

means high-class, and will be lucky to score.

Fiery Cross is improving fast, and on Saturday showed brilliancy in a sprint over three furlongs. Evidently Christmas hopes to have his charge ready for the Dunedin meeting, as he has engaged him in the weight-for-age Hazlett Memorial Plate.

Koesian was responsible for several useful gallops before leaving for Wellington, but he can hardly be at his best on such a light preparation. He will be ridden in the Telegraph Handicap by C. Emerson.

Glendower is going on the right way, and on Saturday gave a nice showing over five furlongs. His mission is supposed to be the Dunedin Cup.

Since his return from Auckland Kilrush has done little work. On Saturday he was given a light task, but did not shape well, being sore on pulling up.

John Barleycorn showed something like his true form in winning the chief event at the South Canterbury meeting last week. This marked his first success since going into F. E. Jones' stable, and was very popular. If John Barleycorn can be kept sound there seems every prospect of him picking up a good stake during the autumn.

On their return from the South Canterbury meeting Subterfuge and Pyjama were turned out for a few days' spell. Both will probably be racing again at the Dunedin meeting. In the meantime McComb is putting plenty of work into Bon Spec, who is galloping in improved style.

Mr. G. L. Stead appears to hold a very strong hand in the C.J.C. Midsummer Handicap with Kilmoon, Almoner, and Melee. The last-named did not race up to form at Ellerslie, but should he return to the form he displayed when he won the Amberley Cup there is little doubt he may yet prove useful as a three-year-old.

T. H. Gillett returned home on Saturday night with Tip Up, Achilles, Recorder, Red Pool, Mimic, Merton and Rosevear, after a successful campaign at the West Coast meetings. Altogether he won thirteen races, as well as much place money.

HAWKE'S BAY.

Local Horses Engaged at Trentham This Week—Retard, Hymarty and Fluency All in Good Fettle—San Fran Gelding, Belgium, to be Taken in Hand—Waipukurau J.C.'s General Meeting—Club Contemplate Making Extensive Improvements to Course.

NAPIER, Monday.

Mr. C. E. Twist has been offered a good price for his two-year-old Mosthenes, who is a son of Demosthenes and Dry Wood. The prospective buyer is a Wellington sport, but it is not probable that a deal will be effected, as Mr. Twist is impressed with the idea that at last he has bred a real good one and is anxious that the colt shall carry his own colours.

Retard, who left for Trentham last Monday, has been going on so solidly in his track work of late that it looks an odds-on chance that his trip south will not prove fruitless.

If Hymarty can be prevailed upon to leave the post smartly and run kindly she should be in the fighting line in her engagements at Trentham this week. In private she has proved her ability to go fast, and her recent gallops on the Hastings tracks have been something to ruminate over.

Last Friday morning Ladogeur, Hyttus, Hymarty and Palm Oil were despatched from Hastings for Trentham, and on the same morning Crendides, Hendra, Bagdad and Fluency were railed from Napier for the same destination. The last-named filly, who is a two-year-old full-sister to Athens II., is very speedy, and it will be a case of bad luck, not want of pace, that will prevent her getting into the money at Trentham.

Mr. R. E. Harley has been re-appointed starter to the Waipukurau Jockey Club.

Amongst the local owners who intend being present at the dispersal sale of the Elderslie Stud next month is Mr. G. Hunter, of Porangahau. Mr. Hunter has the English-bred stallion Crown Imperial II, quartered at his breeding establishment. The son of Martagon and Macaroon has several of his first crop of foals in evidence at Porangahau, and they are referred to as very nice samples of the juvenile thoroughbred.

Mr. H. Glazebrook, of Clive, is having put in hand Belgium, who is a six-year-old gelding by San Fran—Walau, and therefore a full-brother to

Jem, San Lass, Ninemanu, and Paramahone, and half-brother to Black Ella the dam of that one-time first-grade performer Te Puia.

