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WELLINGTON.

WELLINGTON, January 29.

The Wellington Racing Club's summer meeting that was brought to a conclusion on Wednesday last will long be remembered as the most successful in the history of the club. There was a numerous attendance on each of the three days, and consequently the totalisator figures disclosed a big increase on those of last year, the figures for the meetings being 1911 £52,102, 1912 £83,315, thus showing an increase of £31,213 in favour of the recent gathering.

The starting of Mr. C. O'Connor, who was ably assisted by Mr. A. Vincent, was one of the features at the recent W.R.C. meeting. The send-offs were timed to a nicety, the only disagreeableness being long delays at the post

hoisting the right numbers. There were several head and half-head victories, with the same between second and third in several instances. There was a substantial increase on the totalisator figures of last year, and the club should show a good profit after all expenses are paid.

Mr. F. S. Easton's bad luck stuck to him through the Foxton meeting. He had a useful team to carry his colours, but the best of his horses could do was to run a second and a third in their several contests.

Negative was shipped to Blenheim on Friday last. The gelding has been running at several meetings recently, but has failed to show any form. His next appearance will probably be at the Marlborough meeting.

A couple of North Island jumpers in Longner and Gold Bird have been nominated in hurdle events at the Dunedin meeting. Both are very fair performers, and if taken South they should pay expenses on the trip.

with his Achilles—Shannon colt Styx, who won his two events in good style. The youngster, who is trained by J. H. Prosser at Porirua, gives promise of turning out useful.

The stable presided over by G. Price at Awapuni won seven races at the recent W.R.C. meeting. The bearers of the "Highden" colours were turned out in such capital trim as to reflect the highest credit on Price, whose many friends were glad to see him in such form.

WANGANUI.

WANGANUI, Monday.

Coromandel, who failed to win a race, but earned £125 place money, has returned from Trentham looking none the worse for his exertions there. He will be allowed to take things easy for a few days. If kept for the Wanganui Cup Menschikoff's son will

Electrakoff will have joined Alex. Hall's team before these notes appear, as he is supposed to arrive here on Tuesday. Hall will have quite a select little string with the son of Menschikoff, St. Gate, St. Bill, and North East. St. Bill appears to have lost some of his brilliancy, but judiciously placed should win a few more races before retiring.

A local trainer just missed making a good deal the other day. While at Foxton he took a fancy to Eminent, an aged gelding by Phaeton—Famous, for which £125 was wanted. This price appeared very reasonable, and the trainer in question determined to secure the gelding, but someone else got in first and paid 300 guineas for the son of Phaeton.

