

become very firm, and all galloping had to be done on the plough. Trainers with steeplechasers in hand for engagements at Invercargill, Gore, and Riverton had just made a long-deferred start to school their charges when the rain arrived and was eagerly welcomed.

The Southland Racing Club's secretary, Mr. W. A. Saunders, is to fill the gap left by the death of Mr. John Latham. The local expert—he can with truth be placed as such—is to carry the Gore Racing Club and Gore Trotting Club over their respective meetings, after which a new appointment will be made to the positions held by the deceased gentleman.

The rising two-year-old colt by Martian—Two Step, owned by Mr. W. Stone, was brought back to Invercargill from Wingatui last week. During his stay at the headquarters of the Dunedin Jockey Club the youngster was handled, ridden, and added to the list. He will be wintered here by his owner, who does good work and gets a lot of amusement out of the home management of at least one young equine during the off season. The Martian juvenile will probably carry a lady during his daily trips out into the world, and, if so, he will benefit by the control of a pair of hands which have steered quite a number of local thoroughbreds gently along the paths of learning.

The Riverton mentor, A. D. McIvor, has engaged accommodation here for nine horses for the Southland Racing Club's autumn fixture, including: Burrangong, Kilmeedy, Marching Order, Highwater, Martifors, Buller, Red Admiral, Gunrest and Cannot.

It was originally intended to take Eleus, Golden King and Calma to the Ashburton Jockey Club's autumn meeting, but the proposal is now in abeyance, as one of the owners concerned is absent from home, and has yet to notify his desires in the matter. Golden King has been standing up well to his work since his return from Oamaru, and Eleus and Calma are undoubtedly in excellent racing shape.

The first foal of the Auckland-bred mare, Directoire, has made his appearance on the Southland tracks, in the shape of a rising three-year-old gelding. The son of Danube is a well-grown, sturdy youngster, and if Directoire is going to produce more of his kind she will prove a very valuable mare to Mr. W. T. Hazlett. The gelding referred to will presently be followed to the training stable presided over by W. Gardiner by a half sister, a filly by the Elderslie Stud stallion, Kilbroney. Of Mr. Hazlett's horses in active commission, Dorian is picking up slowly after his collision in a gallop prior to the Dunedin Cup meeting, but Mazama has never looked back since his visit to Wingatui. The black gelding is due to win a race in the near future, if he can substantiate his track form with the colours up.

P. T. Hogan has 18 horses in work, of whom 13 have been engaged at the Southland Racing Club's meeting next week, at least one in each race on the programme, with the exception of the four light harness events. Entering up his string was a complicated matter, with the result that Hogan lost sight of Redshire altogether, and the Downshire gelding was missed from the list for the Disposal Stakes, an event for which he was specially designed—he is getting into the sere and yellow class.

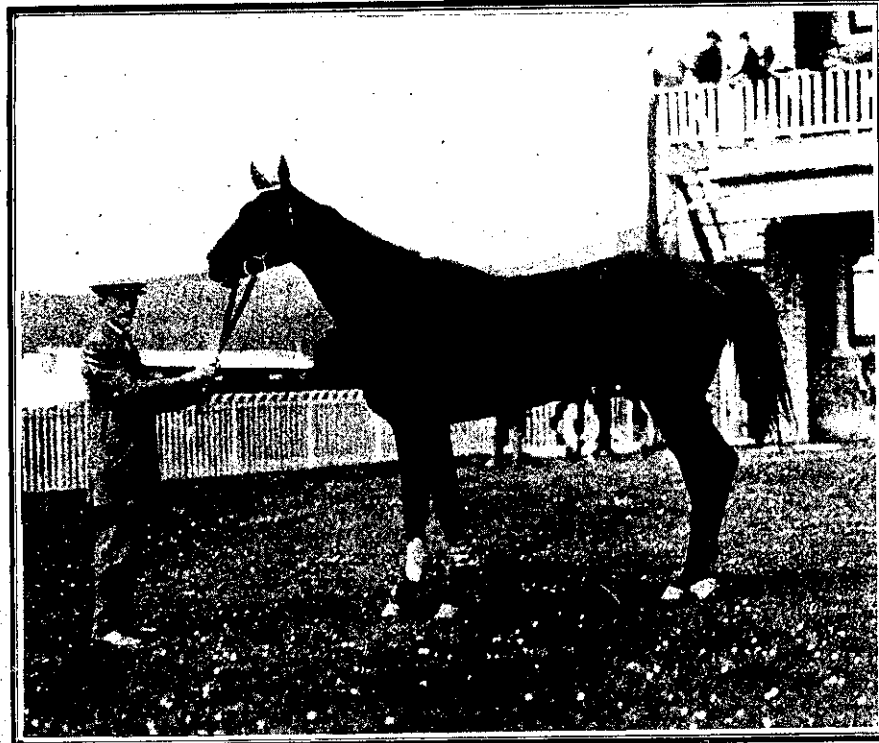
The total entries for the Southland Racing Club's autumn gathering created satisfaction in point of numbers, but very few horses were named from Canterbury. Of the 12 contestants in the Southland Cup, 10 are owned in the home province, while Glendower comes from Canterbury and Royal Star is prepared in Otago for a Canterbury owner.