A general meeting of the members of the Waipukurau Jockey Club was held at Waipukurau on Tuesday evening, Mr. G. Hunter, M.P., presiding over a large attendance. Mr. G. Hunter was elected chairman for the ensuing year. The statement of receipts and expenditure was laid on the table, and it showed that the club was in a good financial position. The following officers were elected for the year:—President, Mr. G. Hunter, M.P. (re-elected); vice-president, Mr. W. H. Gaisford (re-elected); hon. treasurer, Mr. P. Hunter (re-elected); stewards: Messrs. G. Hunter, M.P., W. H. Gaisford, P. Hunter, H. A. Speedy, J. D. Ormond, G. B. Ashley, A. Johnston, W. Storah, F. Armstrong, T. E. Welch, P. F. Wall, D. McLeod (all re-elected), and Mr. H. R. Peacock, the latter being appointed to fill the position in lieu of Mr. J. C. Parker, who had tendered his resignation owing to his having left the district. Mr. G. Hunter, in thanking the members for his re-election to the position of president of the club, drew attention to the increasing popularity of the club, and said that the accommodation provided for patrons was getting quite inadequate and that it should be a recommendation from the members of the committee that a scheme of improvements be gone into as regards the matter. It was decided to gazette the amended regulations for admission to the course as laid down in a letter received from the Racing Conference on the subject.

At a subsequent meeting of the committee the tender of Messrs. Marett and Fox to work the totalisator at the forthcoming race meeting was accepted. All of the officials who acted last year were re-appointed, with the exception of Mr. T. M. Nutt as clerk of the course, Mr. A. Johnston, jun., being appointed to the position. The programme was drawn up on similar lines to that of last year, the amount allotted for stakes being £1140. Messrs. T. E. Welch, P. F. Wall and R. H. Peacock were appointed a ground committee. It was decided that the recommendation of the general meeting in connection with the increased accommodation for patrons and improvements to the course be given effect to, and that the president be asked to interview Mr. E. S. Luttrell regarding the subject of drawing up designs for the erection of new buildings, the cost of same not to exceed £8000.

THE ELDERSLIE STUD DISPERSAL.

The sale of the Elderslie Stud on February 7 promises to engage a lot of attention if all we hear is correct, and no wonder. There has never been a finer all round lot catalogued to be sold in one stud the property of one owner in New Zealand, and, therefore, such an opportunity has never been presented for breeders and racing men to add to their studs and racing establishments. There is always room at top and while such dispersals are to be regretted for sentimental reasons, the dissemination of valuable strains of blood to different parts of the Dominion should have beneficial results. That there will be buyers from outside the Dominion for some of the lots goes without saying, and it seems inevitable that we must lose some of our stud matrons every time there is an important sale. We hope that in the distribution, Auckland provincial breeders and owners will have something to say. We have already published a few illustrations of some of the gems of the stud, and this week are enabled to find space for more. The mares and foals represented are a very fair sample of what will come before intending buyers. How well they have been done, mares and foals alike, is quite evident from the condition the photos show them to be in. The two exceptionally fine imported sires, Kilbroney and Sunny Lake, are also in the pictorial collection, and we hope that some studmasters in the north may be tempted to become their future owners.

One of Sol Joel's team of horses in South Africa is Debutante, by Greatorex (son of Carbine) from the New Zealand-bred mare San Patricia, by Hotchkiss from St. Evelyn. San Patricia raced in New Zealand for the late Mr. G. G. Stead, and bred Princess Pat, the Oaks winner of 1915 in Johannesburg.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB

SUMMER MEETING.

Mr. McManemin lost no time in getting the weights out for the Takapuna meeting after the Whangarei meeting. They appear in this issue, and the acceptances go in on Friday with Mr. Wynyard. The lists are long to go through, but though in a few instances Mr. McManemin has made liberal allowances to a few beaten horses that ran prominently at Ellerslie, and has in some instances made considerable differences, there is evidence that he has followed form pretty closely in most cases since the first meeting was held this season in the province. Gazique, on form, was the best horse than ran at Avondale, but was feeling the effects of the work he got in trying to fit him for the Auckland meetings, and if they had started a week earlier it would have been better for him. As it was, he finished on in each of his engagements, beginning slow, however. He was given a good chance in the Takapuna Cup when set to meet Uncle Ned on 12lb. better terms than in the Mitchelson Cup, and Tekā 5lb. better. His owner has taken him back to Gisborne, however. In our opinion he was quite the best horse entered at Takapuna for middle-distance racing, and can be said to have been out of luck in not having won larger cheques during his northern campaign. A good race should result for the Takapuna Cup, as improvement can be looked for from some of the lighter-weighted ones than Uncle Ned and Tekā. Rain or a few good waterings would benefit the course. Spanner would be much fancied for the race if he were being worked to run a distance, but is likely to be preferred for the shorter races at the meeting; indeed, has been having an easier time since he scored twice at Ellerslie. This is taken to indicate that he is not likely to figure in the Takapuna Cup. There is no doubt he has gone on the right way since he ran at the Avondale spring meeting, prior to which he had shown the dash over a few furlongs that characterised his two-year-old efforts, though he was not then anything like ready and did not win a race. He finished on at Ellerslie. A great difference has been made in the weights as between Form Up and Uncle Ned. The last-named has 9.4 and Form Up 7.7. In the Mitchelson Cup there was 10lb. between them. In the Christmas Handicap, also won by Uncle Ned, and in which Form Up did not start, the latter was assessed as 8lb. the better of the pair. That was at a mile. Thirty-three pounds seems a big change, made on an assumption, no doubt, that Form Up cannot stay. Whether it is so remains to be seen. Housewife has shown fair staying form. Uncle Ned was set to concede her 1lb. in the Christmas Handicap. They did not meet in the Mitchelson Cup. Housewife has 29lb. from Uncle Ned in this race. All Over may, after racing at Foxton, come up for the meeting, and perhaps run well. Cynic should run well, and Blue Cross, All Talk and perhaps Glenopal, and also Lord Kenilworth if a good boy rides. Athens II. apparently stays, and has not got a bad handicap weight for a Great Northern Guineas winner. As a number of those engaged are in the Stewards' Handicap it is hard to say what owners may decide upon doing. Tinopal has not raced this season. It will be interesting to note whether she still retains her form. Killard should be better now than he was at Ellerslie, and we fancy will run better left-handed than right. Whether the journey will be a bit far is open to consideration. Lady Energy, Windorah, Marble Star, Analogue and Royal Irish are the others engaged, but there is no reason to anticipate danger from that section, though Windorah may be the best. The Stewards' Handicap looks open. Spanner, King Abbey, Talamai, Gold Kip, Lightning and Downham all have friends.