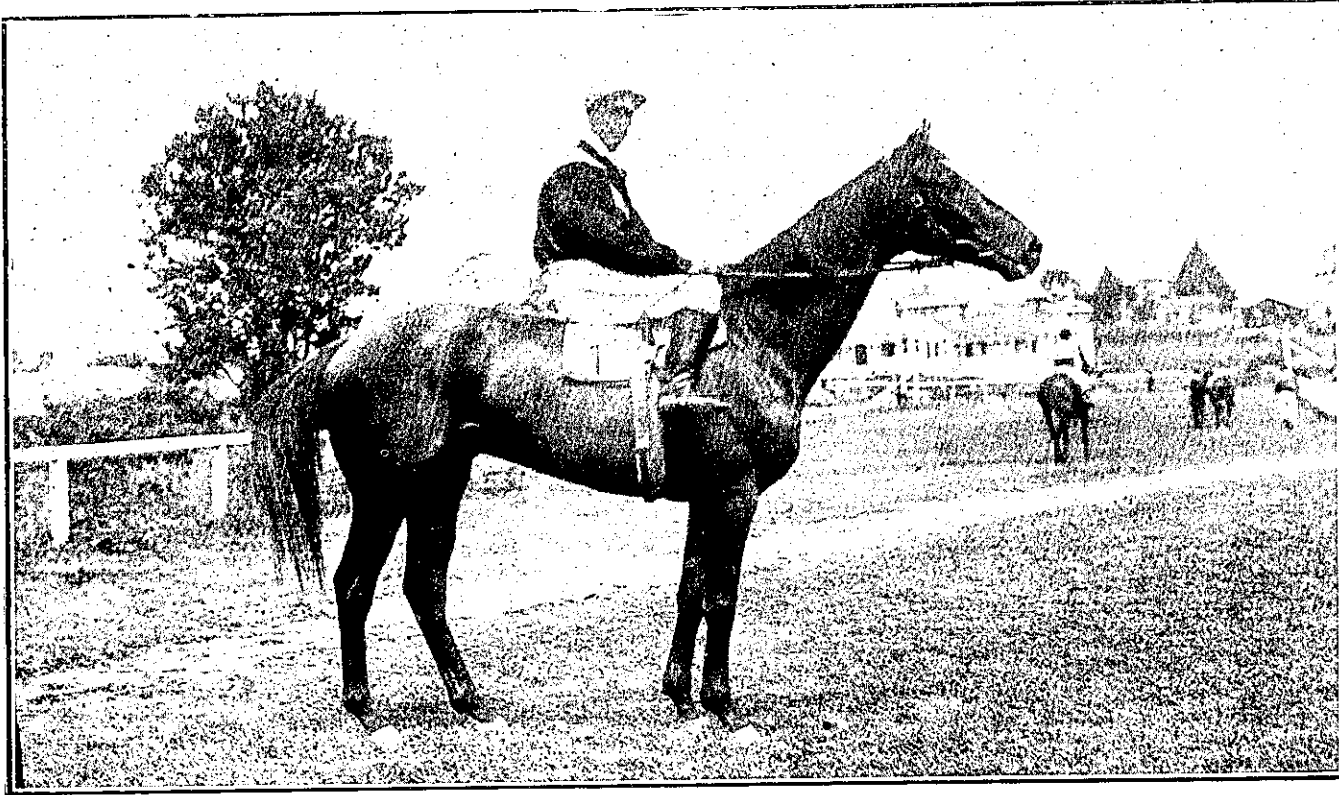
The Wanganui Jockey Club's autumn meeting, to be held on the 29th February and 1st March, gives indications of proving one of the most successful Cup gatherings on record, judging by the number of entries received and the quality of the horses engaged in the principal races. Altogether 402 nominations have been received, compared with 365 last year, for the fifteen handicap events on the programme. In the Cup there are 31 engaged, as against 26 last year, and the best handicap horses in the Dominion are amongst the list, which includes such good ones as Counterfeit, Santa Rosa, Waimangu, Domino, Coromandel, Midnight Sun, Maxwell, Undecided, Miscount, Los Angeles, Merrivonia, Bronze, and others. If the pick of this lot goes to the post the field will be quite one of the best from every point of view that has yet contested the big race here. Some surprise has been expressed at Bronze having been nominated for the Cup, but while six and seven furlongs seem to be her favourite distance at present, there is no reason why she should not stay the distance. Her running in the Summer Handicap at Marton was good enough to suggest that she should see out a longer journey all right. If George Price can land her at the post in top form the three-year-old daughter of Field Battery will not want for friends.

Sanguinary's fine form at Trentham would indicate that she is likely to be very hard to beat in the Juvenile Handicap at Wanganui. This promises to be a very interesting race, as in addition to Sanguinary, such good ones as Styx, Royal Scotch, Rangiatua, Labour Day, and other proved smart youngsters are engaged.

The dearth of good hurdlers is shown by the small entries received for the jumping events at the Wanganui meeting, though if the best of those entered go to the post the fields will be good in quality. It would apparently be well for the club to consider the advisability of cutting out one of the hurdle races each day and putting on another flat event.

The Egmont gathering to be held next week is likely to attract a large number of Wanganui sportsmen, who should be rewarded by witnessing some very interesting racing, and racing which should throw a deal of light on the Wanganui Cup meeting, since so many of the same horses are engaged.

Francisco, a colt by San Francisco from Isolt, is a stable companion of Lady Medallist at Randwick, and is said to be highly fancied by his trainer. Isolt was a great mare until she became amiss in the respiratory organs, and the handsome daughter of Multiform may do even better at the stud than she did on the track.



Mr. S. Pitt's b g RED LUPIN, 5yrs, by Lipin—Porangi, winner of the Zealandia Handicap (four furlongs) at the Takapuna Jockey Club's Summer Meeting.

before the fields were sent on their errands.

Gladiole returned her supporters a very acceptable dividend when she won at Trentham. The chestnut is very well at present, and she should soon be caught in a winning mood before the season is much further advanced.

M. McGrath, who has been on a holiday visit to the Dominion, returned to Australia on Friday last and he took with him Puaka and a pony by name Palsestia. Both have shown some galloping ability, and they should pay their way in events in the vicinity of Melbourne.

First Consul has been returned to his owner, Mr. W. D. Watson, of Masterton. There is every probability that the Conqueror horse when next he races will be known as a gelding.

