

linguish himself, accounted for the last race, the Stewards' Welter, at Waimate. The big son of Birkenhead was looking very well, but he had to be shaken up to beat the moderate lot on animals opposed to him.

Pronoun, who distinguished himself two seasons ago, by carrying off a decent race at the Wellington winter meeting is now running in third-rate company at country meetings. He seems to be quite a back-number.

Ringdove will not race again. This English-bred mare has shown some great performances on the track and has won a few good handicaps, but she never once produced the form she showed in private. She will be mated with Boniform.

Taskmaster has gone amiss and will not start at the C.J.C. Autumn meeting.

Full Sail left for Melbourne on Friday last.

It is stated that Equitas will not fulfil her engagements at the forthcoming meeting at Riccarton, but will be seen out at Ellerslie.

Penates one of the favourites for the Great Easter handicap, will be offered for sale by auction at Tattersalls on March 30. A number of well-known performers will be sent into the ring on the same date.

The South Canterbury Jockey Club have been very unfortunate lately with its starter. Applications were called recently for the position and the club received sixteen applications, and it was decided to appoint Mr. H. Lunn.

Broadsword is bowling along in great style at present and with Ingoda has been well backed in doubles for the two great autumn events by many sports who frequent Riccarton early in the morning.

Miss M'schief has been turned out for a lengthy spell.

Gravitation has again broken down, and it is not proposed, by his owner, to persevere with him. He will be offered for sale for stud purposes.

Sir Tristram, Formby, Parula and Seleni have arrived at Riccarton, and will carry the all-erise colours at the C.J.C. Autumn meeting.

The Ashburton trainer C. Giesler, has J. C. N. Griggs' two horses Outlander and Gunboat looking in the best of fettle, and the pair are expected to run well next week.

Husbandman is doing good work on the tracks and should run well in the Great Autumn handicap.

Tumut, Osiris and Waipaku arrived from the North this morning.

Federal put up a good gallop over half a mile on the sand this morning. This gelding is a veritable watch-breaker in private, but so far he has failed to win a big race in good company.

HAWKE'S BAY.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

NAPIER, March 21.

Birkdale, the winner of the two baby races at Napier Park last week, is one of the best two-year-olds seen out this season locally. He is a fine, solid-looking customer, who, though he ran very green at first, proved by his efforts then that he was chock full of gameness, with a deal of pace. On Thursday he finished like a bulldog under the whip, and he had a pretty good one to keep him moving in Kohinoor.

Mayflower met with bad luck in the Telegraph Hack Race at the Park fixture, for she got galloped on, and when she came back to the paddock it could be seen that she was cut about on the fetlock of the off hind foot. Seeing her putting the toe of the injured foot to the ground led to the belief that no large fracture had occurred. This presumption, however, proved fallacious, for when I saw her yesterday I was quite satisfied that the coffin bone was broken. Mayflower's racing days are ended, but there will be a certain amount of solace for her owner to know that she will be all right for breeding purposes. She is a well-bred mare, besides being one of the handsomely-constituted sort. Mr. R. J. Neagle had only recently purchased Mayflower, consequently the loss is a very severe one for him.

W. Stone, whose luck has not been of the rosy tinge for a long time past, led in a winner last week. This was when Bunkum silenced a big field in the Trial Hack Stakes. Though the colt has not been up long, he ran in a courageous manner, and it was only downright gameness that enabled him to beat Reformist, who was going great guns before the post was reached. Bunkum is closely related to Parable, for both were sired by Merriwee, and Palaver, the dam of Parable, is a half-sister to Bunkum by Apremont.

A laughable incident occurred after Parable had come into the enclosure after winning the Napier Cup. Her pilot, Kemp, whose bodily weight is under 5st, could not lift his saddle to convey it to the scales, as it had too much lead in the weight bag under, and though the little chap tugged tugged away to get it off the ground, it was of no avail, for he could not get a budge out of it. Mr. A. L. D. Fraser, one of the stewards, sized up the difficulty by taking the load into the clerk of the scales.

It is not often that two sisters win two consecutive races, but such was the case last Wednesday, when Polyanthus and Amaru won the first and second races on the Napier Park programme.

Had Ballyneety got the verdict in the High Weight Handicap, his owner would have got the machine, for he held the solitary chance on his horse's number, and the thick end of a thousand would have come his way.

Wimmera, who has been schooled over the obstacles of late, has improved greatly, and I never remember seeing the brother to Boomerang and Muskerry looking so robust and solid. That he was as well as his appearance suggested was known by the good style in which he annexed both of the races he was started in last week, and to show that he can carry weight and gallop, attention has only to be drawn to the fact that in his last go he carried 10st and carved out the seven furlongs in 1.29 4-5.