P. Hogan has been schooling Palladio, Silverspire, Dardanelles, Dalton and several novices of late over big country, with the assistance of jockeys G. Feilding, J. McChesny and I. Tilson (apprentice), and the first-named pair will probably be heard from at the Southland Racing Club's meeting. As a matter of fact Silverspire appears to be a more seasoned horse this year than at any previous period of his career. Hogan is also preparing several horses for hurdle-racing, with Calma to serve as a trying-out standard. Glenshine, by Glenculloch—Minaret, should be ready to make his debut over the battens when the Dunedin Jockey Club's winter fixture takes place in June.

As soon as the local meeting concludes, a start will probably be made

to alter the Southland competition track, which will be extended and improved at several of the turns to a considerable extent.

The programme for the Dunedin Jockey Club's winter gathering early in June is meeting with whole-hearted approval in the south, particularly where the fancy of owners and trainers leans to the encouragement of the racing jumper. The Otago Steeplechase, 1000sovs (three miles), is well worth consideration, while the Wingatui Steeplechase, 400 sovs (two miles and a-half) and Dunedin Steeplechase 500sovs (two miles and a-half) should serve to attract widespread attention. The Otago Hurdles, 500sovs (two miles), Victoria Hurdles, 300sovs (one mile and a-half), Trial Hurdles, 200sovs (one mile and a-half), and Jumpers' Flat Race, 200sovs, read well for competitors over the lesser obstacles. The Birthday Handicap, 500sovs (one mile and a-half), is the most valuable flat race, but the gallopers have been well provided for throughout.



Mr. W. B. Clarkson's b g VASCULAR, aged, by Vasco—Pellicle, a consistent South Island hurdler, who has raced with considerable success this season.

OHINEMURI JOCKEY CLUB.

SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL MEETING.

ROYAL IRISH WINS CUP.

The first of the Goldfields meetings this season was that of the Ohinemuri Jockey Club, which commenced on Saturday, the Thames Jockey Club's meeting having been put off from Boxing Day until next week. A heavy tax has been imposed from week to week upon the resources of racegoers, covering a period of six weeks, and the expenses of travelling have been somewhat heavier than usual, but still a lot of people flocked to Paeroa by trains and by steamers to assist. There was a very fair attendance, and there would no doubt have been more speculation had not a couple of large pools been secured in big dividends by a comparatively few speculators. The totalisator investments were, however, very good considering all things, and on the opening day reached to nearly as much as at the one-day meeting last year, the figures being £24,314 10s. as against £24,511.

Mahzoltov and Tenacious were almost evenly supported for the Handicap Hurdles, Orpheum being the only other supported with any spirit, and this mare made a very good showing, causing Tenacious to produce the best of which he was capable for the greater part of the way, but Mahzoltov fell and was thus put out of court. Golden Petal, just taken from the flat ranks shaped fairly well, and his turn may come before very long. Lady Lyddite and Plenipotent were in the lead for part of the way, but eventually finished outside the places.

There were twenty-one runners for the Maiden Handicap, Active, the Boniform—Effort three-year-old gelding being made favourite, Bridgie and Canzonet receiving more support than any of the others. Active got well out of the barrier and so had nothing to complain of on that score, but Elyan, a big outsider, also moved off well, and his light weight and year advantage in age enabled him to worry the visitor down, while Bridgie, who was not so well served at the start as either, finished two lengths

off, third. Cordite was one of those close up. A dividend of over half a century was paid.

Then came the Netherton Welter, Glenopal being more fancied than Pockfield, who came in the straight and cut down the outsider Don't, Fabrique and Corregidor being the next to finish. Gray, who was on Active, also had the mount on Rockfield. He was also on Philomela, the favourite in the Karangahake Handicap, but this filly had no chance with Caballero, who, after cutting down Shining Light, won by a neck. Mr. Graham's Spalpeen gelding paid a fair dividend, as he has done on previous occasions. Shining Light also paid a fine price.

