

tote, and this will no doubt be appreciated by the majority of the public. At the last meeting at Opaki, when the weather was anything but pleasant, a good deal of money was lost to the machine on account of people on the lawn not troubling to go outside in the wet to make their investments.

Although the acceptances for the opening day of the Wairarapa Racing Club's autumn meeting are not very large, good average fields are engaged. Both the top weights, Menelaus and Red Ribbon, have dropped out of the Cup, and Mascot is now at the head with 9.6. Form Up, Bonnie Maid and Mascot look a likely trio. Nystad is top weight in the Wardell Handicap (six furlongs), and as the field is by no means a strong one he may be favourite. J. T. Jamieson's stable has three engaged in the Nursery Handicap (Affectation, Murihiku and Hyades) and the elect on the day should be well supported, along with Ermine, the Wellesley Stakes winner.

Mr. A. Cameron, the well-known Masterton sportsman, informs me that he intends to give up racing at the end of the present month. During the five or six years Mr. Cameron has owned and raced horses he has had a fair share of success, and has always been looked upon as a keen judge of the thoroughbred, and a straight-going sportsman. Among the horses raced were Lady Black, with which several important sprint events were won. Others to carry the black, light green sleeves, gold cap were: Captain Glossop, Ainsdale, Galore, Idyllic, Damien and Belle Noir. Mr. Cameron has given Galore to his trainer, T. Pritchard, and has leased Damien to a Taranaki sportsman. Lady Black is to race at the Wairarapa and Masterton meetings, and will then probably be either disposed of or kept for breeding purposes. Several young horses are at present running out on Mr. Cameron's property, among them being a full relation to Damien. Another youngster in which this sportsman had great hopes was a colt by Wolawa, which unfortunately could not fulfil his classic engagements through having received an injury to his leg, from which he has never really recovered. During Mr. Cameron's term as owner his horses have been trained by T. Pritchard at Opaki, and this mentor is to be complimented on the manner in which the horses have been sent to the post.

CANTERBURY.

Forthcoming Meetings Claiming Attention of Trainers—Fiery Cross Meets With Mishap—Almoner Getting Through Satisfactory Preparation—Tip-up and Kaminohe Display Promise Over Hurdles—Gloaming a Likely Starter in Trentham Gold Cup—M. Hobbs' Two-year-olds in Steady Work—Gamecock's Waimate Cup Engagement.

CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

There are several meetings coming up for decision shortly, including those of the Waimate Racing Club, Ashburton Racing Club and Hororata Racing Club, which are engaging the attention of Riccarton trainers. Consequently a good few horses are in regular attendance on the tracks.

When doing a gallop with Glendower a few mornings ago Fiery Cross struck himself rather badly. On pulling up he was decidedly lame, but his trainer made light of the injury. Unfortunately the damage turned out to be much more severe than was anticipated, and it is quite likely that it will lead to the veteran's retirement for the rest of the season.

Glendower is galloping attractively at present, and can hardly fail to land a good stake before the season closes.

The Canterbury Jockey Club has decided to again extend its Grand National meeting over three days. It is understood that when the programme appears it will be found to provide for a substantial increase in prize money.

At Yaldhurst, Almoner is getting through a satisfactory preparation in view of autumn engagements. Though he has not so far fulfilled two-year-old promise, the son of Boniform is expected to give a good account of himself in the Great Autumn Handicap. Surveyor, in the same stable, has not done much since racing at Wellington, but he will be quite at his best by the time the Champagne Stakes and Challenge Stakes come round.

Two recruits to the jumping business in Tip-up and Kaminohe con-

tinue to get through satisfactory schooling tasks and both are down to make their racing debuts at Ashburton. The former is a fine stamp for the business, and promises to make good.

Mason is keeping Gloaming, Afterglow and other members of his team in steady work. The first-named may be a starter in the Trentham Gold Cup, and another meeting between he and Desert Gold would be of great interest.

M. Hobbs is working his two-year-olds, Tortrix, Flight-Commander and Sans Souci, and the first-named gives the most promise. He is also keeping Punka going in view of autumn engagements.

The Canterbury Jockey Club has decided to start operations on each day of its autumn meeting at 11.30 a.m.

A number of Riccarton-trained horses will be racing at Waimate on Thursday next, but the fields do not come up to expectations. If Gamecock can be induced to do his best the Waimate Cup should not be beyond him. He has been galloping very freely on the tracks, but so far has not been thoroughly tried out over a mile and a-quarter.

Though Winter Cherry's name figures amongst the acceptors for the Waimate Cup, she will not be a competitor, as at present she is running out in the paddock.

Pyjama will have to put up 10lb. penalty in both his races at Waimate, as a result of his success at at Akaroa Racing Club's meeting.

as the son of Linacre is running on better than formerly at the end of his races, though he does not begin so well. That he would run out a fast mile is a view confidently expressed by some of those who ought to know most about him, and it would therefore come as no surprise to see him amongst the starters in the Thompson Handicap.

