

latest showings the Demosthenes gelding can lay good claim to be considered the best of the season's three-year-olds; that evidently is the opinion Mr. Henrys holds of him, for in the C.J.C. Midsummer Handicap and Dunedin Cup he has set Amythas to concede 6lb. to Royal Stag, who defeated Rossini in the Great Northern Derby. There is little chance of Amythas and Royal Stag meeting at Riccarton, but if they should come together in the Dunedin Cup the result will be instructive. It was unfortunate that Amythas did not strike form earlier in the season, for it is now by no means certain that he will have a chance of measuring strides with both Royal Stag and Rossini before it closes. Rossini is now owned by Messrs. Riddiford Bros., of Wellington, who will have a job to get the son of Martian right for some time.

The Chokebore stable holds a strong hand in the C.J.C. Midsummer Handicap with Royal Stag and Night-raider, weighted at 9.1 and 7.11 respectively. It is doubtful if the former will be asked to face the starter, but on Trentham form Nightraider must be given a good chance in both his races. There he finished very gamely after having none the best of luck in the early stages.

Should Affectation be got back to his early spring form it will take something pretty good to lower his colours in the big event at Riccarton on Saturday. Next to him Royal Star and Warlove are likely to give the best showings.

Michaela ran three sterling races at Trentham, and with the least luck would have won the City Handicap (six furlongs) on Saturday. As usual she was rather slow to begin, and though making up her ground in great style over the last furlong, she could not quite overhaul Bindle.

A number of North Island horses claim engagements at the C.J.C. summer meeting, including Rose Wreath, Rose Pink, Chimera, Trentham Rose, and Teka, but most of them will probably drop out on acceptance night.

Many horses engaged in the Midsummer Handicap also figure in the Dunedin Cup, and a win by any of them in the former event will necessitate its being rehandicapped in the latter, as there are no fixed scale of penalties.

Furling returned from Wellington on Sunday, but the balance of the Riccarton horses did not reach home till Tuesday afternoon.

A. J. McFlinn has made an excellent recovery from the accident he sustained at Trentham, and hopes to be riding again in the course of a week or two.

T. H. Gillet left Merton on the West Coast at the conclusion of the holiday meetings.

The hurdler Tip Up, after enjoying a long spell, is to be put into work again in a week's time.

H. Ellis intends to make another start on Tyne, who has been off the scene for nearly three months.

The three-year-old filly Kilcarm is one of R. Derrett's team. She is doing useful work.

Red Light, by Gay Spark—Portland Lass, in T. Gillet's stable, will be tried over hurdles. He is a plain-looking, useful sort.

The imported horse Motor Patrol, in P. McGrath's stable, is getting into good shape for the autumn meetings. He has not been seriously tried out yet.

The tracks were in fair order at Riccarton on Saturday morning, and some interesting work was done in view of next Saturday's meeting. Winter Wind ran five furlongs in 1min. 2-5sec., Checkmate going with him the last four. Warlove galloped a mile and a quarter in 2min. 14sec., easily beating Glentanner, who joined in over the last nine furlongs.

Clean Sweep beat High Heels comfortably over five furlongs in 1min. 5sec. Algidus got to the end of six furlongs in 1min. 19-1-5sec. Game-

cock covered the same distance in 1min. 16sec.

Counter Attack finished well after doing five furlongs in 1min. 3-2-5sec. Tremena gave Brown Willey a length start and beat him over five furlongs in 1min. 5-2-5sec. Reproachful ran five furlongs, alone, in 1min 4-4-5sec. Warlike was a little better than Single Rose, with Good Hope and Henriette some distance away, at the end of a mile in 1min. 47sec.

Cerberus ran six furlongs by himself in 1min. 17sec. Link Up and Onlooker sprinted six furlongs together in 1min. 20-1-5sec., Listening Post and Some Kid went half a mile along the back in 50-2-5sec., and Fabrinade ran half a mile to the winning post in 51sec.

