties in a kindly manner. He is to be prepared for juvenile racing next season, and on looks may be expected to gallop. His American-bred dam comes of a family famous for its early gallopers; in fact, her sire, Cesarion, is said to have put up a record in the direction of fathering baby racehorses.

Several southern sportsmen have announced their intention of being present at the dispersal sale of the Elderslie Stud next month with designs on the thoroughbred stock to be offered, and it is to be hoped that they will prove successful in their quest. Now that the stakes in the home province are rapidly growing in value horses of a good class are being brought here to race from northern districts, and if local owners wish to hold their own they will have to get busy to improve the class of their galloping representatives.

Red Tape, winner of the Maiden Plate and Wrey's Bush Welter Handicap at Wairio on Wednesday, is a useful and well-bred animal, being a son of All Red and Portia, by Bill of Portland—Happy Land, by Musket—Atlantis. He has been some time coming to profit, but now appears to be a promising racing proposition. It will be interesting to

see how he fares when he is called upon to race at the Dunedin Cup meeting next month for his Otago owner, Mr. W. Bunten, who has not been too successful with his racehorses for some time past. The All Red gelding is a stout looking horse and just the stamp of animal to develop into a useful hurdler.

The Wairaki Handicap (five furlongs), one of the minor events at the Wairio fixture, was won by Osterman, a three-year-old half brother to Golden King. At present the son of Cronstadt and Fairy Benzie is an indifferent stayer, but can gallop with a fair head of speed on. He is owned by Mr. J. Graham, who also races Golden King, and is trained by P. T. Hogan.

The steeplechaser Precious Metal is being hacked about the roads here at present by the veteran horse-breaker and trainer, G. Easton, and it is evident that he is to be prepared for the autumn cross-country events at Invercargill, Gore, Riverton and Dunedin. He is looking well.

Rorke's Drift is being kept up to the collar on the Southland Racing Club's tracks with a view to a special effort at the Dunedin Cup gathering next month. The Calibre gelding presents a bright and healthy appearance.

After a series of disappointments, the Martian—Bravewater mare Martifors, was returned a winner at Wairio on Wednesday. Her mission was in the Woodland Handicap, and the

quarters at Marton, and the change has apparently done Nobleman a lot of good. He is reported to have run a great trial over a mile and a-quarter, and as a result he is being strongly supported for the big race on Wednesday. At the same time, if Client is at his best on the day and gets a good run he is just as likely to win as Nobleman.

W. Rayner intends to try Zela over the hurdles, and she has been entered in the jumping event at the Taranaki meeting. The daughter of Patronus has been shaping fairly well in her schooling essays, though so far she has not been tried with anything else. She jumps all right, though she dwells a little, but is likely to improve in that respect with a little more experience.

Rayner has just put his three two-year-olds—Golden Bubbles, Farce and Rose Queen—into work again after a spell, necessitated by colds, from which the trio recently suffered. They look very well, though a trifle on the big side as a result of the let up, and it should not be long before they will be back to racing form. Golden Bubbles and Farce have been nominated for the Juvenile Handicap at the Taranaki meeting, but whether or not they will fulfil their engagements depends on the progress they make in the meantime. The chances are that they will not be seen out until the Wanganui meeting comes round.

Pennon was very sore before racing at Feilding in the Stakes, in

but he has so far been disappointing, though he has run two or three good races.

Amythas figures in the Wellington Stakes, and as the two-year-old son of Demosthenes has been galloping well he is likely to run well in whatever he starts.

Moutoa Camp is engaged in the Hrudles and also the Welter at Foxton. The Campfire gelding is owned and trained by F. Tilley, and he has shown that he possesses a fair amount of pace on the flat, while he should jump all right.

H. Rayner has taken Starengo and Carmel Arch to Foxton. They have both been going along well lately, and the former will probably soon get amongst the winners again.

**CANTERBURY.**

**Biplane Indulging in Sprinting Tasks—Kimbolton Re commissioned—Royal Stag and Counterscarp Rejoin Active Brigade.**

CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

The well-known starter Mr. R. E. Harley has acquired a sheep station in the Gisborne district. This will not interfere with his engagements by his several North and South Island clubs.

Punka, who is to take her place in the Wellington Cup field, was to have been given a gallop at Riccarton by herself the morning before she went north. For some reason the Oaks winner absolutely refused to shift until joined by her usual working companion, Winter Cherry. With the latter's assistance Punka registered an attractive effort over six furlongs.

At time of writing Biplane is still at Riccarton being given sprinting tasks. As Desert Gold is on her way back to New Zealand there is little likelihood of the pair ever measuring strides.

Before leaving for Wellington Koesian got through several smart gallops, but he may hardly be forward enough to win the Telegraph Handicap even though favourably weighted.

