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CANTERBURY.

(By Our Own Correspondent.)

CHRISTCHURCH, October 10.

The Canterbury contingent at Randwick made about the poorest showing since owners from this part of New Zealand invaded Australia. With such well-performed horses as Los Angelos, Culprit, Pereine, Genius and Vice-Admiral running it was fully expected that some of the prize money would have come to these parts, but not one of the number even ran into a place.

Los Angelos, Vice-Admiral and Genius are still in the New Zealand Cup, despite their poor form shown in Australia. It seems likely too that they will fulfil their New Zealand engagements. Vice-Admiral has been supported pretty freely for the Cup next month.

Canterbury sportsmen who were present at the A.J.C. spring meeting, are all disappointed at the poor form shown by New Zealand horses, but speak highly of the filly Ventura.

G. D. Greenwood's two colts Canute and Teviotdale, who contracted bad attacks of influenza at Randwick, have not done any work since their return and may not be ready to race at the Metropolitan meeting. This is a stroke of bad luck for the Canterbury sportsman, who was looking forward to seeing his colts do something good this spring.

Prim is getting through her Cup preparation in good style. She galloped a mile and a-half on Saturday last in a pleasing manner, finishing up her task really well.

Coroniform, Cronstadt and Martine are all doing well, but so far they have not done anything to warrant receiving much support for a race like the New Zealand Cup.

The new six furlong course at Riccarton is well on the way to completion. It will be ready next month and the Stewards' Handicap will be the first race run on it.

Autumus, by Treadmill—Gold Leaf, is said to be the smartest two-year-old in Cutts' stable. Winning Way, by Cannie Chiel—Lady Wayward, is also a smart youngster. They are both engaged in the Wellesley Stakes.

Outlander, who has been racing a long time without catching the judge's eye, managed to win the Ohuku Handicap last week. He won as he liked, but no one can say that the performance was of any merit. I am, however, told the horse is being trained with a view to taking part in the New Zealand Cup.

Kimmona, a colt by Conqueror out of that erratic mare Bloomer, won a race at the Ohuka meeting, but the field opposed to him was only moderate.

The Birkenhead gelding Contendent won two races at the Kurow meeting last week.

San Francisco, sire of Cisco, winner of the A.J.C. Derby, is located at Sir George Clifford's Stonyhurst stable.

Several New Zealand papers stated that Cisco is owned by E. J. Watt, of Hawke's Bay. This is not so, for the Australian Derby winner belongs to D. J. Watts, a New South Wales sportsman.

HAWKE'S BAY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

NAPIER, October 9.

After assisting at the Wellington meeting on the 21st and 23rd of this month Rangitanga leaves for Melbourne, and during his stay there will pilot Hoanga in his Victorian engagements.

Miriam, the younger full sister to Ariom, has been set going again by Verney Colello. Like the latter mare she is the property of E. J. White, of Porangahau.

At Te Mahanga station Polyanthus (The Possible—Violet) has produced a filly to San Fran, and at the same establishment The Brook (Torpedo—Rivulet) has foaled a colt to Signor.

Scots Fusilier, who met with bad luck last Wednesday, and had to be destroyed, was bred by Sir William Russell. His dam, Dear Heart, is a daughter of Coeur-de-Lion and St. Katherine.

All Trumps got badly knocked about while schooling over the battens at Napier Park on Saturday morning, and it will be some considerable time ere The Officer mare will be seen out in action again.

W. Stone has turned Laughter out for a short spell, and the only horse he has now in work is a five-year-old

full brother to Niwaru (Torpedo—Lady Heart).

W. Griffiths did not long remain in charge of C. J. Parker's team. Last week the Gisborne owner made arrangements with Atlas White, of Waipawa, to attend to the requirements of his horses for the future.

Since his victory at Hastings last week Bobrikoff has been bowling along in good style on the track at Napier Park.

Hatana, a rather common looking gelding, is back at his old quarters at J. Oldfield's establishment at Greenmeadows. On the track he puts up excellent times, but when stripped for battle fails to reproduce his private essays.

O'Connell, who got tossed about and damaged while he was schooling the now defunct Scots Fusilier a couple of weeks back, is making good headway towards recovery and expects very shortly to be able to get into the saddle one more.

The Hawke's Bay Metropolitan Committee met on Friday at Hastings at which T. Quinlivan, junr., asked that the Hallinan case be re-heard, but the application was refused.

The following programmes were approved:—Porangahau R.C., December 26th, the stakes £225; Wairoa R.C., January 23rd and 24th, stakes £575; Woodville J.C., December 6th and 7th, stakes £1445; Mohaka R.C., January 18th (no tote).

E. J. Watt is expected back in Hawke's Bay next Thursday from Sydney. The New Zealand Cup horse Midnight Sun accompanies him.

WANGANUI.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WANGANUI, Monday.

The dam of Labour Day has a colt foal at foot to Maniapoto, and is again in foal to the same horse.

The Waverley-Waitotara Club has a new tote house in course of erection, the old one having been converted into a jockeys' room.

The weights for the Waverley-Waitotara meeting appear to have been framed in George Morse's usual careful style, and the acceptances promise to be large. The meeting, which is to be held on Monday, the 23rd inst. (Labour Day) gives every promise of being the most successful the club has yet held.

