

events in this part of the world, and it can truthfully be said that they are very popular with owners. They are typical of the sporting spirit prevailing in the province, and it is to be hoped that they will increase and multiply as time goes on and thus mark the progress the sport is making in the affection of the public.

After a race full of incidents and mishaps the ancient Heatherlea just got up in the Aparima Steeplechase at Wairio to win that event from Turehana. The third horse, Miss Trixie would probably have won but for baulking. By the way, no less than seven of the starters fell, but the little pony Glenisla fell when leading at the last obstacle but he was a beaten horse at the time.

The useful Red Pal won the Maiden Plate at Wairio cleverly from the favourite, Satisfaction. The winner is a half-sister to Nuroma. Red Pal is trained for her breeder, Mr. J. E. Rogers, of Gore, by P. Hogan. She promises to make a good jumper some day, and has already displayed ability in that direction. Clothilde, who threatened danger at the home turn, was galloped on, and may not race again, Mr. W. Couser, her owner, being desirous of sending her to the stud. Satisfaction subsequently scored in the Wairoki Hack Handicap very easily. The well-bred Marching Order (Soldiers' Chorus—Order, by The Officer—Spot) won the Woodlands Handicap at Wairio easily, but he got off well, which must have helped him materially.

Satisfaction (Bezonian—Satisfaire) won the Crown Stakes, the opening event at the first totalisator meeting at Otautau, for Mr. H. Friedlander. She won easily, but failed later in the day when the penalties aggregat-

## WAIRARAPA.

Gladful to be Taken in Hand for Jumping Season—Trotting Becomes Popular in the Wairarapa—Wishful Doing Steady Work—Mr. W. R. Kemball's Team to Compete at Taranaki Meeting—Rieuse in Work Again—Rebuff to Contest G.N. St. Leger at Eilerslie—Trespass' Douro Cup Victory—Form of Local Horses at Trentham Last Week.

### MASTERTON, Monday.

Gladful is to be brought in again next week to be prepared for the jumping season. The gelding is much benefited by his spell in the paddock.

Trotting has taken hold of a number of sportsmen in this district lately, and quite a lot of trotters and pacers are to be seen exercising on the racing tracks and roads.

Both the Opaki-trained two-year-olds, Weldone and Sir Walter stood on the mark on the opening day at Trentham, and took no part in the race.

Scornful was brought home to Masterton on his return from Auckland. He lightened up while away, but is to contest the Pahiatua Cup. The stable has Multaine also engaged.

The Tauherenikau-trained Arrow-smith cost Wairarapa sports a good deal of money when he failed on the opening day at Trentham. However, he ran an honest race, and was in the fighting line at the distance.

Mr. C. F. Vallance has engaged Chimera and Little River at the Canterbury Jockey Club's midsummer meeting next month. Mr. A. McDonald has Rose Wreath, Murihiku and Affectation entered.

Wishful is now paddock trained, and seems to thrive on it. The son

Snub usually runs his best races in a small field, and the majority of the stake money won by him has been in weight-for-age events, when the fields have been small. At Trentham on the second day Snub was galloping on well at the end of the Racing Club Handicap, in which he finished third.

Affectation developed soreness on the eve of the Wellington meeting, and had to forego his engagements. The son of Kilbroney—Simper has had a good deal of racing so far this season, and is beginning to show signs that he is not always partial to the training track.

The four Wairarapa-trained candidates which competed in the Wellington Cup failed to get into the money. The best performances were put up by Rose Wreath and Red Ribbon, and both of these were up with the leaders at different stages of the race. Kilrush failed to put any dash into his effort, and Snub was in behind a bunched field and could not get through.

## WANGANUI.

Iceberg Recommissioned After a Lengthy Spell—Lift Taken in Hand Again by M. Gardner—Oratress' Remarkable Sequence of Victories—Next Engagement to be Wanganui Cup—Handsome Trophy to Accompany Wanganui Cup Stake—Demand's Win at Trentham—Excellent Entry Promised for Wanganui Trotting Club's Meeting—Attractions for Carnival Week in Wanganui.

### WANGANUI, Monday.

C. Jackson has put Iceberg into commission again after a couple of years' spell. The gelding developed

on his part if he could succeed in placing his third Wanganui Cup to his credit, and it is by no means improbable, as the gelding has shown that he is nearly as good as ever by his form this season.

By the way, the silver cup which is to be given to the winner of the Cup race this year by Mr. R. Grace, has come to hand from England, and a very fine specimen of the silver-smith's art it is. It is a remarkably handsome trophy, and worth fully £150. It has been photographed, and will be reproduced in the "Review" later on. The owner who has the good fortune to win this fine trophy will have every reason to be proud of it.

It was pleasing to see Mr. T. A. Duncan get a win with Demand, the two-year-old half-brother to Client. This youngster was very unlucky in three or four of his previous efforts, getting away very badly. That he has a lot of pace when he does get going he has repeatedly shown, and he is likely to turn out a really good three-year-old.

