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Wanganui Jockey Club's Successful Meeting—Bonny Briar's Attractive Displays—Jutland's Impressive Showing—Bright Prospects for Dannevirke Meeting—Some Fancied Candidates.

WELLINGTON, Monday.

Returned visitors from the Wanganui Jockey Club's meeting, that took place on Thursday and Saturday last, speak of the gathering as being highly successful. With some capital racing and several exciting finishes, the club's handicapper, Mr. H. Coyle, was deservedly complimented on the result of his handiwork, and the fixture will long be remembered as a very enjoyable one to all concerned.

Mr. J. Cameron, who has accepted the position of judge to the Rangitikei Racing Club, has also been appointed to act in a similar capacity to the Feilding Jockey Club. With the increasing patronage that is being accorded him, Mr. Cameron should soon find himself a busy man with the racing clubs in his new capacity.

Mr. A. J. Toxward, of Lady Lucy Lodge, Kairanga, appears to have got hold of a clinking good sort in the English-bred filly Bonny Briar, who put up a distinctly creditable performance at Wanganui on Thursday. The three-year-old was produced in the Juvenile Handicap, run over five furlongs, which she won easily. She was again started later in the afternoon in the Flying Handicap, and after an exciting finish was beaten by a narrow margin by the favourite, Silver Link. To run two such excellent races within the space of an hour and a-half is surely something out of the ordinary, and betokens a

successful career in the future for this promising galloper.

Quite one of the most popular wins at Wanganui on the opening day was that of Rebekah in the Petre Hack Handicap, the daughter of Bezonian scoring in a convincing manner. The three-year-old is owned by Mr. J. J. Corry, Mayor of Blenheim, a pillar of the turf in Marlborough, who was present to see his galloper win. In Rebekah, Mr. Corry has a distinctly promising equine, and one that should carry his colours with some success.

Wellington and district was well represented at Wanganui, but the efforts of the local contingent were nothing to enthuse over, the only ones to get amongst the winners on the opening day being Rebekah and Cooing, while the failures of the remainder, especially Menelaus and Bonnie Maid, were very discomfiting to stay-at-home backers. By the way, Bonnie Maid's prospects in the Cup were considered second to none, and in a conversation with the writer on the morning of the race, the genial medico who owns the mare expressed the opinion that he fully expected her to win the event in question. The Great Northern St. Leger winner was, however, beaten out of a place. Bonnie Maid can be depended upon to make some amends for her defeat in the near future, as she is very well just now.

Jutland, the full brother to Postillion, Square Deal and Foeman, gives every promise of developing into a useful performer. The four-year-old, prior to starting at Wanganui, had only started once, when he won the Maiden Hack Scurry on the concluding day of the Egmont meeting. The black son of Advance should certainly bring some prestige to O. Cox's Hawera establishment.

Mr. J. Goring Johnston, an esteemed resident of Palmerston North, who, by the way, is unfortunately an inmate of a private hospital, was represented at Wanganui by a good-looking sort in Neglige, a two-year-old filly by Hallowmas from Overall, who ran a creditable second to Bonny Briar in the Juvenile Handicap on the opening day. The youngster gives every promise of carrying Mr. Johnston's colours with some success.

Amythas, owned by Mr. F. S. Easton, was one of the disappointments on the opening day at Wanganui. The two-year-old was burdened with a heavy impost, and this may have retarded his progress.

"Mick" Hurley, of Palmerston North, nearly sprang a surprise on his friends at Wanganui on Thursday last with Papanui, who ran third in the Wiritoa Hack Handicap. The brown gelding was a big outsider, and was just headed off by Arrowfield for second place. The son of Papakura is a distinctly promising sort.

Bo-Peep again ran very disappointingly when started in the Flying Handicap at Wanganui. This three-year-old daughter of Bezonian and Shepherdess is not quite so good as some of her friends make her out to be, but she may improve with age.

The acceptances received for the Dannevirke Racing Club's meeting this week are very satisfactory. Quite a number of local sporting enthusiasts are planning a trip to the fixture, and this district should be well represented. Gatherings at Dannevirke are always held in high esteem and the approaching fixture promises to be no exception to the general rule.

F. J. Carmont, at Levin, has Naughty Girl (Nautiform—Waingonoro) fast getting up to concert pitch. This half sister to the once speedy Tangimoana should soon be accounting for some stake money. The three-year-old is down to compete at Dannevirke.

The Wellington owner, Mr. F. O. Weine, will be represented at Dannevirke by the Auckland-bred Arch

Lassie, who is doing nicely under C. Pritchard's care at Trentham.

Dry Up (Demosthenes—Drought) is shortly due for a win. The bay gelding will be found amongst the runners at Dannevirke.

In Simonides, Depredation and Robur the New Plymouth trainer, R. Barlow, has a trio of gallopers that should bring some prestige to his establishment during the next few months.

Stutter, the five-year-old mare by Demosthenes from Tamereri, is fast coming up to concert pitch under J. F. Walker's guidance at Woodville. The galloper named should soon be getting her number hoisted by the judge.