Obscurity has proved a good purchase to Mr. G. J. White, of Porangahau, for the chestnut mare got a first award at the late Dannevirke meeting, when she paid a more than fair working price, and last week at the Park (when she proved victorious in the Redcliffe Hack) she returned the dividend of the gathering, and her owner held a third of the tickets invested on the machine against her name.

F. Cress has quitted Mr. E. J. Watt's employment.

Mr. H. Limmer, who has been ill in the local hospital since Boxing Day, is in great hopes that he will be soon out again to assist at the game. It seems strange that Amato, whom he owns in partnership with Mr. McKay, of Hastings, never won a race before Mr. Limmer met with his accident, and on the day that his part owner had the bad luck to get both of his legs broke, Amato won two races.

Sleacombe was sent for a turn over the hurdles on the preparing circuit at Napier Park on Saturday morning, and the way the big son of Birkenhead got through his first task over the battens came as a revelation to the track-watchers, for he took them in his stride while galloping at top.

Millennial also made her debut over the sticks on Saturday morning, and for a new chum, did not do so bad, but in company with Sleacombe she was like the man who fell out of the aeroplane—"not in it."

There is talk of J. Munn putting Kopu over the hurdles. Mayhap this style of education would suit the half-brother to Mahutonga. Anyhow, he could not be worse than he is now, for, though he looks all serene, he races like a duffer—in fact, it is a misnomer to call his efforts racing.

Clemora is an unlikely starter at the A.R.C. meeting this month, as his trainer considers it would be judicious to give the gelding a spell.

Though the machine investments at Napier Park last week showed an increase when compared with the takings at a similar meeting last season, the revenue collected from the pen-cillers was £60 odd less than the sum derived from the same source at the 1909 autumn gathering.

Nero is galloping well just now, and J. Oldfield has the gelding looking in nice order. His next appearance will be at Waipukurau on Easter Monday.

The Hon. J. D. Ormond shipped several young thoroughbreds to Sydney, via Auckland, on Friday night.

J. S. O'Neill, who has for a number of years been training in the Bay district, leaves next week for Ashburton, where he will educate Cardiff and Erl King for Mr. Owen, who has lately removed to the dry district.

WANGANUI.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WANGANUI, March 21.

Lovers of racing will have an opportunity of witnessing some excellent sport on Easter Monday, when the Patea Racing Club will hold their annual meeting. The Club is to be congratulated on the manner in which the track has been prepared for the forthcoming meeting. It is in splendid condition, and the club can pride

itself upon having one of the finest tracks on the coast. The acceptances are expected to be very large, and fine weather is all that will then be required to make the meeting an unqualified success.

George Lang will probably take Marutoa up to Patea, also Clorinda. The former is engaged in the Hurdles, and Clorinda will, all going well, be a starter in the Flying and Borough Handicaps.

W. Raynor will take Voca, Kauroa, and Sea Wind to Patea, while Research, another of his team, will most likely race at Feilding.

North East has been nominated for the Longburn and Dominion Handicaps, both of which events are run over a mile and a furlong, at the Manawatu Autumn meeting. The Euroclydon gelding should have no trouble in seeing out the distance, and if not overweighted will take a lot of beating.

The nominations received for the above meeting are excellent, and points to the club having a most successful gathering.

Mr. A. Bennett, of Taihape, recently received a letter and a stud card from Mr. John Huby, the groom in charge of the famous Welbeck stud, which reads:—I have just received your letter, in which you ask for a little hair from Carbine's tail. As the horse was bred in New Zealand, I am glad to oblige you, and am enclosing a portion of hair I have taken from his tail. The old horse carries his years very well, and could not look better but as he is now about 24 years old, we cannot expect him to go on many years longer.

Wanganui sportsmen who visited Opunake for the annual meeting of the club there on the 17th inst., report that the gathering was a big success from every point of view. The attendance was a record, while the totalisator's figures for the day were £4,212, as against £2,189 last year, and seven bookmakers were licensed at £15 10s, as against four at last year's races. Larger fields faced the starter than on previous occasions, and this with good weather, all helped to make it a success.

The Handicap Hurdles, went to Nero, Lockguard, being second, and Somali third. The other starters included Langerer, Toddy, Taupo and Highden.

Contralto scored in the Flying, from Valentine and Timothy. The winner scored comfortably. Clemency, Lady Heroine, Queen's Prize, and Koponga were amongst the also starteds.

A big field started in the Maiden Trot, which fell to Vibon.

The chief event of the day, the Racing Club Handicap, was appropriated by Paul, 8.5, Bismarck, 8.7, second, and Maggie Paul, 9.0, third. Starboard, Valentine, and The Leader, also ran. Paul got home after a splendid race by a neck, and paid a good dividend.

W. Price, who rode Contralto in the Flying, also steered Nukuhau to victory in the Electric Stakes, in which a big field started. Mr. Jas. Bull's The Native ran second.

Vibon was again "hot stuff" in the Handicap Trot, and won with the greatest of ease.