Acre was taken to Trentham by F. Tilley, but failed to do any good. It is thought that the heavy going was not to his liking. He will be taken to Hawera for the weight-for-age events there, and will then contest the Jackson Stakes. The field in this latter event promises to be a very fine one, as practically all the best sprinters in the Dominion are engaged in the event, which is to be run on the second day of the Wanganui meeting.

W. Rayner has his team in steady work. Listowel and Zola have not raced since the Auckland spring meeting, and the spell they have recently had appears to have freshened them up well. The two-year-old son of Absurd is engaged in the weight-for-age events at the Taranaki and Egmont meetings, but it is uncertain whether he will be taken up.

The Fordell stable was represented at Foxton by Coolpan and Warning, but neither did any good. Coolpan was started in the hurdles, but hit the first one hard and bashed into one or two others, going right through one. Warning was well backed for the Maiden, but ran indifferently. He evidently has pace, but runs all over the course. On the second day Coolpan could not run owing to an injury sustained on the first day.

The secretary of the Wanganui Trotting Club has received a number of inquiries from owners as to the forthcoming meeting, and the indications are that the entries, which close on Friday week, February 6, will be very large. It is pleasing to know that all trotting men who have seen the new track lately anticipate that with favourable weather on the day it will be in excellent order and very fast. In the circumstances it is hoped that a number of the better class of horses will come here to compete, especially as the prize money is on a liberal scale, and the programme one to suit all classes.

There will be quite a carnival of sport in Wanganui from February 21 to March 1, as the N.Z. championship regatta will be held on Saturday, February 21; there will be a chopping match for £100 aside, and the championship of New Zealand on Wednesday, February 25, together with a handicap chop. On Thursday the Wanganui J.C. Cup meeting will open; on Friday there will be the first day of the trots and the Pooley-Tracey boxing contest at night for a purse of £200. On Saturday there will be more racing, and on Monday the Trotting Club's meeting will be concluded. Such a great sporting week ought to attract a big crowd to Wanganui.

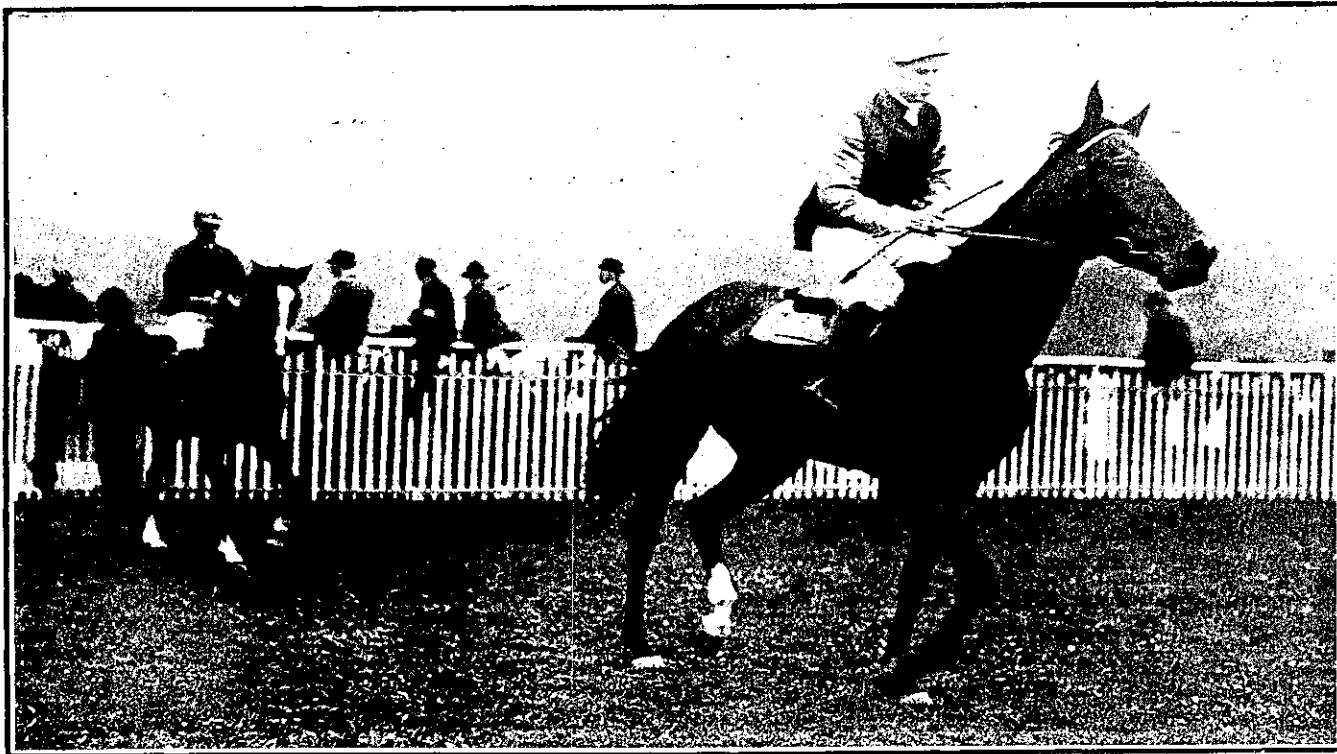
## CANTERBURY.

