

## TROTTLING.

## FIXTURES.

Oct. 13 and 21—Auckland T.C. Spring  
Nov. 7, 9, 10—Metropolitan T.C. Spring

## NOMINATIONS.

Oct. 6—Auckland T.C. Spring  
Oct. 13—Metropolitan T.C. Spring

## HANDICAPS.

Oct. 9—Auckland T. C. Spring  
Oct. 23—Metropolitan T.C. Spring

## ACCEPTANCES.

Oct. 13—Auckland T.C. Spring  
Nov. 1—Metropolitan T.C. Spring

As the Papakura course cannot be got ready in time for the spring meeting of the Otahuhu Trotting Club, so that arrangements have been made to hold the next meeting on Alexandra Park.

H. B. Massey tendered his resignation as clerk of scales to the Otahuhu Trotting Club at the annual meeting last week. "Harry" has not been in the best of health of late, and his resignation was accepted with regret. He was always a courteous and obliging officer.

Nominations for the Auckland Trotting Club's Spring Meeting close on Friday, at 9 p.m., with the secretary, C. F. Mark.

Nominations for the New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club's spring meeting close on October 18.

E. Crotty, who is a first-class rider and driver of trotters, has been granted a license by the A.T.C.

Those owners of trotters who are now using Alexandra Park for training their horses, speak in most favourable terms of the new track. A suggestion has been made that the A.T.C. would confer a still further benefit on owners and trainers if they would provide a sand-roll for horses to use after getting through their exercise.

The champion trotter, Dan Patch, who is standing the season at Greenlane, at W. Towser's stables, has already got his list nearly full.

Charlie Herd has left Christchurch to again settle in Auckland. He has taken stables, and has three promising trotters to make a start with.

John Lickey, Parnell, has not yet decided whether the colt Manderene will make the journey to Christchurch for the Metropolitan meeting. The Norval colt being a bit backward in condition.

On Wednesday morning Charlie Herd had his pair, Kotiri (trotter) and a four-year-old maiden named Lincoln Guard (pacer) working at Alexandra Park. The latter has only had about a dozen lessons with the gear on.

T. Richards gave his two-year-old Wallinstein (by Specialist, from a Kentucky mare) working at Alexandra Park. The latter is doing some slow work. The youngster looks like developing into something out of the common. Richards may give us another surprise like he did with the sensational Undine, who trotted a mile in 2.33 seconds—the fastest ever done by a maiden at Alexandra Park. The same stable also shelters Royal Albert and Undine.

E. Stockley worked his two, Tableau and Little Paul, giving them good medium pace work.

A. Mabee is retiring from the trotting game, and John Harold will be submitted to auction on Friday next.

C. R. Bailey has in active work at Manurewa the 3-year-old Grattan Abby (Abby Bells—Beman Grattan, imported from America). C.B.R. also has in work a two-year-old by Marbin Wilks (2.12), out of Elsie Downs (imported), and a filly (Galinda—Beautiful Bells).

"Billy" Orange has several smart trotters in active preparation at Kohimaramara for the A.T.C. meeting this month. They include Manderene (Norval—Black Diamond), a promising four-year-old by Specialist, from an unknown mare, Weary Willie (a pacer), and Baron Lengen (Albert Victor—My Lady). Orange met with a fair share of success last season, and barring accidents augurs well for the coming season with the popular Kohimaramara owner and trainer.

## INTER - PROVINCIAL

## CANTERBURY.

(By Our Own Correspondent.)

CHRISTCHURCH, October 3.

At the Australian Jockey Club's spring meeting this year I thought New Zealand horses would have done better, but it is evidently not to be. Los Angeles, Culprit, Vice-Admiral, Bridge and all the younger division from this part of the world have failed and failed badly.

Looking backwards one cannot help but think that the late owner of Mnewform, Boniform, and Cruciform knew a little more than some of the present day sportsmen who have thought fit to exploit Australian soil.

The Los Angeles party—and they are fairly strong in Christchurch—went down badly over the Epsom Handicap in which the son of San Francisco ran like a commoner, and when they tried to make amends for their losses by backing Vice-Admiral in the Metropolitan Handicap they had to be content with pale ale instead of the best Australian wine.

From Sydney I learn that the New Zealand contingent have had a very bad time. Surely horses of the calibre of Los Angeles, Bridge, Culprit, Vice-Admiral, Midnight Sun and even Genius are capable of winning their oats before returning to the home of their birth.

Goldfinder is still favourite for the New Zealand Cup. Next in demand being Domino.

The Cornet (6.8), who has never won a race of any consequence, has been backed for a lot of money.

W. Whitta, who is fairly well known in racing circles, was fined £50 a few days ago for loitering in the vicinity of Ashburton racecourse.