The Welter went to Timothy, Lady Heroine, second, and Royal Youngster third. Seven others ran. Lady Lupin was the favourite, but the winner was well backed.

Price scored his third win on Nukuhau in the Final Stakes, the Native again finishing second, and St. Venton third. Four others started.

The acceptances received for the Warrengate meeting to be held on Thursday, are really good, and some excellent sport should be provided patrons of this popular "picnic" gathering.

WELLINGTON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WELLINGTON, March 21.

The Autumn Meeting of the Master-ton Racing Club took place on Thursday and Friday last. Slight showers fell on the opening day, but the weather was glorious on the second day. There was only a moderate attendance of the sporting public present, the faulty train arrangements being blamed for the meagre crowd present, and in consequence the returns from the totalisator showed a shrinkage of about £800 as compared with the corresponding fixture last year.

The racing provided was really interesting, the finishes in several of the events being in doubt up to the time the judge's box was reached. This satisfactory state of affairs was attributable to the club's handicapper (Mr. J. H. Pollock), who had done his utmost to bring the fields together,

and he was complimented on the result of his labours.

Pakau and Millpond, who are both trained by J. H. Prosser at Porirua, gave a creditable display over hurdles at the Masterton gathering, and the pair should make a worthy addition to the ranks of the jumping brigade.

Ballarat, the heroine of many a battle, demonstrated that her galloping days are not yet over by dead heating with Sunbonnet in the March Handicap at Masterton. The old mare is in fine form and she is gifted with as clean a set of legs as there are about, and it is a wonder how this old battler retains her form as she must be at least twelve years old.

It is hard to account for Naumai's poor display at Masterton, but the Conqueror gelding will be seen under happier auspices ere the season is much further advanced.

Penza, who is locally owned by Mr. McWilliams, of cab fame, and D. Sullivan, well known in hotel quarters, had a runaway victory in the Maiden Hack race at Masterton. This Finland mare was turned out in rare buckle by the Hutt trainer, C. Pritchard, and the issue was never in doubt from barrier rise.

Gold Top, the Soult filly who is owned by Mr. R. W. Paterson, was given a run at the Masterton meeting, but she did not create a very good impression by her exertions. The opinion was expressed that she would be better suited in the pony ranks, as she is very much on the small side.

First Battery won the Masterton Hack Handicap very easily and the Trentham owner-trainer, W. Davies, received many congratulations on his colt's success. First Battery also ran second to Merrie Land on the concluding day.

The Well-known Blenheim sportsman who races as "T. Septor" had Curator in splendid condition at Masterton. The gelding ran first, second and third, in his three attempts, truly a good record. "Steve" was complimented on Curator's excellent display.

Lawn Rose was given a run at Masterton, but she is very slow in getting off the mark and she appears to be better suited over a distance as she was putting in some good work at the finish of the Waipipi Cup, in which event she was placed third. "Steve" anticipates picking up a stake with this Hillstone mare before the season closes.

C. Emmerson, the Riccarton lightweight, was in keen demand at the Masterton meeting, and his handling of his various mounts was a treat to witness, especially his efforts on Liza, when he landed the half-sister to Ostiak a winner by a neck after a keen set to with Waiaata.

The defection of the Porirua representatives from the Auckland meeting comes as a surprise, but the solution that faced Prosser was probably that he could not be in Auckland and Christchurch at the same time, and so perforce he had to cancel his Northern engagements.

Waiaata has left for Auckland to take part in the Northern carnival. The Tupuhi gelding is in fine form and is expected to pick up a stake before he returns home. C. Brown has been engaged to ride Waiaata in the Tramway Handicap, to be decided on the first day of the A.R.C. meeting.

There does not appear to be an over abundance of cash at Masterton, judging by the returns from the totalisator at the recent meeting. No license does not appear to have improved the place to any extent. The writer had no difficulty in satiating his thirst, and he was informed that every second house was well provided with "spiritual" comforts.

There was a moderate attendance of sporting enthusiasts at Miramar on Saturday last to witness the meeting of the Wellington Pony and Galloway Racing Club. The events were all well contested and some good racing took place. Nine bookmakers were licensed and they appeared to be doing a thriving business. Another meeting and probably the last will be held on Saturday next.

The success of the Foxton sportsman, Mr. F. S. Easton with his Soult filly Lady Moutoa in the Maiden Scurry at Napier Park was well received in the flax town where Mr. Easton has accumulated a fortune in his dealings with fibre and cattle.

Lady Kilcheran and Merrivonia are expected to worthily represent Mr. J. Ames, of totalisator fame, at the A.R.C. meeting. The pair are well forward and should give a creditable display.

The Porirua stable was well represented at the Masterton gathering with the following horses, Pakau, Millpond, Taitoko, Swimming Belt, Walone, Kina, Lace Collar and Luis, the only one to win a race was Watone, who won the Ladies' Bracelet and