The Ohinemuri Cup followed, Mangamahoe carrying more money than Uncle Ned, Housewife being third in demand. This mare was left at the post owing to her unruly habits. Uncle Ned led with Glucian for some distance, but over the business end Royal Irish was not to be denied, and ran home a winner by a

7.9 (C. Brown), 19 Slow Coach 7.11 (Ferguson), 17 Koura 6.12 (Hamilton), 20 Warhop 7.10 (Burgess), 15 Erinagh 7.13 (Carmont), 8 Sans Gene 7.2 (Husband), 19 Tuipa 6.11 (Downing), 10 Escapement 8.6 (Rennie), 16 Merry Nell 7.6 (Cotter), 12 Mottie Rose 7.0 (Harvey).

Won by a neck, two lengths separating second and third. Cordite was fourth. Time, 1min 3 1-5sec.

NETHERTON WELTER of 160sovs. About seven furlongs.

2—Hon. E. Allison's ch g Rockfield, 5yrs, by Moniform—Golden Rose, 9.8 (Gray) 1
9—J. Hanks' b m Don't, aged, 8.4 (H. Goldfinch) 2
6—Mr. Brentnall's b m Fabrique, 6yrs, 8.4 (W. Ryan) 3
Also started: 10 Hyllus 11.10 (Tutchen), 1 Glenopal 10.0 (Robinson), 4 Corregidor 8.8, inc. 5lb allow. (O'Shea), 5 Revenue 8.2 (Husband), 8 Royal Prince 8.1 (Bagby), 11 Silver Lupin 8.2½, inc. 2½lb over (Greenwood), 3 Nunerrant 8.0 (McFlinn), 7 Silver Pine 8.0 (C. Reed).

Won by a neck, two lengths between second and third. Corregidor was fourth. Time, 1min 27 3-5sec.

KARANGAHAKE HANDICAP of 200 sovs. Five furlongs.

4—J. Graham's ch g Caballero, 5yrs, by Spalpeen—Katomere, 8.0 (M. O'Shea) 1
7—J. H. Edwards' b g Shining Light, 3yrs, 7.0 (Smith) 2
1—W. E. Herbert's ch f Philomela, 3yrs, 7.13 (Gray) 3
Also started: 3 Ring Lupin 8.0 (McFlinn), 2 Bellacity 7.9 (Bagby), 5 Miss Ellice 7.0 (Husband), 6 Cambridge 7.0 (Downing).

Won by a neck. Bellacity was fourth. Time, 1min 2 1-5sec.

OHINEMURI CUP of 500sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

9—J. Williamson's blk g Royal Irish, aged, by Soult—Astora, 7.2 (Hamilton) 1
6—W. Colebourne's b g Blue Cross, 5yrs, 7.0 (M. O'Shea) 2
1—R. Hannon's br g Mangamahoe, aged, 8.1 (Cotter) 3
Also started: 2 Uncle Ned 9.4 (Gray), 4 Killard 8.7 (McFlinn), 5 All Talk 8.5 (Ryan), 3 Housewife 7.6 (Bagby), 7 Waita 7.5 (C. Reed), 8 Lady Energy 7.3 (R. E. Brown), 10 Glucian 7.0 (Smith).

Housewife was left at the post. Won by a length and a-half, two lengths between second and third. Uncle Ned was fourth. Time, 2min 9 2-5sec.

KOMATA HACK HANDICAP of 150 sovs. Six furlongs.

1—J. Twohill's b g Escaped, 3yrs, by General Latour—Clare, 7.13 (R. Brown) 1
4—S. G. Lindsay's b m Debutante, 5yrs, 8.5 (McFlinn) 2
9—W. C. Morgan's br g Earl Marshal, aged, 7.0 (Cotter) 3
Also started: 2 Penona 8.8 (Goldfinch), 3 Whitehall 8.0 (Bagby), 6 Downcastle 7.9 (Cotter), 8 Firespark 7.7 (C. Reed), 7 Tam-a-roa 7.0 (Manson), 5 Elate 7.0 (M. O'Shea), 10 Persian King 7.0 (Husband).

Won by a length and a-half. Whitehall was fourth. Time, 1min 17 3-5sec.

PAEROA STEEPLECHASE of 140sovs. About two miles and a-half.

2—E. J. Rae's b g Tenacious, aged, by Gluten—Lady Lila, 10.2 (E. Rae) 1
3—W. Woods' ch g Golden Glow, aged, 10.5 (Tutchen) 2
5—A. R. Barton's gr g Grey Star, aged, 9.7 (Ross) 3
Also started: 1 The Channel 11.2 (E. Warner), 4 Almadale 9.7 (Henderson).
The Channel fell. Tenacious won easily. Almadale was fourth. Time, 5min 16sec.

