

CANTERBURY.

Art's Great Northern Hurdles Engagement—Gloaming Quite Recovered From Mishap—Hylans Changes Hands—G. M. Aynsley's Promising Yearlings—Gay Lad Reappears on Tracks—Bon Spec and Punka Both on Easy List.

CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

Most of the horses that raced at Wellington were given a short let-up on their return to Riccarton, but several are being hurried along again in view of the Timaru, Oamaru and Dunedin meetings.

Art has been galloping very freely of late, and is in better trim than when he won at Riccarton last month. He is under orders for the Great Northern Hurdle Race, in which he will probably be ridden by F. Ellis. On his best form the little Sarto gelding must take a good deal of beating in the big Ellerslie race.

Heathercote does not look any the worse for the two hard races he had at Trentham. He is being kept going in view of the South Canterbury meeting.

Subterfuge has been showing considerable improvement in her recent track efforts and should land a stake at one of the forthcoming southern meetings.

Gloaming has not done any work since his return from Wellington, but he is reported to have quite recovered from his accident. There are no more races for him this season, but it would come as no surprise to see him taken across to Sydney for the A.J.C. spring meeting.

Rossini, another member of R. J. Mason's team, is not doing much. He is a greatly improved colt, and may accompany Gloaming to Randwick.

The hurdler Hylans has been sold to a South Canterbury sportsman.

Killowen passed through Christchurch a few days ago en route to Oamaru. He was only held on lease by Mr. T. H. Lowry, and now goes back to his owner, Mr. J. B. Reid.

G. M. Aynsley has just taken in hand a quartette of very promising yearlings. They are a chestnut filly by Nassau from Martine; a bay filly by Solferino from Warstep; a chestnut gelding by Solferino from Star-dancer and a chestnut filly by Bonny Glen from Lady Disdain. The same trainer is keeping Warlove, Nantville and Wardancer going. It is intended to race the last-named at the Dunedin meeting.

A start has been made at erecting the schooling fences at Riccarton and they will soon be in use for educational purposes.

The Gray double, Vagabond and Chimera, was strongly supported here on both days of the Manawatu meeting.

Miss Mimic's display in the Palmerston North Stakes was of a disappointing nature. Evidently she did not do well on the trip away from home.

Sisyphus has been more or less sore since racing at the C.J.C. meeting, and does most of his exercise on the lead.

Gay Lad made his reappearance on the track on Friday morning, having thrown off all effects of his mishap. He is in splendid trim to be got ready for the Winter Cup, which will probably be his next public effort.

Bon Spec, who went amiss on the eve of the C.J.C. meeting, is still being spelled. McCombe has hopes of getting him ready for the Winter Cup.

Punka has been on the easy list since her return from Wellington. It would come as no surprise to see her racing in Australia next spring.

A. Shearsby, who trains Sleight of Hand and other horses for Mr. Armstrong, has engaged four boxes at Riccarton for the Grand National meeting.

At the C.J.C. autumn meeting the club made a mistake in the race cards by not coupling Sundance and Kilgour in the Nursery Handicap. Under the circumstances, backers of Some Kid, who finished second to Royal Stag, claimed that they were entitled to a second dividend. This was not forthcoming, as a notice had been posted on the totalisator just before the race started that the two horses mentioned would be coupled, and consequently only one dividend returned. The club has now decided to pay the second dividend on Some Kid, though fortified by legal opinion that it is not necessary to do so.

LATER.

Art to Leave for His Northern Trip—Pleasing Gallops at Riccarton—Fancied Candidates for the Timaru Cup.

(Telegraph—Christchurch Correspondent)

Art shaped pleasingly in a gallop over a mile on Saturday morning. He leaves for Ellerslie in the course of a few days in E. Scoullar's charge.

Sisyphus took charge of his rider on Saturday, and bolted nearly seven furlongs before being mastered. Afterwards he was slightly lame again.

Subterfuge defeated Fabisco and Bonsign in a creditable gallop over seven furlongs, which she cast behind pleasingly in 1min. 31sec. Wardancer rattled off a mile and a-quarter in 2min. 10 2-5sec., finishing well. He had a light weight up, but it was a satisfactory effort in view of his Dunedin engagements.

Tip Up (Hegarty), with Kaminohé (Burrows) as a companion, started for a round of the schooling hurdles, but at the second fence Kaminohé blundered badly and unseated his rider. He was afterwards remounted and jumped the big brush fences without a mistake.

Naupata (Hegarty) and Paremata (Burrows) were given a turn over four of the brush fences, which they negotiated without mishap. Paremata's showing pleased most. Naupata is still inclined to be a bit dirty at the start, and it was some little time before Hegarty could persuade him to go.

Though the fields for the first day's racing at the South Canterbury meeting are not likely to be large, there is ample material for good racing. With all his weight Eleus is sure to run well in the Timaru Cup, while if John Barleycorn is back to anything like form he should be handy.



Mr. A. Mitchell's ch g TIRAU, aged, by Spalpeen—Queenie, who accounted for the Chevalier Steeplechase Handicap (three miles) on the opening day of the Avondale Jockey Club's autumn meeting. J. Roach, rider.

WANGANUI.

Egmont Steeplechase Candidates—F. Tilley's Quartette for Otaki Meeting—Kauri King's Century Hurdles Prospects—Zola Making Satisfactory Progress—Wanganui Steeplechase and Century Hurdle Weights Discussed—Phil Green's Pair Engaged at Otahuhu Trots—Wanganui Trotting Club's New Trotting Track—Egmont R.C.'s Winter Meeting.

WANGANUI, Monday.

