

effort under the conditions, as two furlongs from home his rider, H. Young, lost his stirrups and was of little assistance to him over the concluding stages. Gay Lad is a horse that takes a lot of galloping to keep fit, and now that his bruised heel is well again he has been getting it. He is a rare mover, but it has yet to be seen how such a free goer will shape over a two-mile course. It was intended to give him a run in the Rangiora Cup, but the rough going did not appeal to his trainer.

Though Flight Commander, who is a stable companion of Gay Lad, won a race at Ashburton in fairly convincing style, I hardly fancy he will be included in the Cup field. He has been galloping fairly well, but should be better suited by some of the minor handicaps at the meeting.

Another of M. Hobbs' charges in Tortrix was to have accompanied La Piax, the Bezonian—Peace filly, to Wellington, only for going slightly amiss on her return from Ashburton. No two-year-old trained at Riccarton this season has shown more brilliancy than La Paix, and in her and Winter Wind Riccarton stables have two very brilliant two-year-olds.

Bon Spec has not done much galloping since his winning effort at Ashburton. He is very forward, and of all the locally-trained candidates for Stewards' Handicap honours appears to possess the best credentials.

Almoner and Eleus have been located at Riccarton since the Ashburton meeting. The former is being got ready for the Stewards' Handicap, but he will have to improve vastly on any of his showings this season to have much chance. Eleus is not a brilliant track worker, and though he generally shapes better with the colours up it is hard to imagine him having much chance in a New Zealand Cup field.

Punka continues to go on the right way, evidently being all the better for her race at Ashburton. She may find 8.8 a full load in the Stewards' Handicap, but can be ticked off as a very likely winner at the November meeting.

Kilbrogan is now at Riccarton getting through a solid preparation for the Stewards' Handicap. When raced at Ashburton he was decidedly backward, but promises to strip very fit by next month.

Of the other Riccarton representatives in the Stewards' Handicap, Onslaught, Miss Mimic, Mustard Pot and Cerberus have been responsible for the best track efforts, but so far as the local candidates are concerned Bon Spec appears to dominate the position. He is a remarkably quick beginner, and can be relied on to run out a very solid six furlongs.

Nine of Mr. J. B. Reid's horses arrived at Riccarton last week to fulfil engagements at the C.J.C. meeting and then go into the sale ring. Of their number Kilmoon, Sunlit and Sunart look most likely to win races.

Radial was scratched for the Stewards' Handicap at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, but it is quite probable that he will contest some of the minor sprint events at the November meeting.

The Irish-bred mare First Glance recently lost her colt foal to Martian, and is to be mated with Clarenceux.

Amongst the best fancied candidates for the C.J.C. Stewards' Handicap is Michaela, who is reported to be getting through a very satisfactory preparation.

A recent addition to W. McDonald's team at Riccarton is Listening Post, who ran second in a two-year-old race at Wingatui.

Spyglass, who has previously been trained by her owner, E. Fox, at Rakaia, has joined R. King's stable.

After being off the tracks for a long time, that brilliant sprinter Koesian is again in commission.

**SOUTHLAND.**

Trainers Experiencing Hard Time Owing to State of Tracks—Eleus Now Recovered From His Cold—Lifebuoy to Join Rorke's Drift Lodge—A Pair of Useful Winton Stakes Candidates—Cape Brett Now Member of P. T. Hogan's Team—Red Diamond Drops Dead on Winton Tracks—Mussulman Meets With Fatal Injuries Whilst Running in Paddock.

(Telegraph—Invercargill Correspondent)

INVERCARGILL, Saturday.

With nearly two inches of rain falling in 24 hours early in the week, it can be understood that local trainers have experienced a heartbreaking time in attempting to key up their charges not previously raced this season for the introductory meeting

of the racing year at Gore. Quite a number of southern gallopers and trotters will not be ready to race until the Winton Jockey Club's fixture next month.

The latest news regarding Eleus is that the son of Elysian has practically recovered from his cold, and it is expected that he will take his place in the New Zealand Cup field. However, the writer will not have him for a long race now, but will look to see him run forward in an event of less importance at Riccarton. Almoner and Eleus went on to Riccarton following on the Ashburton fixture under the care of J. McChesney, who will continue their preparations there pending the arrival of P. Hogan, when the Gore Racing Club's meeting has been disposed of. Almoner is coming on fast, and may be found galloping in improved fashion during the currency of the New Zealand Cup gathering. He promises prove very dangerous in some of the minor races at the meeting.

The Royal Step—Lady Seaward gelding Lifebuoy has been returned to his owner, Mr. W. Baird, Junr., and will presently become an inmate of the Rorke's Drift Lodge, to be schooled in cross-country work later in the season. The human equine material is available in plenty at Hogan's establishment to enable likely steeplechasers to be tried out, hence Lifebuoy may be heard of again, as he is a useful jumper and possesses pace.