The racing at Geraldine showed that E. Murray-Aynsley promises to have a formidable team this season with Prim, Coroniform and Martine to represent him. This trio still hold their New Zealand Cup engagements and the best of the bunch should be hard to beat in the big race of the year.

Canterbury is without a representative in the Hawke's Bay Guineas this year, but will be represented in the Hastings Stakes by G. D. Greenwood's Obligado colt Gnome, who has the reputation of being a fairly smart youngster.

Counterfeit, a Champagne Challenge Stakes winner, paid his supporters a handsome dividend in the Wanganui Guineas. How such a high-class, well-performed filly went out at such long odds is one of the mysteries of the turf which no one can solve.

## WELLINGTON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WELLINGTON, October 2.

Capital nominations have been received for the spring meeting of the Marlborough Racing Club, that takes place next week. A trip across Cook Strait at this time of the year is very enjoyable, and a large number of local sportsmen intend paying Blenheim a visit.

Sid Reid will ride Bracken and Beacon in their Blenheim contests. The pair are reported in capital trim.

D. Nyhan, of Trotting fame, is removing his team to Palmerston North. Being a careful and painstaking man, "Dan" should soon have all his boxes fully tenanted.

Fort William is hitting out in an attractive style at Trentham. All going well the Soult horse should be in good trim by the time the New Zealand Cup comes up for decision.

Mira, the grey full-brother to Iranul, has Cup pretensions of a promising quantity. The colt ran very generously in the St. Leger Stakes at Trentham, which suggests that Mira will be Mr F. Hall's runner in the big Riccarton event.

A. Crawford, who for some time past has been ensconced at Trentham, has taken up his residence at Otaki. He has Foreshot under his care, but some additions are expected in the near future.

The Otaki Maori Racing Club's new racecourse lends itself admirably for training purposes. Several trainers are contemplating taking up their residence at Otaki, amongst the number being F. Higgott, who for years past has been settled down at the Lower Hutt.

Merrivonia looked nice and big at Wanganui, and her exertions at that meeting should freshen her up considerably. With A. Olliver in the saddle, the black daughter of Merri-

wee will have to be reckoned with in the decision of the New Zealand Cup.

Full Rate is bowling along in an attractive style at Clareville. The big Officer gelding has many admirers for his Stewards Handicap engagement.

Mr F. S. Easton, the Foxton sportsman, will be represented at the C.J.C. meeting with Lady Moutoa and her half-brother Sir Moutoa, by Sir Laddo.

Abercoed, the Sir Dove—Floradora colt, is to be sent across to Blenheim to complete at Riverlands next week. The youngster demonstrated at Otaki that he could muster up some pace over a short journey.

Boanerges and Kilofteri's forward running in the Higgie Handicap, of a mile and a-quarter, at Wanganui, has caused the "Highden" representatives to come into favour for the New Zealand Cup. The pair's performances on Friday last were distinctly meritorious.

The Lower Hutt and Trentham stables have a strong contingent engaged at the Marlborough meeting. The bulk of the prize money will assuredly find its way to this side of Cook Strait.

St. Felix, who looked on the pretty side at Otaki, is to fulfil his Blenheim engagements. The horse will be ridden by B. Deeley in his contests at Riverlands.

Royal Marine, who is now being trained by W. Davies at Trentham, is getting through some excellent training work. Mr Sarsfield's galloper will probably assist at the Marlborough fixture.

Sporting folk are wondering what impost Equitas will receive in her Stewards Handicap engagement. Some critics are selecting the daughter of Advance and Muriwai to receive 10st 10lb. Time alone will tell how their calculations work out when Mr Henry's decision becomes known.

Another win was secured at Wanganui with Hawick, who bids fair to develop into a typical hurdler. Mr Wilson's hurdler demonstrated that he will have to be reckoned with in the decision of jumping events that he competes in this season.

Waipaku's display over the battens at Wanganui was not very promising. After her recent poor showing Mr Messena would be well advised not to further persevere with the Conqueror mare. Some other sphere of usefulness should be found for her.

## HAWKE'S BAY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

NAPIER, October 2.

The only successful horses hailing from the "Bay" at the Wanganui gathering were Ireland and Royal Scotch. The pair both notching wins, but in consequence of the failure of the latter in the Guineas, and Ireland in the Railway Hack, backers of E. J. Watt's pair did not get much ahead in their speculations.

Granton, who had been responsible for attractive essays over the obstacles at Napier Park on several mornings, had bad luck last Saturday morning when he struck one of his knees. As a result of the mishap he has been an absentee from the track since.

