

between two and three thousand pounds and purchased a property. On this they have prepared a make-shift track, which they have fenced and railed. The club have built a totalisator house and other erections and generally established a racecourse in full working order. The officials of the club have worked day and night to accomplish so much in the short time referred to. It says a great deal for other clubs of the home province and sportsmen generally in the south that such a result has been made possible by whole-hearted assistance and widespread financial contributions. It is expected the first meeting this week will prove a success in every way.

One of the oldest hack clubs in the district, the Lumsden Hack Racing Club, had to cease operations during the period of the great war owing to a number of its members being absent on active service, but it has now been decided to resume activities. A meeting will be held next week, when the club's office-bearers will draw up a programme. When bookmakers were sent to the rightabout some years back, some southern hack clubs racing without totalisator backing went to the wall, but not so the Lumsden institution, which battled along bravely until the war intervened.

The Dunedin Cup entries should furnish material for a good race, the following having been nominated for the contest for the 1500sovs stake, over twelve furlongs: Affectation, Amythas, Claverhouse, Eleus, Flight-Commander, Glenshine, Kilrush, Mandrake, Mascot, Nightraider, Royal Stag, Rose Wreath, Rose Pink, Royal Star, Rorke's Drift, Tin Soldier, Warlove.

### WANGANUI.

**Acre's Immediate Engagements—Wanganui Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting—Increased Stakes Offered—H. Rayner Takes Four Representatives to Foxton Gathering—Wanganui Trotting Club's New Track Practically Completed.**

WANGANUI, Monday.

F. Tilley has abandoned the idea of taking a team north for the Hamilton and other meetings, the principal reason being that Acre is engaged in the classics at the Taranaki and Egmont gatherings next month and they are too close to the Hamilton fixture to admit of racing in the north and at Egmont also.

T. Long has hopes that All Cerise will be fit to race at the Wanganui autumn meeting, as the All Black filly is making a good recovery from the cold which caused her to be spelled for two or three weeks. Admyra is also throwing off the soreness which prevented her racing at Marton, but she may not be a starter at the Wanganui Cup meeting.

The Fordell-trained Oratress, Demand and Acre have been taken to Trentham, where they should all run well in their engagements. Acre is very fit, and should pick up a sprint race at the meeting, even if he does not win the Telegraph Handicap. Oratress will carry the support of her connections in the Wellington Cup, as she is in better form than ever. Demand appears to have gone on the right way since racing at Marton, and the half brother to Client will be hard to beat in his engagements.

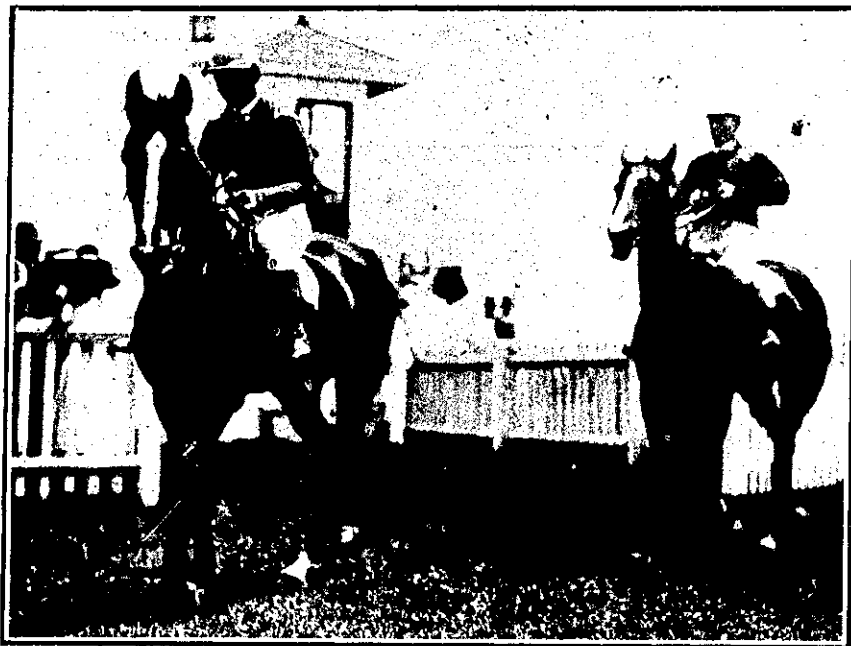
The Wanganui Jockey Club's autumn meeting, to be held on February 26 and 28, gives every promise of being a record success. The prize money offered is liberal enough to attract the best horses from all parts of the Dominion, as the Cup will be worth 850sovs to the winner, the Flying Handicap 600sovs to the place-getters, and the Wanganui Stakes 700 sovs. There are other good stakes to be picked up, all classes of horses being well catered for. In addition to the cash prize of 850sovs, the winner of the Cup will receive a silver cup valued at 100sovs, presented by Mr. W. R. Grace, one of the stewards of the club.

A race which should draw a big entry is the Victory Hack Welter of 400sovs, run over a mile and a-quarter. It is good to see the club encouraging long-distance races instead of short sprints, which are so popular with some clubs, but which are not in the best interests of racing. Owners should bear in mind that nominations for all the handicap events at the meeting, and a second forfeit for the Jackson Stakes are due on Friday, the 30th inst.

H. Rayner has taken Simon, Nema-line, Signorella and Carmel Arch to Foxton. The last-named will probably be a starter in the Cup, though it

all depends upon whether a suitable rider can be secured at the weight.