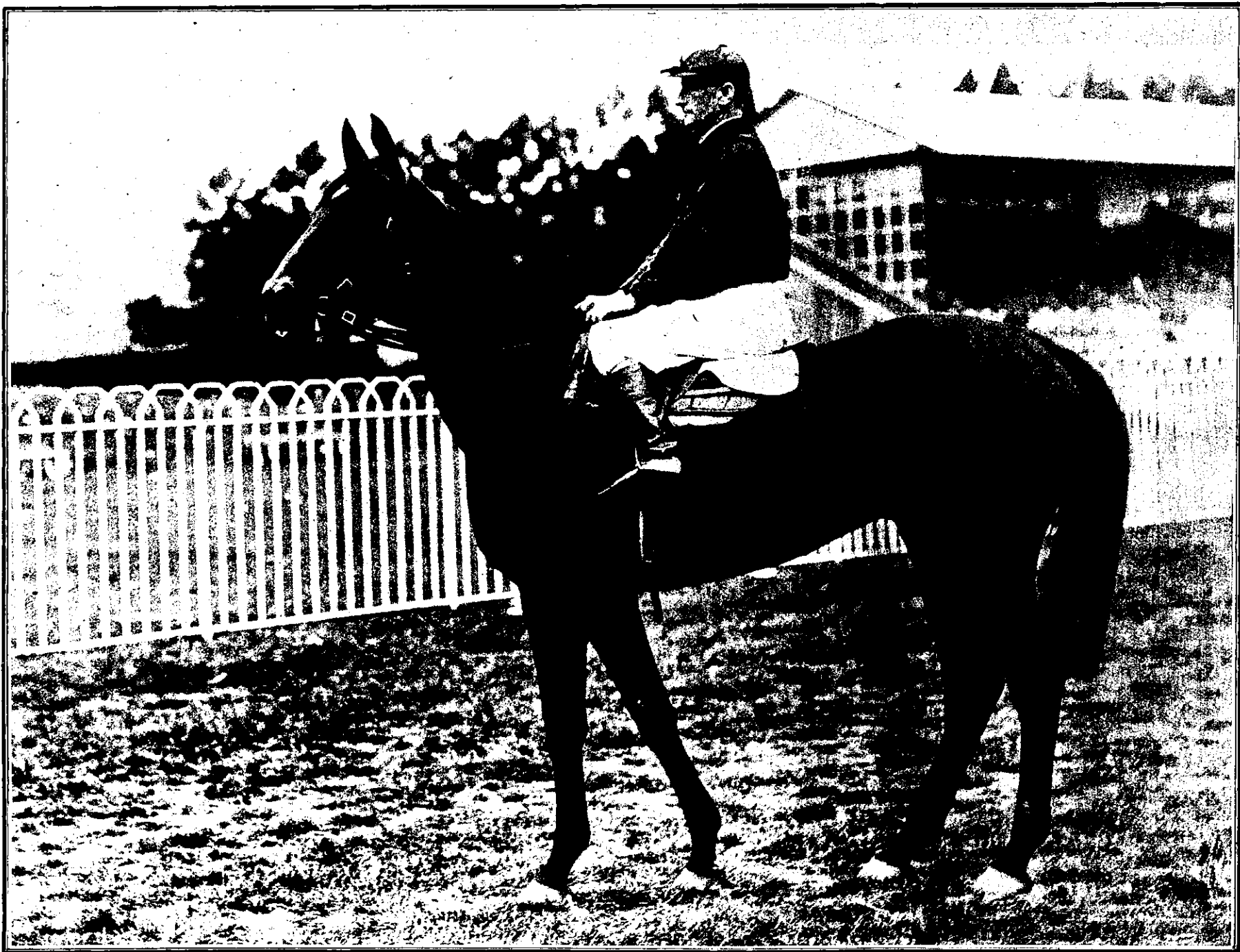
Quite a number of enthusiasts are wondering how Haumakaka is doing. Perhaps Mr. Claude Nelson, of Martinborough, will be able to tell them shortly. It is rumoured that the Achilles—Punawai gelding is being reserved for an important race to be run in the winter.

Birkenvale let his party down badly at Wanganui, and the writer is under the impression that the gelding's win at Hawera was a flash out of the pan. There are a number of enthusiasts who wish that the son of Birkenhead had not competed at Egmont owing to the fact that his success robbed a number of shrewd critics of some woolbrokers' coin, for had Bo-Peep exchanged positions with the winner there would have been something doing.

T. George, at Awapuni, has Volito showing excellent form on the tracks. This five-year-old son of Hymettus—Vega is credited with being capable of carrying his owners' (Messrs. C. R. and F. J. Attfield) colours with some success on the turf. Certainly the horse's prospects for the future are distinctly promising.

Consequent upon his securing several positions to act as judge, Mr. J. Cameron is fast relinquishing the horses trained by him. The latest to leave his stable is Forum, owned jointly by Mr. Alf. Reid, the well-known stock auctioneer, of Hawke's Bay, and Mr. Frank Armstrong, of Akitio, who has been sent to A.

Notable Performers on the New Zealand Turf.—No. 36: RORKE'S DRIFT.



A DUAL DUNEDIN CUP WINNER—MESSRS. F. A. AND V. N. PRICE'S B G RORKE'S DRIFT, AGED, BY CALIBRE—O'RORKE'S FANCY, WHO, A FORTNIGHT AGO, WON THE DUNEDIN CUP (ONE MILE AND A-HALF) FOR THE SECOND TIME, HIS FORMER WIN IN THAT EVENT BEING RECORDED IN 1916. J. OLSEN IN SADDLE. TRAINED BY P. T. HOGAN. Altogether RORKE'S DRIFT has won £6250 in stakes, £4050 of this amount being secured at the Dunedin Jockey Club's meetings at Wingatui.