W. Rayner is giving Zola work which suggests that the son of Sweet Simon will be a starter in the Rangitikei Cup, in which, if he gets in at a nice weight, he should run a good race, as he appears to be as well as ever he was.

Golden Bubble will not be raced again until Easter and consequently is being allowed to take things steadily. He is looking well, and is likely to make continued progress. He promises to develop into a fine three-year-old, the only fault to be found with him at present being that he is a little loose behind. However, he is being given every chance to furnish on proper lines, and it is to be hoped that he will go on all right, as it would be very pleasing to see Mr. G. M. Currie carry off some of the classic events next season, both for his own and also his trainer's (W. Rayner) sake.

The annual meeting of the Opunake Racing Club will be held on Monday next, and though the acceptances are not yet known, it is safe to say good fields will be seen out, and the sport should be of a most interesting description. With Henry Clay (9.0), Alteration (8.9), Paraoa (8.7), Dingle

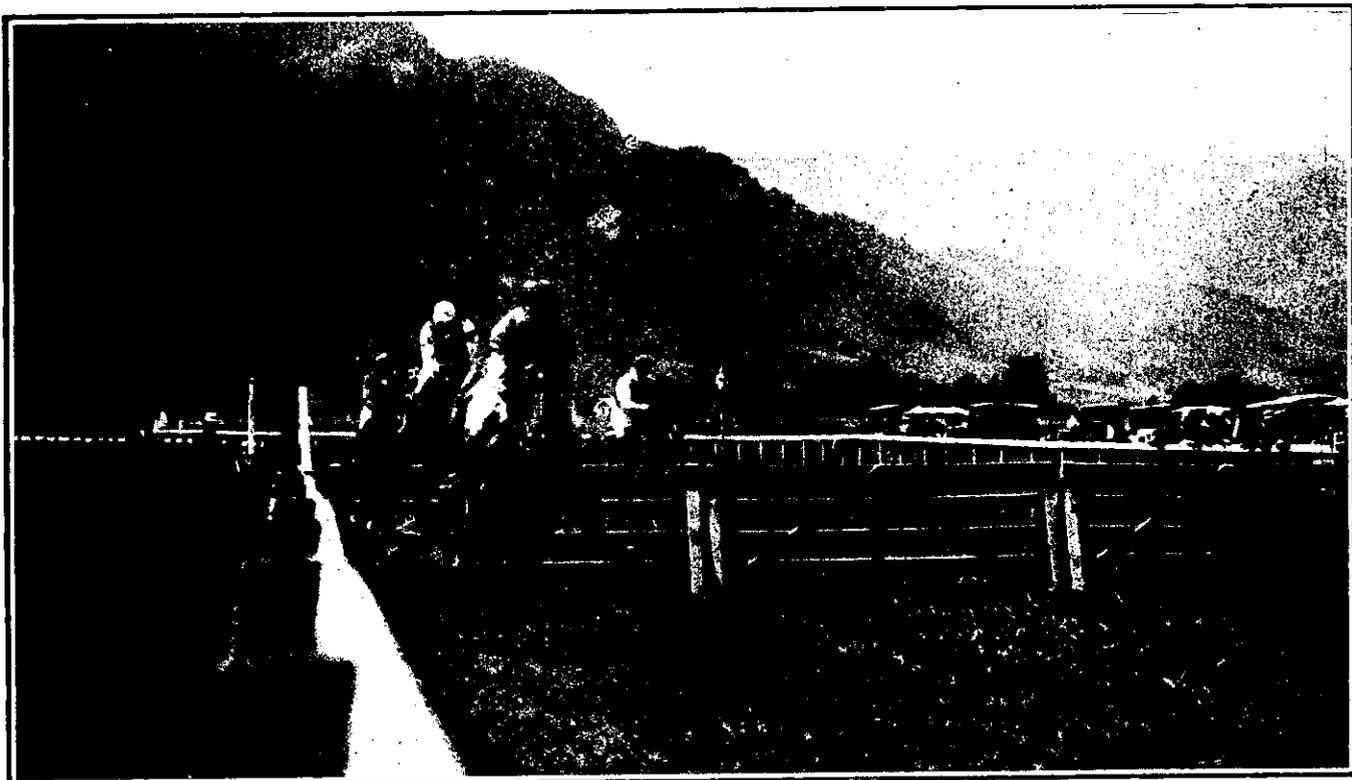
SOUTHLAND.

Dry Weather Affecting Tracks—Hardness Felt by Jumping Division—Brookdale Joins G. McLean's String—P. T. Hogan's Team of Jumpers Being Steadily Augmented—Formidable String of Flat Racers Also in Commission at Rorke's Drift Lodge—Zarkoma in Work at Winton—Dunedin J.C.'s June Meeting—Death of Popular Secretary of Gore Racing and Trotting Clubs.

INVERCARGILL, March 6.