The formation of the Wanganui Trotting Club's new track on Liverpool Park is practically complete, all that remains to be done to have it in first-class order for the meeting on February 27 and March 1 being a little more top-dressing and consolidating. As it is now, the track is fit to race on and several horses are now in training on it. It is a clay track, mixed with sand, and promises to be very fast. Liverpool Park is an ideal spot for a trotting track, and though there will be no time to erect a grandstand this will not be missed, as a splendid view of the whole course is obtained from a terrace running along the straight and which will accommodate thousands of spec-



ENDURE (L. Lambess) returning to scale after winning the First Hack Hurdles (1 3/4 miles) on the opening day of the Marton J.C.'s summer meeting. The second horse is HUSHABYE (H. McSweeney).



IDLE TALK'S rider, M. McCarten, saluting the judge after winning the Dash Hack Handicap (six furlongs) on the opening day of the Marton J.C.'s summer meeting.

tators. There is a big block of ground behind this terrace, on which are many willow and other trees, which will afford shelter from the sun and make ideal picnic spots for parties who like to take their own hampers with them. Stabling has been erected, providing 32 stalls and six loose-boxes, and the tote house is well under way. Other temporary appointments are being erected, and the arrangements for the meeting should be very complete considering that it is only some seven months since a start was made with the formation of the track.

Owners are reminded that nominations for the Wanganui Trotting Club's meeting close on Friday, February 7. From the number of inquiries already to hand it is evident that the entry list will be a very large one.

Stone Beldon and Rio Grande are amongst the horses being trained on the new track. They are both hitting out freely, Rio Grande especially appearing to be in capital form. He will probably be taken to New Plymouth for the Taranaki Trotting Club's meeting.

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### HAWKE'S BAY.

Golden Bubble, Spanner and Surveyor Nominated for A.J.C. Doncaster Handicap—Wairoa County R.C.'s Meeting—Hastings and Napier Park Trained Horses Capture a Fair Share of the Stake Money—Hawke's Bay Trotting Club's Meeting—"J. D. Ormond Memorial Cup" to Figure on Hawke's Bay J.C.'s Autumn Programme.

NAPIER, Monday.

Mr. W. Jewell, of Palmerston North, acted as deputy stipendiary steward at the annual gathering of the Wairoa County Racing Club last week.

During G. Jones' absence at Woodville the home members of his string are being attended to by R. Tiernay.

and a trophy valued at 25sovs. The latter mare is owned and trained by Mr. M. Thomas, a well-known local native follower of the sport. Lady Wolawa is a three-year-old filly by Wolawa out of Wairakau, and was bred by Mr. T. H. Lowry at Okawa. Other members of Mr. Thomas' team to get a clip of the stake money were Silvermanse, Marula, and Eheipa, the first-named pair running into third positions, while Eheipa secured a second placing. On the concluding day of the Wairoa meeting the local band secured 220sovs., the principal contributor to the amount being Lord Muskerry with 115sovs., Marula coming next with 75sovs. The most successful owner from these parts over the two days' gathering was Mr. M. Thomas with 245sovs. and a piece of plate valued at 25sovs.

Hindi, the younger full-brother to Indigo, has been operated upon, and when next he lines up for business will do so as a gelding. He is a fine, bold-appeared horse, but his conduct has been somewhat erratic of late.

The daughter of St. Girons and Iora, who has lately been added to the active members of T. Quinlivan's team, is making satisfactory progress in her education.

A meeting of the Hawke's Bay Trotting Club was held at Hastings on Friday afternoon, the president (Mr. M. Johnson) being in the chair. Messrs. J. Hart and J. Landels were appointed a deputation to wait upon the committee of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club with a view to obtaining the use of the latter club's racecourse for trotting purposes. The chairman, Messrs. Lloyd, Piper and McFarlane were appointed a programme committee. Mr. P. G. Dickson was appointed secretary, and Mr. A. I. Rainbow auditor.

The locally-trained and owned First Salute and Arch Salute will be likely runners at the approaching summer meeting of the Takapuna Jockey Club.

At a meeting of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club, held last week, it was decided to initiate at the coming autumn meeting a race to be known as the "J. D. Ormond Memorial Cup," of 650sovs. and a cup valued at 100sovs., presented by the executors of the late Hon. J. D. Ormond. The stakes for the Hawke's Bay Stakes was increased to 1000sovs., and several other large increases were made to individual races.

### CANTERBURY.

C.J.C. Midsummer Meeting Attracts Excellent Entries.

CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

Most of the Riccarton horses with engagements at Trentham left here for their destination on Friday evening.

The Canterbury Jockey Club has received excellent nominations for its summer meeting, to be held on January 31. Thirteen are listed for the Midsummer Handicap, including such well-performed ones as Amythas, Affectation, Royal Stag, Athens II., Royal Star and Nightraider, while in the Craven Plate are a number of good sprinters. Only seven have been paid up for in the Middle Park Plate, and in Winter Wind and Moorfowl the Chokebore stable looks to have a strong hand.

Mr. G. L. Stead will be represented in the Middle Park Plate by his recently-acquired colt, Right and Left, who has been responsible for several good gallops since racing at Auckland.

Affectation, who failed to run up to expectations at Ellerslie, has been galloping attractively since reaching Trentham, and should be seen to advantage during the Wellington Racing Club's meeting this week.

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