Splendid weather was experienced for the annual meeting of the Foxton Racing Club. Excellent fields contested the several events, and the finishes were such as to place the judge (Mr. J. R. White) in a quandary in

Mr. H. Whitney has nominated Odessa for the Dunedin Cup. This St. Ambrose horse is a capable galloper and is sure to be hard to beat in the event named, provided, of course, he sees the post.

Mr. A. J. Toxward, owner of Sanguinary, was asked to put a price on the Sylvia Park filly during the progress of the W.R.C. meeting. Mr. Toxward, however, refused to sell, and she still remains under F. Tilley's guidance at Fordell.

Hermia continues to misbehave herself at the starting post. But for this incident the Birkenhead mare would assuredly have won a race at the W.R.C. meeting.

Returned sportsmen from the Foxton meeting speak in high terms of the starting of Mr. Angus Keith. His despatches were a treat to witness, and provided he gets the opportunity Mr. Keith should make a decided acquisition to the ranks of starters in the Dominion.

Mr. J. R. McDonald, the Levin sportsman, won a double at Trentham

not want for support after his consistent running of late.

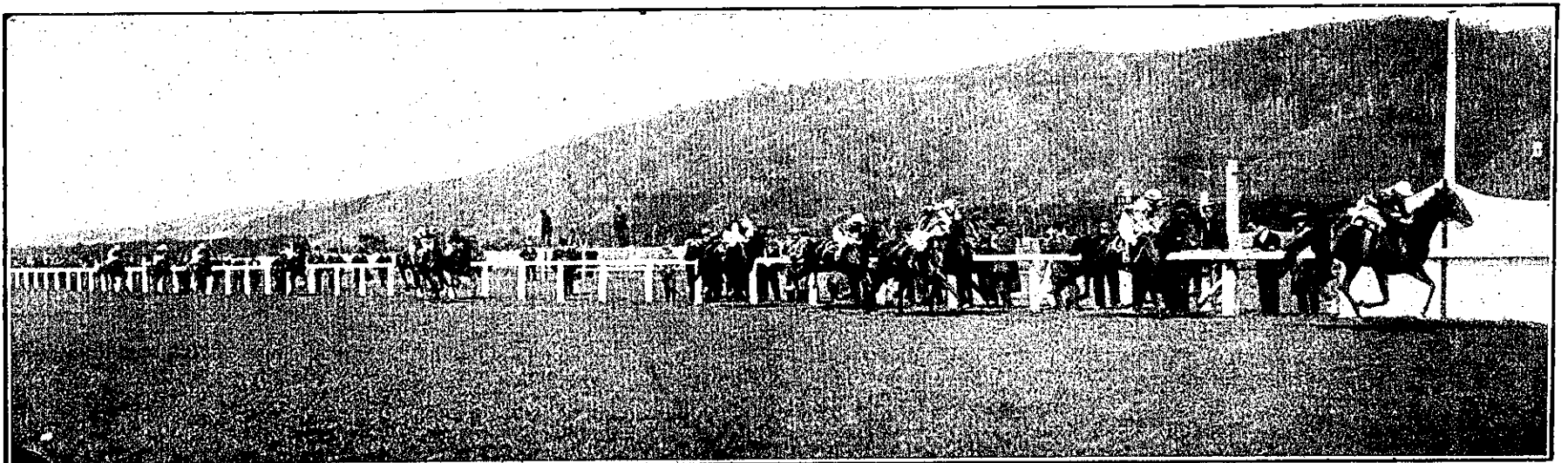
K. Lamess has the full sister to Seaman in work again. This youngster had to be given a spell owing to going amiss, but she is now coming along well, and gives promise to develop into a good filly.

Alf. Hopeful, who looks after Muleteer, has a three-year-old daughter of St. Clements in hand now. This filly is a handsome looking thing, standing nearly sixteen hands, and she should turn out to be possessed of a lot of pace.

Brilliancy is in work again, having got over the effects of his recent accident.

The running of Overtime at Foxton was very disappointing to his party, as the Musketry gelding had put up a good gallop before leaving here over six furlongs. It would seem that he is a light of other days.

Lady Kilcheran's name figured amongst the entrants for the Stewards Handicap at the Wanganui J.C. Autumn meeting by mistake. She is engaged in the Flying instead.



THE FINISH OF THE WELLINGTON CUP (1½ miles).—UNDECIDED (L. Wilson) wins by two lengths from the favourite MIDNIGHT SUN (B. Deeley), with COROMANDEL (H. Gray) third.

[J. H. Daroux, photo.]