Merry Jack and Yellow and Black passed through here on Friday on their way to Hawera, where they are both engaged in the big steeplechase event on Wednesday, Yellow and Black having 11.0 and Merry Jack 10.0. Of the pair, the latter is probably the more forward, and is said to have been doing excellent schooling work over the big fences at Hastings. Yellow and Black has also been jumping well, but it is thought he will be seen to more advantage here as the race at Hawera will do him good.

F. Tilley has Rude, Arrowfield, Tame Fox and Oratress engaged at the Otaki winter meeting. Rude lightened up a lot as a result of his racing at Trentham, but is going along all right, and should be at his best

again for the Wanganui meeting.

Bold Boy will be running at Blenheim this week, and the son of Booringa is expected to shape well, as he was showing good form before leaving here.

Sleight of Hand receives 9lb. from Kauri King in the Great Northern Hurdles, whereas in the Century Hurdles Sleight of Hand has to concede 4lb. to Kauri King. No doubt Sleight of Hand's performance in winning on the first day at Awapuni influenced Mr. H. Coyle in making his adjustments, but a difference of 13lb. in Kauri King's favour at Wanganui makes his prospects look very rosy, that is if Mr. McManemin's estimate of his ability is anywhere near correct.

W. Rayner will probably only have Zola to run for him at the Wanganui meeting, as Zola's foot has been giving trouble again lately, and she has done little or no work. She appears to be all right just now, but she will hardly be fit to race next week.

Zola is going as well as ever he did, apparently, and is looking nice and bright. It will depend upon what weight he gets as to whether he will be a starter in the Connolly Handicap or be kept for the May Hurdles the second day. He hopped over three hurdles in fine style on Saturday.

Mr. H. Coyle has issued the weights for the two big jumping events on the first day of the Wanganui meeting, which is to be held on the 22nd and 24th inst., and it goes without saying that they are being eagerly discussed. It is generally conceded that Mr. Coyle has done his work well, and the acceptances should be good.

That Master Strowan would be given pride of place in the steeplechase was fully expected, and with 12.9 he is not overburdened, as he is a topnotcher when at his best. Sir

will, all going well, strip even better here. He will need to be at his best to concede 4lb. and a beating to Kauri King, which gelding looks to be well treated. However, Sir Fisher (11.4) appears to have been given a great chance to once more place this race to his credit, though it is generally believed that his mission will be the steeplechase. This remains to be seen, especially as he has been so well treated in the hurdles. Paraoa has some good performances over the small sticks to his credit, and won the Feilding Cup recently, so that he is in good fettle. He looks to be too close to the three topweights. In the Great Northern Kauri King has to give him 15lb., whereas there is only 5lb. between the pair here. Europis (10.9) should run well, and Whiro (10.1) is a bold jumper which will be hard to beat if he can see the distance out. Of those lower down, the most likely seem to be Yankee Jack (9.6) and Royal Park (9.0). Yankee Jack will be meeting a much better class here than he has yet bumped up against, but he won in fine style both days at Trentham, and he is sure to be one of the most fancied candidates here. Royal Park shaped well enough at Feilding to suggest that he will do well over the small sticks, and it would come as no surprise to see him make a bold bid for victory. Munster (9.0) is another that may have to be reckoned with. He is very fit, and might have beaten Master Lupin at Awapuni on Thursday but for hitting the last hurdle.

Phil Green has paid up with Rio Grande and Lady Sefton for their engagements on the first day of the Otahuhu Trotting Club's meeting. Both horses have been responsible for some good work on the track recently, and should do well.

It is understood that the Wanganui Trotting Club have accepted a tender for the formation of their new track on their property at Liverpool Park. The track will be a five-furlong one, and when completed will, it is expected, be one of the best in the Dominion. It is anticipated that the track will be ready to race on in ample time for February next, and if it is the next meeting of the club should be easily the most successful ever held here. Practically all the leading owners of trotters in the Dominion have promised to race their best here when the new track is ready, hence there is every reason to look forward to a boom in trotting.

The acceptances received for the first day of the Egmont winter meeting are very satisfactory, and some fine racing should be witnessed. Chief interest will be taken in the steeplechase events, which should throw some light on the Wanganui meeting the following week. Of those left in the steeplechase on Wednesday Merry Jack (10.0) reads as well as anything, though the distance—2½ miles—will be in Bore's favour.

There are a number of Century Hurdles candidates engaged in the Tongahoe Hurdles. Munster (10.1) is very fit, and Royal Park (9.12) is spoken of as a likely winner at Wanganui if he can be kept on his hurdles, so that he should run well at Hawera if he is as good as supposed.

Polthogue and Speedwell Mac are both credited with doing good work over the big fences, and they have been left in the Hack Steeples, in which they have 10.5 and 10.3 respectively.

There is a good field in the Tawhiti Handicap, in which Hyginas and Carmel Arch appear to be nicely treated.

The two topweights, Vance and Post Haste, will probably find most support in the Telegraph Handicap, and Turanga and Perfect Day in the Railway.

There are seven left in the McRae Handicap, for which Marqueteur is sure to find solid support, but Arrowfield is galloping very well and is sure to make a bold bid for victory.

The opening meeting of the Pakuranga Hunt Club was held on Saturday afternoon at the Tamaki Hall, and was largely attended. Two hours good hunting followed, and a kill resulted. The weather has been altogether too dry so far, and consequently there should be better sport later.

The annual meeting of the Whangarei Racing Club was a very enthusiastic one, and the attendance was an extraordinarily large one. The increase in stakes for the next race meeting, it was suggested by the president, would bring the total to £2000. The membership was now nearly 250, and he (Mr. Hosking) hoped to see it reach 500.

To young and old, to great and small,
Some day there comes a time to all,
A time of sickness and distress,
When timely aid we grasp and bless.
It may be when poor and old,
Or maybe when we've cough and cold;
But whensoe'er it be, we're sure
To welcome Woods' Great Peppermint
Cure.