It is reported from Winton that Mr. H. Cunningham has two useful Winton Stakes candidates working under the care of A. Gerrard. Both are descendants of Buff Gauntlet, by Red Gauntlet (son of Lochiel), but the filly out of Rosene (by Stepniak)

gelding Red Diamond, by All Red—Malita, dropped dead. The animal, who had not so far shown winning form, was owned by A. Gerrard.

Although he is working well on the Southland Racing Club's tracks Primus is not to be raced in the meantime until P. Hogan has had the opportunity of educating him at the barrier.

Mussulman, the five-year-old horse by Pallas—Minaret, while recently running out in a paddock attached to his owner's training quarters by some means became impaled in a picket fence, the injuries received causing his death. The Winton Stakes winner of 1917 was owned and trained by his breeder, Mr. H. Hubber. He was a useful horse, ranking as a half brother to Magdala, Silverspire, Glenshine, Pinnacle and some other winning horses. He he not been left entire he would probably have trained on better, as he latterly became a very moodish animal.

**GORE RACING CLUB.**

**SPRING MEETING.**

**FIRST DAY'S FORM REVIEWED.**

(Telegraph—Invercargill Correspondent)

The Gore Racing Club's spring meeting opened on Saturday in cold but fine weather. The track was in fine order despite the flooded country round about, while the attendance constituted a record for the opening day. The tote returns showed a decided increase, the sum of £14,838 being handled, as against £10,001 10s. last year.

In the Waikaka Handicap, Glen-

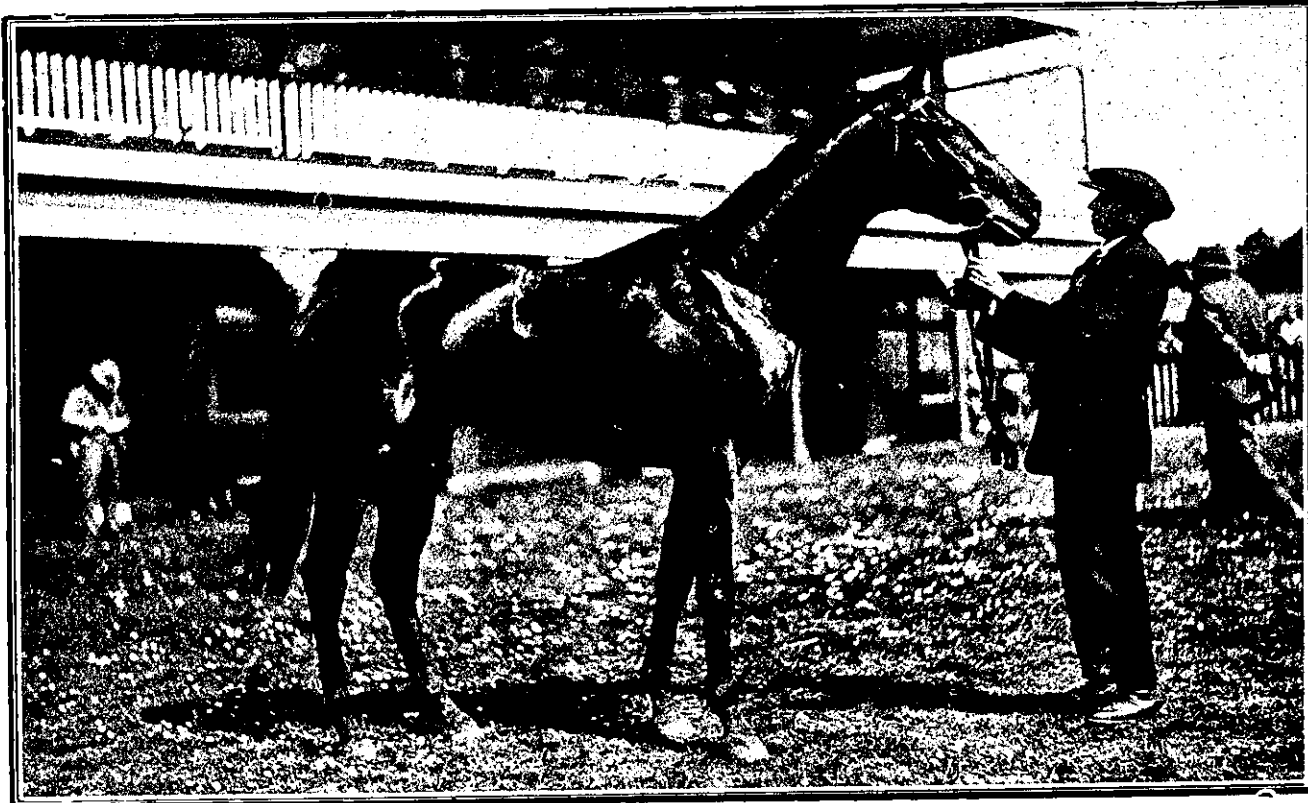
cess in the Winton Stakes in 1918 put him out of hack company early last year, but he has since done rather well in open handicaps.