Of the 24 handicapped for the Flying Handicap, Master Sylvia heads the list with 9.13, Con the Shaughran 9.7, Labour Day 9.6, and Patriotic 8.11, following in order. These are four good ones to start with, and there are several other speedy ones carrying lighter imposts, so that a great race should be witnessed. On the strength of her showing here Labour Day will probably be the favourite, if she starts in this event in preference to the Cup. She will, however, have to be all she is cracked up to be to beat Master Sylvia and Con the Shaughran. The latter at his best is very brilliant over six furlongs.

Master Sylvia heads the list with 9.11 in the Brewer Handicap, seven furlongs. Jargon 7.4, looks well treated in view of his good form here, while Topic 6.13, and Minora 7.1 also ran well enough at the W.J.C. meeting to suggest that they would do better soon.

Euroco has 12.6 in the Hurdles, Patrobus 11.4, Mahuta 10.4, Koran 10.3, and there are fourteen others weighted, of whom Contralto 9.4, may turn out the best. Euroco performed like a champion at Marton, and if in the same fettle next Monday week, will set a merry pace, notwithstanding his weight. Such a lot has been heard of Koran that many are anxious to see how he will shape against a good one like Euroco, and it will be interesting to see how the pair perform.

In the Cup Sandy Paul and Labour Day have 9.4 each, Otahu 9.1. The latter was galloping so well at the end of the Moutoa Hack Race here, that many think he will turn the tables on Labour Day over the mile and a quarter at Waverley. Midian was galloping very well on the tracks prior to the Wanganui meeting, and she may have to be reckoned with at 7.6, while Jargon 7.2, will run well if reserved for this.

Most of the horses engaged in the Momohaki Stakes are also in one or two of the other events, so that it is difficult to say how the field will be made up.

The form shown by Boanerges in the Higgie Handicap at the recent Wanganui meeting has led to some good judges favouring his chance in the New Zealand Cup, but others reckon that he will not see the journey out.

A friend, who has recently had a

look over the Waverley racecourse, informs the writer that it is in splendid order for the forthcoming meeting, which promises to be the best ever held by the club.

George Laing, who trains Whimper, also has a fine looking three-year-old gelding by Sweet Simon, out of a Sou'-wester mare in work. This youngster is named King Simon, and is a fine big upstanding horse that ought to make a splendid hurdler. He has shown that he possesses a fair amount of pace, and his trainer thinks a lot of him. It is on the cards that Laing will take Whimper to Australia shortly, in order that the Wonderland gelding may be given a chance in some of the many short steeplechase races in the North.

WELLINGTON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WELLINGTON, October 9.

J. H. Pollock's adjustments for the first day's events of the Wellington Racing Club's Spring Meeting were issued on Friday last. The veteran appears to have put forth his best efforts in the interests of the Club, and a satisfactory response from owners should result when acceptances fall due.

A number of local sporting enthusiasts journeyed to Hastings last week for the purpose of attending the spring meeting of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club. They were rewarded with witnessing some excellent racing, the finish in the Guineas being well worth the trip. Taken all round the gathering was voted very successful.

W. E. Bidwill, the popular Wairapa sportsman, was represented at Hastings with Ovation and Vocation, both of whom ran well forward in their engagements. The pair were turned out in capital condition by J. Farmer, who is sparing no pains to bring the two full-brothers to Provocation up to a state of perfection.

St. Petersburg, the half-brother to Danube, by Kilcheran, ran a slashing race in the Hawke's Bay Guineas. This inmate of the Porirua stable bids fair to run with some success this season. The gallop at Hastings should improve the colt considerably.

J. Buckley's colt Jan (Charlemagne II.—Janet), made many friends by the manner in which he galloped in the Hastings Stakes last week. The youngster appears capable of carrying his Oamaru owner's livery with some distinction this season. Jan is a member of J. H. Prosser's team at Porirua.

There is a probability of Fort William, Our Queen, and other horses belonging to C. J. Parker being handed over to A. White, at Waipawa, to be prepared for future events. The former is at present under J. W. Lowe's care at Trentham.

The St. Ambrose colt, St. Bees, is galloping in an attractive style on the Levin tracks. Wire Pewene's capable galloper is to compete at Trentham.

The running of several New Zealand Cup candidates at Trentham will probably throw some light on the ultimate winner of the big Riccarton event. The writer still holds to the opinion that The Rover will worthily represent the North Island in the event named.

Local stables are well represented in events at the W.R.C. meeting. Although strong in numbers the quality of some of those engaged are only moderate, and trainers will have to use their best endeavours if they wish to secure a portion of the stake money for their clients.

Monoline and Turbine have reached W. Davies' stable at Trentham safely. The pair appear in excellent fettle, and they should worthily represent Auckland in events that they compete in at the W.R.C. meeting.

Midnight Sun, who is to be E. J. Watt's representative in the New Zealand Cup, is expected to reach here from Sydney on Wednesday next.

Gladiole is hitting out in an attractive manner on the Awapuni tracks. The chestnut does not appear to have lost any of her dash. T. O'Neill has hopes of his favourite running with some prominence in the Stewards' Handicap.

Returned visitors from the Hawke's Bay meeting speak in flattering terms of the handicapping of H. Coyle at the gathering. The finishes in several of the events were a treat to witness, bearing testimony to the handicapper's excellent judgment of the contestants' weight carrying ability.

Merrivon continues to improve at Trentham, her training work being very satisfactory. The black mare will be given a run at the W.R.C. meeting.

Rangiatua, who showed a rare turn of speed for half-a-mile in the Wanga-