Amythas Proves Best of Season's Three-year-olds—Prospects of Candidates in the C.J.C. Midsummer Handicap—Tip Up to be Taken in Hand Again After a Long Spell—Red Light to be Tried Over Hurdles—Interesting Gallops at Riccarton.

### CHRISTCHURCH, Tuesday.

During the past week matters have been decidedly quiet at Riccarton owing to the absence of so many horses and trainers at Wellington. On Saturday the tracks got a thorough soaking, and they should be in the best of order for next Saturday's racing.

Amythas added further to his laurels by romping home with 8.7 in the saddle on Saturday in the Summer Handicap (one mile) at Trentham, giving further proof that he must have been more than unlucky to lose the Wellington Cup. On his



RAILAND (A. Oliver) returning to scale after her win in the Mungaroa Welter Handicap (seven furlongs) on the second day of the Wellington R.C.'s summer fixture. The second horse is PARORANGI (R. Hunt).

ing 24lb. pulled her up, enabling both Sartomart and Pleasureform to beat her. During his visit south this week Trainer C. Gieseler won twice with Satisfaction and once with Sedd-el-Bahr.

The ancient Black Sea, who has been racing over country a very long time, took the Otautau Steeplechase from Glenisla. She might have won in any case, but no doubt the fact that twelve of her rivals dwelt by the way made her task an easy one.

The Otautau Club only set up as a totalisator body within the past eight months, yet it already has a track, totalisator buildings, and other appointments established on the freehold property, an area which now stands its owners a small amount of money. Owing to the liberality with their funds they have sympathisers from other clubs in the home province. It is a great performance to set up business as efficiently as the O.R.C. has done in practically six months.

Record nominations have been received for the Poverty Bay Turf Club's summer meeting on February 12 and 14. No less than 31 horses have been nominated for the Maiden Scurry (4½ furlongs) on the opening day, which event is for horses that have never won a race on the flat. Another first day's event, the Summer Hack Stakes (five furlongs), has attracted 33 entries.

of Boniform and Drought is doing steady work at Opaki, and is quite sound again.

Probate has been doing well at Tauherenikau lately, and trainer Galbraith should not be long in winning a race with the full sister to Comment.

W. Hawthorne is taking Mr. Kemball's team on to Taranaki after the Wellington meeting. Several members of the Masterton string will join those away before Hawthorne returns to Masterton, at the end of April.

Rieuse (Finland—Landrail) is again in work at Opaki after a spell, and Mr. Lloyd's filly shows no signs of the soreness which laid her aside some months back.

Lord Nagar, one of Mr. Kemball's Australian purchases, met with a slight mishap while running out in the paddock last week, but is all right again now. He will be seen out over hurdles during the coming jumping season.

Rebuff continues to grow and looks like being a bigger horse than his full brother, Snub. Rebuff is to go to Auckland at Easter, where he has an engagement in the G.N. St. Leger.

Trespass won the Douro Cup at Trentham in good style, after acting as runner-up in the Trial Plate on the opening day. The Tressady colt carried 8.5, which is a fair weight for a three-year-old. This is the first win of Mr. Kemball's colt since coming to New Zealand, but it should not be the last.

a growth on the knee, but hopes are entertained that this will not trouble him now. Jackson has also added the steeplechaser Polthogue to his team, to be got ready for the winter season.

Murt Gardner is going to try Lift (by Elevation—Eduam) again. When the full-brother to Alteration was a two-year-old it was hoped that he would prove fairly good, but he did not show any pace, and he was spelled for a couple of years.

The Marton sport who races as Mr. F. Preston has had a good innings with Oratress this season. She started by placing the Waverley Cup to her credit, then won a couple of races at Awapuni, and afterwards scored in the Marton Cup. She was turned out in great fettle by F. Tilley for the Christmas meetings, but looked even better when she left Fordell for Trentham, where she ran a dead-heat in the Wellington Cup and followed this up by finishing second in the Wellington R.C. Handicap. As she was well supported in all these races by her owner, he has good reason to be well pleased with the performances of the daughter of Demosthenes—Equitas, who had been rather disappointing until this season.

It is expected that Oratress will make her next appearance in the Wanganui Cup, in which the Fordell stable will also be represented by Client, if the son of Elevation keeps well. It would be a fine performance