

## INTERPROVINCIAL.

### WELLINGTON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WELLINGTON, Feb. 5.

The recent annual meeting of the Foxton Racing Club was the most successful in the history of the club. After payment of all expenses the club comes out of the ordeal with a profit of £800. The stewards are already contemplating a big increase in their stake money for next year's gathering.

The stewards of the Foxton Racing Club have passed a resolution thanking Mr. F. S. Easton for a valuable contribution towards the erection of a new kiosk that the club are erecting.

The Trentham owner-trainer Mr. J. W. Lowe suffered a severe loss last week through the loss of his two-year-old filly by Achilles from Marseillaise, who died very suddenly from some internal trouble. She was purchased by Sir James Carroll at the sale of Waikanae yearlings last year for 300 guineas and gave promise of making a decided acquisition to the ranks of the racing brigade.

Lains, who has been running in Mr. R. T. Turnbull's nomination, has been purchased by J. H. Prosser. In all probability the son of Merriwee will be put to the jumping business.

Mr. Ian Duncan, a director of Levin and Co., Ltd., and owner of the Waikanae stud, is shortly leaving on a visit to England. During his trip to the Old Country he will probably purchase some brood mares and thoroughbreds for his stud.

"Brusher" Gray is busy at Moutoa with Mr. F. Easton's team. Bearers of the blue and black livery will make their first appearance under their new mentor's supervision at the Wanganui meeting.

After Odessa's forward running at Riccarton on Saturday last the St. Ambrose horse will have many admirers for his Dunedin Cup engagement. Pritchard has Mr. Whitney's galloper in good trim at present.

Naumai continues to train on satisfactorily and will make his first appearance in his new owner's colours at the Dunedin meeting.

Dearest and St. Petersburg have been responsible for some excellent training work at Porirua. The pair should keep their opponents busy in events that they compete in at the Taranaki meeting next week.

Merrivonia continues to stand up to her work at Trentham. All going well in the interim the black mare is a sure starter in the Wanganui Cup.

Special Formfi, who won the Filly Stakes at the C.J.C. meeting last week, is by Boniform from Signal, and is the first of that horse's progeny to win a race in New Zealand. The youngster, who belongs to Mr. J. H. Prosser, gives promise of turning out decidedly useful.

F. Higgott has purchased a property in close proximity to the new racecourse of the Otaki Maori Racing Club, and will shortly be removing his team to his new quarters. Higgott will be missed from the Lower Hutt, where he was a familiar figure for some years.

In Aratiatia, a three-year-old gelding by Achilles from Mamokai, the Porirua owner-trainer, Mr. J. H. Prosser, possesses a promising sort, and one that is sure to win races before this season draws to a close. Aratiatia proved at the W.R.C. meeting that he was possessed of some galloping ability.

Royal Marine, who is destined to compete at the Woodville meeting, is bowling along in an attractive manner on the Trentham tracks. The son of Royal Artillery has been somewhat of a disappointment so far this season, but he is expected to make a better showing when next he sports silk.

A big Foxton contingent figure in the nomination list for the Woodville meeting amongst the number being Stevens, Puketotara, Moutoa Girl, Ambrosian, Waitoto, Lady Moutoa, and Waiouru, truly a useful string and one that should well represent the flax town in events at the gathering.

Gay Lawless is putting in some solid work at Awapuni in view of the Woodville meeting. The black

mare is expected to make some amends at Woodville for her poor showing at Trentham.

Lady Kilcheran is pleasing J. Ayres by her exertions at Trentham. The half-sister to Merrivonia will accompany her stable mate to the Wanganui meeting.

In Kaurua and Projectile the stable presided over by T. Lloyd at Marton will have a couple of useful runners to represent his establishment in the remainder of this season's racing. Both animals have shown the possession of speed and stamina, and Kaurua's second to Ireland in the Summer Handicap at Trentham was a really first-class performance.

Sir Frisco, who has been doing a short season at the stud, is to be put into work by F. Carmont at Levin with a view to competing in some of the remainder of the season's racing events.

### HAWKE'S BAY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

NAPIER, February 5.

The monthly meeting of the committee of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club was held on Friday, when it was resolved to recommend trustees of the accident fund to pay £17 and medical expenses to W. Bond, who met with

an accident than Rathlea was at the same age.

Seraphic is enjoying a spell. It is quite likely that when the ground gets a little softer Ngakau will be tried over the fences. F. Smith, who a few years back, was connected with T. F. Quinlivan's Hastings stable, has taken the position at Karamau recently vacated by L. Grey.

J. Maher has been entrusted with the training of Cheddar and Kildonan for Mr. E. J. Watt at Hastings.

### WANGANUI.

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WANGANUI, Feb. 6.

Labour Day is reported to be galloping in quite her best style again, and her chance of winning a race at Hawera is highly thought of. She is engaged in the Flying Handicap on Wednesday at 8st. 6lb., and is in a mile race the second day.

Goodwin Park is said to be going extremely well, and if he goes on the right way in the interim he may be depended upon to run a big race in the Wanganui Cup. Last year he ran second, finishing strongly, so that the distance will not stop him.