A. G. Wood, of Greenmeadows, has been re-appointed starter to the Gisborne Racing Club.

Daybreak improves each time she goes out. The filly is a determined, resolute mover, and has a slick way of clipping off the furlongs that augurs favourably for her prospects in the days to come.

A couple of Napier residents, E. Limbrick and G. Wilson, were arrested on Friday afternoon for alleged tote betting. They were quickly bailed out. The charge against them will be heard this week.

At the conclusion of the Napier Park races next week, it is T. H. Lowry's intention to put up a number of his team for sale. So far he has not definitely decided which horses will come under the hammer.

Mie Mie Rosette and Sunbonnet are at present located at Te Mahanga Station, where they will form a portion of San Fran's harem this season.

Goldfinder's dam has produced a colt to Birkenhead. The latest arrival is therefore a full-brother to Sylverlyte.

The Carbine mare, Millennial, has foaled a filly to the defunct Pohutu.

Flying Marshal is going along the right way, and the bay son of Marshal Soult should soon be one to gather in stake money. He will probably be found competing at Gisborne this month.

A. Wood is taking the corners off a two-year-old gelded son of Birkenhead and Lullaby.

All Trumps has been doing fairly good work over the battens, but the half-sister to Honours and Trumpery, has so often before done this on the trying-out circuits and then gone to pieces when her party were staking upon her, that it seems useless to place any confidence in her.

A. Raynor, of Dannevirke, has secured Comedian for one of his patrons, and he takes the son of Variety back to the inland town to-morrow. When at his best Comedian was a peach, and there were not any in the orchard better than him. If he can only come back Raynor should be handling a payable proposition.

Aurais (Malster—Aurous) has added to T. H. Lowry's possession by bringing to light a colt by Royal Fusilier.

Harry Hickey got into the wars again last week. When he was having a turn on his bicycle he came a cropper, which knocked him about a great deal, and he had to receive medical aid.

Stourton is appearing to advantage at present, for besides looking well, he gets through his labours on the flat as well as over the battens in a finished manner.

The following foalings have been recorded at Longlands this week:—Blue River (Merriwee—Blue Water), a filly; Tatters (Quilt—Spearfeldt), a filly; Corleone (Coer-de-Lion—St. Katherine), a filly; and Dear Heart (Coer-de-Lion—Katie Ferguson), a colt. They were all to All Black.

The many friends of J. McVay, in and out of the sporting world, will be pleased to know that he has turned the corner on the road to recovery from the recent illness.

Amaru has been retired for a period, and as her one-time stable mate, Captain Jingle, is also resting, J. Hannah will not be represented in turf circles for some time to come.

A great improvement in the track essays of St. Gozo, the younger full-brother to Ngakau, has been noted of late. Given time to develop and fill out I prophesy a favourable future for the son of Kissmary.

## WANGANUI.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WANGANUI, October 2.

The fact that Lady Lucy is said to be doing very good work at Ranwick has led to some inquiries about her for the New Zealand Cup. It is understood that there is some probability of the Seaton Delaval mare returning to New Zealand to contest the big event, but providing she shows anything like her best form or a prospect of returning to it, the chances are that she will be a starter in the Melbourne Cup, instead of the New Zealand Cup.

In Royal Scotch and Ireland E. J. Watt has a pair of good three-year-olds. On the form shown here the latter is the better of the two, but he seemed more forward than the son of Royal Artillery, who was well beaten in the Guineas after entering the straight, with Misco in the lead—the want of a gallop telling a tale. Ireland won the Maiden with the greatest of ease, and was unlucky to lose the Hack Race the second day, in which he finished second. He gallops in fine style, and promises to be quite one of the best of the season's three-year-olds.

Tiwari, the colt that had the distinction of beating Ireland and paying a huge dividend, is a nice looking three-year-old, by Conqueror, out of Delamere, a mare that won a deal of money for H. M. Speed, who also owns the colt, who is trained by Fred Tilley at Fordell.

Tilley's horses did well at the meeting, Goodwin Park winning the Spring Handicap, and shaped in a style that suggests he will be hard to beat in the Cup at Riccarton. Goodwin Park is a six-year-old son of Sylvia Park and Vivat. As he has stayer, and has a very light weight in the two mile event, he should beat all the rest of the Cup horses which competed here. George Price also has a pair in Boanerges and Kilofteri that may have to be reckoned with. Though Boanerges won the mile and a-quarter here on the second day, he did not strike one as likely to score in such a race as the Cup. If Kiloftere goes on all right he might run a good race, while The Rover may be expected to be seen to more advantage in another four week's time.

The Waverley-Waitotara Racing Club's annual gathering, which is to be held this year on Labour Day, the 23rd inst., should be easily the best meeting the club has yet held. The club has spent a lot of money lately in improving the track and appointments, an everything promises to be in order for the meeting.