On actual form Llansannor and General Stephen are entitled to give weight to Actrice, Whitehall, Whitford Bell and Rangī Aroha in the Trial Handicap, and this has been recognised by the weight adjuster. In the Calliope Handicap, Canowindra may be better suited at Takapuna than he was at Ellerslie. Princess Charming has figures in her favour, but whether either can beat Hetāua at the weights remains to be seen. The Ferry Handicap presents a conundrum which may be more easily solved when the reduced list is issued,

but Escaped, General Advance, Miss Ellice, Monocrat, Waiatapai and quite a number of those engaged can muster up a bit of pace. There are thirty-three engaged at present. In the Zealandia Handicap there are twenty-eight. Mill o' Gowrie, Rockfield and Gold Kip on one side of the handicap, and Revenue, Hineamaru (who has 14lb. from Cyrisian, who just beat her in the Avondale Guineas at level weights), Slipstitch and Talamai are each nicely treated to reproduce their form, but the race is open, as are the jumping events. The following are the weights:—

TAKAPUNA CUP of 1000sovs. One mile and a-half.

st lb		st lb	
Uncle Ned ..	9 4	Killard ..	7 2
Tekā ..	9 1	Spanner ..	7 2
Gazique ..	8 13	Athens II. ..	7 2
Tinopal ..	8 4	Glenopal ..	7 2
All Over ..	8 4	All Talk ..	7 2
Cynic ..	7 9	Ld. Kenil'orth	7 0
Form Up ..	7 7	Lady Energy	6 7
Royal Irish	7 7	Windorah ..	6 7
Housewife ..	7 3	Marble Star	6 7
Blue Cross	7 2	Analogue ..	6 7

STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 450sovs. Six furlongs.

st lb		st lb	
Gazique ..	9 8	Athens II.	7 6
Uncle Ned ..	9 7	Gold Kip ..	7 4
Rekanul ..	8 12	King Abbey	7 4
Bedford ..	8 9	Mossman ..	7 4
Downham ..	8 3	Cyrisian ..	7 3
Rockfield ..	7 13	Ld. Kenil'orth	7 3
Lightning ..	7 13	Hyllus ..	7 0
Cardrona ..	7 13	Alf. Delaval	6 10
Spanner ..	7 11	Talamai ..	6 7
Ring Lupin	7 9	Hineamaru	6 7
Mdm. Ristori	7 8		

TRIAL HANDICAP of 200sovs. Seven furlongs.

st lb		st lb	
Llansannor	9 0	Whitford	8 2
Gen. Stephen	8 13	Belle ..	8 2
Ohinewairua	8 6	Lady Bunyan	8 2
Actrice ..	8 3	Lady Rouge	8 2
Golden Petal	8 3	Kumara ..	8 0
Whitehall ..	8 3	Mary Bruce	8 0
Isingarch ..	8 3	Rangī Aroha	8 0
Mount. Gold	8 3	Old Gold ..	8 0