It will be interesting to see how Muleteer shapes in the hack hurdles at Hawera, as the Malatua gelding is a very fine jumper, and with his

most interesting races in the series taking place on the 2nd March.

From Clareville comes word that Sir Lethe has been put into work again with a view to being prepared for the Wanganui Steeplechase. This gelding is a very fine jumper and if he can be got into his best form he should be hard to beat in some of the cross-country events during the coming season.

Track watchers are sorting out Handsome Maid as a likely winner at an early date. This made has been galloping in very attractive style lately, and it would come as no surprise to see her win a race at the Egmont meeting. In a gallop on Saturday with Coromandel she showed great pace for about five furlongs, though from that on Coromandel was too good.

Roosevelt has been doing some solid work recently, and Albert Jackson should get another race or two out of this game little fellow.

### TROTTING.

The Wanganui Trotting Club has (writes our own correspondent) fixed the dates of its annual meeting for Easter Saturday and Easter Monday. It is rather unfortunate that the latter date will clash with Feilding, always a very popular gathering with racegoers on this



THE GRANDSTAND AND LAWN ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE GISBORNE RACING CLUB'S SUMMER GATHERING.

an accident on the Hastings racecourse last October. Licenses were granted as follows:—Apprentices: S. Ware. Jockeys: J. Crerar and L. Watson. Trainers: D. F. McKay, A. G. Hicks and W. Woods. Gentlemen riders: J. Cockrey, W. J. Crerar, and A. J. Poyzer. The interim statement for the summer meeting, showing a surplus of £1058, was laid on the table.

Moonbrae, a two-year-old colt by Merriwee—La Notte, has been turned out at Ngatarawa for a short time owing to his growing too fast. His place at Quinlivan's stable has been filled by Red Book, a full brother to Blue Book, who dead-heated with Aborigine in the Caulfield Cup. Moonbrae showed fine form on the tracks over a distance, but for four furlongs the majority of the two-year-olds in the stable could beat him.

Mr. E. J. Watt is thinking of sending Ireland, Merton, and one of the Achilles colts he purchased at the Wellington sale to Sydney to be trained. If his intentions are carried out they will be shipped in a few weeks' time, and will go into Raynor's stable.

Mr. Tom Stinsen, of Waipawa, who at one time raced Vision and Baccarat with success in the Hawke's Bay district, has a very promising yearling colt by King's Guest from Baccarat. The colt is well grown, and if looks don't belie, his career on the turf should prove remunerative to his owner.

Mr. T. H. Lowry is sending to the Sydney autumn sales a yearling full brother to Rathlea, who has won three or four races over there this season in two-year-old events. The above colt is much better in appear-

undoubted pace should make a name for himself over the small sticks.

Merrivonia, who won the Wanganui Cup last year, is regarded as a sure starter in this year's race, and is reported to be doing good work at Trentham.

Jargon, who is engaged in the Wanganui Cup, is credited with doing good work at Hawera, where he will run in the Egmont Cup on Wednesday.

The Freedom gelding Taft, recently sold by Albert Jackson to a South Island sportsman, won a race at Tapanui the other day.

Tom Quinlivan, sen., has Plantation in great buckle, and is hopeful of landing the Egmont Cup with the son of Sylvia Park. This horse has pace, and looks like one that should stay well, so that he may have a chance in the Wanganui Cup.

Mon Ami has been responsible for some solid work recently, and will be a starter on the second day at Hawera. In addition to the Sout mare, Fred Tilley took Nukuatu, Goodwin Park, and Sardis north today to fulfil their engagements at the Egmont meeting. Sardis is a half-brother by Coronet to Merose and Clemora.

There is every prospect of a splendid field lining up for the Jackson Stakes, to be decided on the second day of the Wanganui autumn meeting. Included in the seventeen left in are such good performers as Counterfeit, Autumnus, Royal Scotch, Ermengarde, Polymorphous, Boanerges, and others, and there is every reason to look forward to one of the

cast, but trotting appears to be coming into favour about here, so that the club may be favoured with a large attendance. The programme is a well-arranged one, and the stake money offered sufficiently liberal to be worthy the attention of owners and trainers of trotters. Providing the meeting is a success financially the club will increase the prize-money considerably for next season.

Dillon Bell, who won the Dunedin Trotting Cup, of 500 sovs. at Forbury Park last week, registered a very creditable time. He covered the two miles in 4min 35sec, and was easing up at the end.

The South Island Owners', Trainers' and Breeders' Association has circulated the following letter among trotting enthusiasts in Canterbury and Otago:—I am instructed by my committee to approach you with reference to your becoming a member of the above association. My committee intend to do all in their power to improve the breed, and to look after the interests of the light-harness horse. It is their intention also to go into the question of having a Government tax imposed on all stallions unable to obtain a Government veterinary surgeon's certificate, to further deal with the question of class racing, the method of handicapping, and the mode of starting as conducted at our various race meetings. My committee would ask your support as a member in dealing with these and other questions affecting the sport in general.—I am, etc., J. H. Tompkins, hon. secretary.