The Wantwood Hack Handicap went to the credit of the useful three-year-old Calauria, the son of Demosthenes—Stresa, although not at his best, just heading off the imported Fleetham in the last few strides. The latter was unlucky to lose, owing to getting into trouble in the race.

The Mosgiel sportsman Mr. D. Ruthven produced a smart hack at Gore on Saturday, when Silver Peak, by Adjudge—Oblong, by Obligado, won the First Hack Handicap and the Dominion Hack Handicap. In the latter event the winner put up a 12lb. penalty and cleverly beat Adelina (a sister to Michaela) and the C.J.C. Stewards' Handicap candidate Margery, who, however, was not too well handled.

**BLOODSTOCK SALES.**

Messrs. Pyne, Gould and Guinness, Ltd., will be selling at the Chester Street stables of Messrs. W. Hayward and Co., Christchurch, on Thursday, November 13, no fewer than 56 yearlings from the well-known studs of the following breeders: Messrs. J. F. Buchanan, J. F. Reid, I. G. Duncan, John Grigg, W. A. Nicholls, Bruce Christie and Capt. W. Deans. There are five colts and five fillies by Martian, seven colts and five fillies by Solferino, three colts and five fillies by Bezonian, two colts and three fillies by Kilbroney, two colts by Winkle, while Clarenceux, King Mark, Satala and Sunny Lake have each a colt and filly, Calibre a colt, Masterpiece, Demosthenes, Absurd and



THE 1919 DUNEDIN GUINEAS VICTOR.—Sir George Clifford's br c ROYAL STAG, by Autumnus—Kirriemuir. Trained by A. and E. Cutts.

is said to be the better of the pair. Winton sportsmen speak highly of the latter.

The latest recruit to P. Hogan's stable is a four-year-old gelding called Cape Brett, a son of Birkenhead—Caller Ou (by Swordfish II.). The gelding, who was recently acquired from Mr. R. Acton-Adams on behalf of a patron of the Rorke's Drift Lodge, has been turned out for a long time past. He is rather a good looking animal, but very much in the rough at present.

During the past week, A. D. McIvor has been filling in some of his spare time educating some of Mr. Stone's horses at the barrier, viz., Anton and Bright Spot. But this does not mean that he is going to take up the burden of trainer life again. In the meantime, the River-ton mentor fully intends to adhere to his intention of keeping out of the game for 12 months, and had it not been for the difficulties experienced in procuring travelling accommodation he would probably have been out of Maoriland at the present juncture.

While working on the Winton tracks last week the four-year-old,

shine was made a hot favourite, but the Calibre—Tinwald Beauty gelding Tin Soldier had an easy win from the outsiders Claverhouse and Seddel-Bahr. Glenshine ran a good race, but Thaddeus performed disappointingly, while Highwater was short of a gallop or two.

The Canterbury Stewards' Handicap candidate Michaela was made a very hot pot for the Stewards' Handicap at Gore on Saturday, but she was almost left at the post, losing a dozen lengths. Meanwhile Palamon and Redshire were well clear of the field, and the favourite was making up her ground in fine style when the straight was reached, but her rider appeared to lose his reins at the distance and the daughter of Rokeby ran over to the rails, being just beaten out of a place. The ancient Glensponse (Glenapp—Response) won with something in hand from Redshire and Palamon, with heads between them. Under the circumstances Michaela did very well to get where she did, and her admirers for the big Riccarton sprint race have no need to be downcast about her defeat.

A useful field contested the Charlton Handicap at Gore, but only one horse was in the picture at the finish, when Red Admiral won nicely by a length from Benefit, with Borodino third. The winner is a very useful horse and was bred by his present owner, the well-known Gore sportsman Mr. J. E. Rogers, and is trained by J. Hymers at Riverton, who also won with Tin Soldier. His early suc-

cess in the Winton Stakes in 1918 put him out of hack company early last year, but he has since done rather well in open handicaps. The rest are by imported horses. Martian, however, was got in England and foaled in the Dominion. Twenty-four of the lots are colts and the other thirty-two lots fillies. The auctioneers and the breeders are practically assured of a good sale.

Mr. W. H. Wanklyn, for many years secretary of the Canterbury Jockey Club, which position he recently resigned, was lately interviewed on the much-debated question of the double totalisator, and certain facts and figures that he furnished thereon affords room for a deal of thought. In reply to the query "Would all the clubs erect one?" Mr. Wanklyn said: "If they are looking for a profit, none of them will, in my opinion. The double totalisator is very expensive to install. Our indicator cost us nearly £400; a similar one would probably cost £800 now. But a similar one wouldn't suffice. Ours was for 400 combinations, 20 horses in each race. Since then we have had over 20 starters in the Stewards' Handicap and the Winter Cup. A 25-horse combination it would have to be. The indicator would require a separate building. Under the most favourable conditions I don't see the installation costing less than £2000."

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