CALLIOPE HANDICAP of 300sovs. Five furlongs.

st lb		st lb	
Hetāua ..	9 6	North Loburn	7 7
P. Charleroi	8 12	Emerald Hill	7 7
Canowindra	8 4	Lady Una ..	7 5
No Mistake	7 12	Melting ..	7 4
Pes. Charming	7 11	Dixie Land	7 0
Finkop ..	7 7	Heathermoon	6 13
Navana ..	7 7	Mist. Biddy	6 7

OREWA HURDLES of 250sovs. About one mile and three-quarters.

st lb		st lb	
Loyal Arch	12 2	Tenacious ..	9 8
Master Regel	11 10	Guiding Way	9 8
Thrace ..	11 10	Ore Ore ..	9 0
Otter ..	10 10	Mahzoltov ..	9 0
Whiro ..	10 8	Penniless ..	9 0
Master Lupin	10 8	Seville ..	9 0

HAURAKI HURDLES of 200sovs. One mile and a-half.

st lb		st lb	
Master Lupin	11 2	Peneton ..	9 3
Colonel Sout	11 2	Almadale ..	9 3
Gluterenno	10 2	Swastika ..	9 0
Notability ..	10 2	Goldmount ..	9 0
Pendoo ..	10 0	Signature ..	9 0
Gold. Grafton	9 11	Totara Jack	9 0
Battletide ..	9 10	Lady Lyddite	9 0
Garryowen ..	9 8	Ma Copper ..	9 0
Makarua ..	9 7	Ornheim ..	9 0
Keystone ..	9 7	Froxfield ..	9 0
Multipiane	9 7	Mānukau ..	9 0
Ore Ore ..	9 5		

FERRY HANDICAP of 200sovs. Five furlongs.

st lb		st lb	
Cordite ..	9 0	Redwing ..	8 3
Romance ..	9 0	Cambridge ..	8 3
Escaped ..	9 0	Backfire ..	8 3
Winning Lass	8 11	Froxford ..	8 3
Potaerau ..	8 9	Sea Prince ..	8 3
Newlant ..	8 8	Lady Petain ..	8 3
Gen. Advance	8 8	Miss Ellice	8 3
Ohauupo ..	8 6	Monocrat ..	8 3
Ohinewairua	8 6	Hessian ..	8 3
Elvan ..	8 6	Showers Gold	8 3
Koura ..	8 6	Sans Gene ..	8 3
Actrice ..	8 5	Danseuse ..	8 3
Glen Crispin	8 4	Waiatapai ..	8 3
Flowing Bowl	8 3	Kumara ..	8 3
Formalin ..	8 3	Rangī Aroha	8 3
Golden Petal	8 3	Erinagh ..	8 3
Pretty Bobby	8 3		

ZEALANDIA HANDICAP of 250sovs. Seven furlongs.

st lb		st lb	
Waiuta ..	9 0	Winning Shot	7 10
Cardrona ..	8 9	Fabriqueette	7 10
Rockfield ..	8 9	Hyllus ..	7 9
Mill o' Gowrie	8 9	Bellacitty ..	7 8
Royal Irish	8 6	Alf. Delaval	7 5
Munster ..	8 4	Talamai ..	6 13
Loyal Arch	8 4	Hineamaru	6 13
All Talk ..	8 4	Slipstitch ..	6 13
Athens II. ..	8 2	Revenue ..	6 13
Mdm. Ristori	8 1	Pers. Prince	6 12
Gold Kip ..	8 0	Princ. Lady	6 9
Cyrisian ..	7 13	Penona ..	6 7
Kerone ..	7 11	Lady Glen ..	6 7
Stilts ..	7 11	Step ..	6 7

There were only five runners in the New Year's Gift Handicap, of 300sovs., at Randwick, won by Satin Bird in record time for the course, viz., 1min. 37½sec. Satin Bird carried 8.3, and is a five-year-old horse by Malster. The time shows that the Randwick course is in fast condition, though the winner is a brilliant horse. All the races on the same day were run very brilliantly. Balarang, the aged son of Challenger and Lady Wallace, with 9.12 up, ran six furlongs in 1min. 12½sec.; Mr. E. J. Watt's two-year-old colt Pershore ran five and a-half furlongs, with 7.13, in 1min. 7¾sec.; Wedding Day, a six-year-old, with 7.12, lowered Poitrel's mile and a-half record, covering the distance in 2min. 30½sec., the four-year-old gelding Greg, with 7.0, being beaten a head. Greg was sold at auction after the meeting for 1625 guineas.