Bombproof and Warform ran five furlongs in 1min. 5sec., while Recorder beat Foo Chow in 1min. 5-1-5sec. Bon Spec took 1min. 20-2-5sec. over six furlongs, and Moorabbe ran a mile in 1min. 49sec.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

The programme of the Auckland Racing Club for their autumn meeting appeared last week and will bear perusal, though nomination day is five weeks away. The Great Northern Champagne Stakes, of 1000sovs., will see some of the juveniles fighting their battles over again, and the Oaks should be an interesting race if only the best of the fillies that ran in Canterbury can be brought together. We continue to be at the mercy of visiting forces for these valuable classic events, and the St. Leger, of similar value to the Champagne Stakes, is the third classic on the programme. The Easter and St. George's Handicaps, of 1000sovs., take some winning, and we have nothing very formidable at this end of the Island to oppose the best of the probable visitors, so far as can be judged at the present time. There are so many meetings on about the same time and in the interval that it is possible that the good ones will be well scattered about. The best of the minor races are the Huia Handicap, a flat race of six furlongs; the Brighton Hurdle Race and Autumn Steeplechase, each of 500sovs.; two two-year-old handicaps of 275sovs. and 400sovs. respectively, and several other races, open or with special conditions, of from 275sovs. to 400sovs. in value. These races form part of a programme which will see a large increase in value next year. Nominations for the handicaps close on February 27 before 5 p.m., and forfeits for the classic races on March 12.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

The fact should not escape the notice of owners and trainers that nominations for all events to be decided at the Wanganui Jockey Club's autumn meeting on February 26 and 28 are due on Friday evening next (January 30) with the secretary, Mr. W. Hall, P.O. Box 15, Wanganui, at 8 o'clock, when second forfeits for the Jackson Stakes (1920) must also be made. Very substantial increases have been made in the stakes to be decided on both days of the fixture, and the Wanganui Cup Handicap, 1½ miles, now carries with it the valuable stake of 1150sovs. and a silver cup valued at 100sovs. presented by Mr. W. R. Grace. A splendid entry may be confidently looked for in the case of this much-coveted event, which ranks as one of the most valuable in the Dominion. The Flying Handicap, of 600sovs., six furlongs, is assured of excellent patronage, while both the Stewards' Handicap, of 400sovs., one mile and 110yds., and the Victory Welter Handicap (for hacks only), of 400sovs., one mile and a distance, can be relied upon to attract record entries. The remaining first day's events are the Westmere Handicap Hurdle Race, of 200sovs., two miles; Petre Hack Handicap, of 200sovs., six furlongs; Juvenile Handicap, of 200sovs., five furlongs, for two-year-olds; and the Wiritoa Hack Race Handicap, of 200sovs., one mile and 110yds.

A number of highly-attractive events are set down for decision on the concluding day. The leading event is the Wanganui Stakes Handicap, of 700sovs., 1½ miles, while there is every prospect of an excellent field going to the post for the Jackson Stakes, of 500sovs., six furlongs, weight for age. The Farewell Han-

dicap, of 500sovs., six furlongs, and the Autumn Handicap, of 300sovs., one mile and 110yds., will both assuredly engage wide attention from owners. The remainder of the second day's programme is made up with the Fordell Handicap Hurdle Race, of 200sovs., 1¼ miles; Matawara Hack Race Handicap, of 200sovs., six furlongs; Okoia Two-year-old Handicap, of 200sovs., six furlongs; and the Harrison Hack Handicap, of 200sovs., one mile and a distance, in which the contestants will be ridden by apprentices who have not won 16 races.

OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

The Otahuhu Trotting Club have drawn up a highly-attractive programme in connection with their summer meeting, which takes place at Alexandra Park on Saturday and Wednesday, February 21 and 25. Chief interest naturally centres in the Otahuhu Cup Handicap (harness), of 500sovs., two miles, in which the limit is 4.42. This valuable stake should be the means of attracting a strong field, including several representatives from the south. A further opportunity to land another substantial stake is afforded the Otahuhu Cup candidates later in the afternoon on the opening day in the President's Handicap (harness), of 275sovs., 1¼ miles, limit 2.55, a race which invariably provides a sterling contest. The Railway Handicap, of 200sovs., one mile, limit 2.24, is the only saddle race on the opening day, when in addition to the two principal handicaps the following harness events will come up for decision:—Alexandra Handicap, of 200sovs., two miles, limit 5min. for trotting horses only; Papakura Handicap, of 175sovs., 1½ miles, limit 3.38; Mt. Albert Handicap, of 150sovs., 1½ miles, limit 3.45; April Handicap, of 130sovs., 1¼ miles, for horses that have not won at better than 2.28 for the mile, limit 3.14; and the Trial Handicap, of 130sovs., 1½ miles, for trotting horses only, for horses that have not won at better than 2.32 to the mile, limit 4min.