An unbroken spell of perfect weather has prevailed during the past week, with the result that our tracks are becoming hard. Southland does not lend itself to dry periods for long before the ground becomes all too firm, but if trainers are displaying anxiety, not so the agriculturist, who is preparing to celebrate a very bountiful grain harvest. Those who have jumpers under their care have to be sympathised with, however, as the southern cross-country season opens within three weeks, and seasoned and green steeplechasers alike are going to feel the prevailing unyielding galloping surface.

The local crack Rorke's Drift is working along steadily, and it is now almost certain that the Calibre gelding will be nominated for the Great Autumn Handicap, but it is just possible that his owner will prefer to see him race down the long straight in the Riverton Cup on Easter Monday.



NEGOTIATING THE OBSTACLE IN THE STRAIGHT THE FIRST TIME IN THE RUAKAKA HURDLES (1 1/2 MILES) ON THE OPENING DAY OF THE TE AROHA JOCKEY CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING.—GLUTER-RENO (Warner) has charge from MAHZOLTOV (Roach) and CALAIS (Preston).

WANGANUI.

Bayberry in Commission Again—Client Probable Starter in Feilding Cup—Jutland Bowling Along Well—Fancied Candidates for the Opunake Meeting—Promising Prospects for Rangitikei Racing Club's Gathering.

WANGANUI, Monday.

F. Tilley has put Bayberry into work again, the son of Bayardo having been gelded since he raced last. It is a pity such a well-bred horse had to be operated upon, as he might have made his mark at the stud later on. However, he ought to do well on the racing track when he is in form, as he looks like one that should have pace and be able to stay.

It is more than likely that Client will be a starter in the Feilding Cup, as he is quite all right after his racing here. In any case, he is fairly sure to be taken over for the Hawke's Bay meeting in May.

Stay-at-home backers had fair wins over Rebekah at Nelson, the fine form she showed here causing her to be well backed, though the dividend returned on each occasion was on the small side.

Jutland is reported to be bowling along well at Hawera, and the son of Advance should be at his best when stripped for the Scott Memorial Race at Bulls. There are not wanting those who fancy the brother to Postillion will prove one of the best sprinters, and his appearance in open company is being awaited with much interest by many.

Acre may be seen out at Feilding, but a race that ought to suit him would be the Thompson Handicap,

(8.6) and several others engaged in the Cup a fine race should be witnessed. Bingham (7.6) is one that is likely to keep the top weights very busy, if he runs up to his best track form. If Vance starts in the Electric Handicap she might have better luck than she had at Danneyrke and Feilding, at both of which places she acted as runner-up. She is going along well on the track. She is also engaged in the Farewell, in which Some Boy, on the same mark (8.9), reads well. Rawakore is in good fettle just now, and with 8.2 is sure to find support for the St. Patrick's Handicap. Inah (9.9) is not overweighted in the company.

The Rangitikei Racing Club's meeting on the 26th and 27th inst. is likely to attract a record attendance, as the racing promises to be the finest ever seen at Bulls. The weights are not due until Saturday next, but Mr. J. E. Henrys can be depended upon to do his work in a manner that will lead to good acceptances. Mr. H. A. Goodall, the courteous and obliging secretary, is very busy making the necessary arrangements. He reports that all the indications point to the gathering being a record success. The track is in capital order, and as the horses engaged include many good performers the racing is expected to be full of interest. With Rewi Poto, Depredation, All Over, Rose Pink, Nobleman, Multicipal, Rude, Arrowfield and other good ones engaged the Cup race is likely to be the finest yet seen on the course, while the other events will all be contested by capital fields, and excellent sport is assured.

The sturdy gelding Brookdale has joined G. McLean's team again after being tried out over big country in private in the Western District. The son of Pallas and Bealey is to be prepared for steeplechasing and will probably be schooled on the Southland R.C.'s property within the next few days.

P. T. Hogan is gathering a jumping team together at Rorke's Drift Lodge, where the seasoned racers between the flags, Palladio and Silver-spire are already in commission, with a novice gelding by Glenapp to presently keep them company, while Calma is the experienced hurdle racer who will lead Glenshine (Glenculloch—Minaret) in his schooling essays. Hogan's flat-racing team includes: Rorke's Drift, Golden King, Redshire, Tin Soldier, Eleus, Flag Lieutenant, Fleetham, Bengeroop, and one or two lesser lights. The steeplechase riders J. McChesney and G. Fielding, who have just returned from war service in Europe, have joined Hogan's establishment, where W. Robinson and apprentice I. Tilson are also located and have proved capable of riding over big country.

The steeplechaser Zarkoma is in work at Winton, where he will have to play a lone hand, as there are no other capable jumpers in that locality to go schooling with.

H. G. Coker is busy with Cattach and Bontave, a four-year-old gelding by Bonny Glen—Octave, but both will require careful handling to get them into the best of racing shape. It is said that it was found impossible to build Bontave up while at Riccarton, but this cannot be claimed now, as he has put on weight since he joined Coker's stable.