After being off the tracks for some time Kimbolton has been recommissioned by P. McGrath.

Had Bondage not won the Maiden Plate at Timaru her owner intended to retire her from the tracks.

Jockey C. Emerson is making good progress from his recent mishap, and expects to be riding at the Trentham meeting. Two of his first day mounts will be Kilmoon in the Cup and Moorable in the Ruapehu Handicap.

Two recent additions to the Chokebore active brigade are the juveniles Royal Stag and Counterscarp, both of whom look all the better for their spells.

On his return from Auckland Glen-dower was given a let up, but he is again in active preparation with a view to early autumn engagements. F. Christmas is also slipping the work into Fiery Cross. Though still backward the consistent son of Glenapp should be at his best by the time the C.J.C. Great Autumn Handicap comes round.

Trainer R. Emerson had the bad luck to see three of his team placed second at the South Canterbury meeting. Had C. Emerson's services been available the result may have been different in at least two of the events.

Of the three Canterbury representatives likely to contest the Wellington Cup Kilmoon finds most favour locally. Punka can gallop fast and is improving in stamina, but she is one of the sort that will not always do her best with the colours up.

**LATER.**

**Riccarton-trained Contingent at Trentham—Punka's Wellington Cup Engagement—Fiery Cross Improving Fast—Glendower to Contest Dunedin Cup—Notes on South Canterbury Meeting—Trainer T. H. Gillett Returns From Successful West Coast Campaign.**

(Telegraph—Christchurch Correspondent)

All the Riccarton horses for the Wellington meeting are now at Trentham, and they are a really strong contingent. Locally, Punka finds much favour for the Wellington Cup, in which she will probably be ridden by R. S. Bagby. Though a great galloper when in the humour, the filly does not always race up to form in big fields and wants matters much her own way.

M. Hobbs' pair of two-year-olds, Tortrix and Favourita, are a smart pair of maidens, either of which is likely to pick up a race at Wellington.

R. Emerson will be represented at Trentham by Moorable and Te Sapper, both of whom ran seconds at Timaru last week. They are by no



Mr. S. Hordern's b g ARCH MARELLA (G. Hutchins), 5yrs., by Marble Arch—Seatonella, returning to scale after his victory in the Summer Cup (one mile and five furlongs) at the Australian Jockey Club's holiday meeting at Randwick.

sister to Highwater never left the issue in doubt after the straight was reached, putting down a very hot favourite in Revolution. The first selection had 9.2 to carry over a track seriously affected by heavy rain overnight, hence it was no disgrace that she should have to give way to Martifors, who had only 7.7 to carry. The winner, who is prepared by A. D. McIvor, has improved noticeably as the result of recent racing, and it might be just as well to remember this fact in view of immediate future possibilities.

**WANGANUI.**

**F. Tilley's Team at Trentham—Zela Being Tried Over Hurdles—Rayner's Trio of Juveniles Now in Work—Undecided Turned Out—Zola on Easy List—Local Candidates Engaged at Foxton.**

WANGANUI, Monday.

F. Tilley has taken Client, Acre, Cello and Amythas to Trentham, and should pick up a race or two at the meeting with any luck, as they are all in fine form. Client has been doing good work, and is expected to make a bold bid for victory in the Cup, provided he is handled well.

Acre has been shaping very well lately, and there are not wanting those who look to him to win one of the big sprint events at Trentham.

Marton sports pin their faith to Nobleman in the Wellington Cup. J. Coyle, who trains the son of Sir Laddo, has recently taken up his

which she was just beaten for second place. Since then she has been in rather a bad way, and has done little or nothing. She is engaged in the weight-for-age events at the Egmont meeting, but it is hardly likely she will be a starter, as Rayner will probably not be able to put the necessary work into her. However, he hopes to get her to the post for the Flying at the Wanganui meeting. If the English-bred filly was only sound she would prove one of the most brilliant sprinters in the land, and there is every reason to believe she would stay on all right.

J. Peachey is taking Bold Boy to Foxton. The Sylvanite gelding is looking very well, and has been responsible for some good work. He is an improving sort, and should win a race or two before long for his owner.

Peachey has turned Undecided out, the gelding having failed to do any good in his efforts over the small sticks.

Zola has been given an easy time of it since the Feilding meeting, and will not be raced again until the Wanganui meeting comes round. He has been well taken care of by the handicappers since he won over the small sticks at Hawera, but has run consistently well in each start. It is against him that he does not thrive when away from home, while he is always out to win, which is more than can be said of some of those he has to meet.

Cello is engaged in the Trial Plate at Trentham. The son of Achilles can gallop fast when in the humour,