ST. PATRICK'S HANDICAP of 250 sovs. Six furlongs.

2—R. Montgomery's b g Mossman, aged, by Vasco—Mosca, 7.11 (A. McFlinn) 1
3—Simon Bros.' br g Royal Chef, aged, 7.9 (M. O'Shea) 2
1—W. J. Irwin's ch m Ohnewairua, aged, 8.9 (Gray) 3
7—J. C. Lambess' b m Lightning, 5yrs, 8.0 (Manson) 4
Also started: 4 Rekanui 8.9 (Rennie), 5 Lord Kenilworth 7.3 (Bagby), 6 Kereone 7.3 (C. Reed).
Won easily.

CONCLUDING DAY.

ROCKFIELD WINS PAEROA HANDICAP.

The weather was all that could be desired on Monday for the concluding day of the gathering, and a large holiday crowd found their way to the course, the special train from Auckland bringing a large contingent of visitors to the meeting. Some splendid racing was provided, good fields being seen out in the various events. Mr. A. W. Gordon, stipendiary steward, was present, and several matters claimed his attention during the afternoon, though none were of a serious nature. Mr. H. R. Bush acted as judge, and his prompt and accurate decisions were never questioned. Mr. C. O'Connor got his fields away in good style, his starting throughout both days being of a high standard. Mr. H. Poland, the courteous secretary, did everything in his power to add to the comfort and enjoyment of visitors, and his management of the gathering generally was the subject of much favourable comment.

The totalisator returns for the afternoon amounted to £26,745, making a total for the two days of £51,068 10s.

Tenacious and Golden Petal were the only withdrawals from the Second Handicap Hurdles, ten taking their positions at the barrier. Of this number, only half a dozen completed

length from Blue Cross, another outside-priced one, Mangamahoe being placed third and Uncle Ned fourth, with All Talk and Waita in order. A dividend of nearly a third of a century was returned. The stake was one of the best Royal Irish has won.

The Komata Handicap was selected as good for Mr. Twohill's Escaped, and the son of General Latour won comfortably from Debutante, Earl Marshal, Whitehall and six others. Penona, the second favourite, being one of them.

The Channel was selected to win the Paeroa Steeplechase by the majority of backers, but though he led to the last fence, where he fell, it may have been on sufferance, as Tenacious, in receipt of plenty of weight, was almost on terms and staying on. Golden Glow and Grey Star came in at long intervals, as also Armidale, the other starter.

Mossman, who won the St. Patrick's Handicap, was backed very strongly to accomplish the feat a second time, and succeeded. Royal Chef, the third favourite, also managed to beat Ohnewairua, the favourite, who dead-heated with Lightning for third place, Rekanui, Lord Kenilworth and Kereone being the other starters. Mossman won comfortably.

The results were:—

HANDICAP HURDLES of 150sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

2—E. J. Rae's b g Tenacious, aged, by Gluten—Lady Lila, 11.0 (E. Rae) 1
3—D. Forest's br m Orpheum, aged, 9.0 (Erickson) 2
6—Hon. E. W. Allison's ch g Golden Petal, aged, 9.0 (Henderson) 3
Also started: 1 Mahzoltov 10.6 (J. Roach), 4 Plenipotent 9.6 (Scott), Lady Lyddite 9.4 (Keepa), 7 Keystone 9.2 (Chaplin), 5 Signature 9.8½, inc. 8½lb over (Tutchen), 9 Calais 9.2½, inc. 2½lb over (McRandall).

Won by a length and a-half. Lady Lyddite was fourth. Time, 3min 23sec.

MAIDEN HANDICAP of 150sovs. Five furlongs.

14—J. Duffy's b g Elyan, 4yrs, by Elysian—Elizabeth, 7.4 (C. Reed) 1
1—W. E. Herbert's ch g Active, 3yrs, 9.0 (Gray) 2
2—T. J. Loughlin's br m Bridgie, 4yrs, 7.2, 5lb allow. (M. O'Shea) 3
Also started: 3 Canzonet 8.5 (Goldfinch), 9 Cordite 8.0 (Henderson), 4 General Stephen 7.13 (R. Brown), 11 Newlant 7.11 (Stockley), 5 Monocrat 7.7 (Bagby), 7 Mulato 7.5 (Manson), 18 Alcraft 7.9 (McCurdy), 13 Admiral Advance 7.12 (McFlinn), 6 Amans Lass