On the second day the leading harness event is the Dominion Handicap, of 450sovs., two miles, limit 4.42; while the principal saddle race is the Royal Oak Handicap, of 250sovs., one mile, limit 2.20. The Manukau Handicap, of 200sovs., two miles, for trotting horses only, limit 4.58, is also a saddle event, while the remaining handicaps are all for candidates in harness, and are as follows:—Governor's Handicap, of 175sovs., two miles, limit 4.56; Sylvia Park Handicap, of 150sovs., one mile, limit 2.25; Farewell Handicap, of 150sovs., 1¼ miles, limit 3min.; Newmarket Handicap, of 130sovs., 1½ miles, for horses that have never done better than 2.28 to the mile, limit 3.51; and the Special Handicap, of 130sovs., 1½ miles, for trotting horses only, for horses that have not won at better than 2.32 to the mile, limit 4min.

Nominations for all events are due with the secretary, Mr. R. L. Absolum, Gleeson's Buildings, High Street, Auckland, on Friday, February 6, at 5 p.m.

TURF TOPICS.

The Auckland-owned pair Talamai and Tabasco are included in the nominations for the Egmont Cup (1½ miles).

Mr. W. Bunten has sold Don Pacifico to T. Stevens, who formerly trained the San Francisco—Windwhistle gelding.

After the race for the Foxton Cup, M. D. O'Shea, who rode the winner, Imaribbon, was presented with a gold-mounted whip by the president, Mr. J. R. Whyte, on behalf of Mrs. L. Freeman.

Twenty-six horses have been nominated for the Egmont Cup (1½ miles), which comes up for decision on February 11 at Hawera. The entry is of a representative character, and includes Karo (Auckland Cup), Kilrush (Manawatu Cup), Kilmoon (dead-heat Wellington Cup), Dusky Eve (Wanganui Cup), Snub, Client, Bonnie Maid. Alteration and other well-performed candidates.

Mr. F. J. Macmanemin will declare the weights for the first day of the Hamilton Racing Club's annual meeting on Monday next (February 2), while acceptances are due on Tuesday (February 3) by 8 p.m., and must be made either with the secretary, Mr. R. J. Gywnne, P.O. Box 26, Hamilton, or Mr C. F. Mark, Auckland.

Eighteen horses remain in the Egmont Stakes, 1920 (six furlongs), after declaration of the second forfeit, among the number being Silver Link, Golden Bubble, Surveyor, Demand, Rose Wreath, Hymestra, Right and Left, and Parorangi. Fifteen candidates claim engagements in the Hawera Stakes, 1920 (one mile), after payment of the second forfeit, included in the list being Acre, Moutoa Ivanova, Hymestra, Rose Queen, Golden Bubble, Surveyor, Bonnie Maid, Parorangi, Silver Link and Gazique.

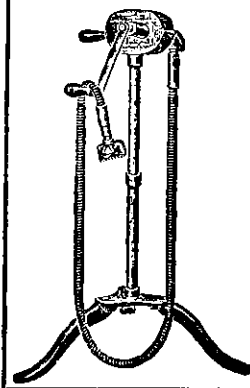
Mr. F. J. Monk, of Puhī Puhī, Marlborough, who has been closely associated with sport in the South Island, being the owner of several trotters, has decided to take up his residence in Auckland. Mr. Monk, who was a successful farmer and settler, has not enjoyed good health since an attack of influenza which he contracted at the time of the epidemic, and he is hopeful that the change of climate will prove beneficial. At a recent meeting of the settlers of Puhī Puhī Mr. Monk was the recipient of a spirit cabinet, while another presentation was made to him of a gold watch by the residents of Puhī Puhī, who also presented Mrs. Monk with a gold wristlet watch.

Twenty horses have been nominated for the Turanga Stakes, of 400sovs., 1¼ miles, the principal event on the opening day of the Poverty Bay T.C.'s meeting next month. Notable entries are Gazique, Teka, Athens II., Goldshine, Cleft, and Cynic. All Talk also figures in the list, while the Thames owned and trained General Stephen and the Auckland-owned Persian King are also among the entrants for this important handicap event. The leading event on the second day, the Sunderland Stakes, of 300sovs., one mile, has attracted 25 nominations, included among which are Gazique, Dribble, Makepeace, Escaped, Cleft, Teka, Athens II., Goldshine, Cynic, and All Talk.

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