

ried in her work during the present season, and should do better in the spring.

C. Carmont is now attached to Mr. Kembal's stable, and will do the riding in future when the weights are suitable. J. Preston will have the mounts in jumping events.

Lady General was taken through to the Eltham meeting, and won the Flying Handicap. Although the stake was only a small one, it is pleasing to note the success, as T. Higgins' mare had not won a race for a considerable time.

Affectation and Rose Wreath are looking big and well just now, and are enjoying a respite from active work. Mr. A. McDonald should again have a successful time with the pair when they are taken up again.

Martian Miss made her first appearance in Mr. Kembal's colours at the Egmont meeting, and showed a lot of pace in her races. She should be an acquisition to the stable next season.

Red Ribbon has been kept going at Opaki in view of the Otaki meeting, and the daughter of Elevation—Blue Ribbon is to contest the Raukawa Cup. Another member of the stable in Vitella is also to be taken to the meeting.

The latest addition to W. H. Corlett's team at Clareville is the six-year-old gelding Bayswater, by Marble Arch—Miss Lottie. Corlett has now half a dozen horses under his charge.

W. Garrett has three of his team engaged at the Auckland R.C.'s winter meeting—Sir Solo, Ohiti, and Master Boris. Providing they were taken on the railway the trio were to have gone on from Wanganui.

The dividend paid by Missgold at Wanganui came as a pleasant surprise to local sports, as the Opaki-trained mare is a favourite here. The daughter of Lucullus—Recoup has paid her way this season, and is to be given a spell.

W. Hawthorne hopes to have five horses racing at Auckland, and Gladful, Old Mungindi, Lord Nagar, Trespass and Negambo are to go north.

Bonnetter is now spelling at Masterton, and will be given a good rest before being taken up again later on in the season for the early spring meetings. A good handicap should be well within the reach of this promising galloper.

Although Sir Solo was on the course during the Wanganui meeting he was not started either day, his trainer evidently thinking the old fellow had a bit too much weight.

Tenterfield, purchased by Mr. Kembal during his recent visit to Australia, is a maiden performer, although he has a second in the Australian Cup to his credit. Next season the newcomer should make a good handicap horse.

## SOUTHLAND.

Track Operations Abandoned in Consequence of Heavy Snowfall—The North Otago Fixture—Excellent Prospects for Dunedin J.C.'s Meeting—Successful Owners and Horses in Southland During Present Season—San Sebastian's Prospects in Otago Steeplechase.

### INVERCARGILL, Saturday.

Following on the Royal visit snow and sleet have clothed the countryside in a mantle of white, all track work having to be abandoned, which is unfortunate in view of the important Dunedin winter fixture being now about ten days off. Horses prepared locally are being kept at road work, but the big contingent at present located in North Otago have dry courses to work over, while most of them have been racing at Timaru, Riccarton and Oamaru during the past fortnight.

The steeplechaser Palladio signalled his repurchase by his old owners, Messrs. W. Baird, jun., and R. L. Begg (Wanganui), by winning the Elderslie Steeplechase at Oamaru. The son of Pallas is again under the care of P. T. Hogan, and it is safe to say that he will present a bold front at Wingatui, where he knows every inch of the trying country.

Prospects are very bright for the success of the Dunedin winter fixture, chance having diverted a number of crack cross-country horses from the North Island to compete in the Otago Steeplechase and other jumping events. Had it not been for the jockeys' dispute it is very likely that Master Strowan, Coalition, Gang Awa', Arlington and other good horses would have been under orders to visit Wanganui and Ellerslie later. It is fully expected that a new attendance record will be established for June 1, 3 and 5 under the control of the Dunedin J.C.

At the present juncture Silver Peak heads the list of Southland winning horses with 1575sovs. to her credit, being followed by Burrangong (1537 sovs.) and Eleus (1356sovs.). The three gallopers named, who are now trained by A. D. McIvor, have thus won during the current season the sum of 4368sovs. It is interesting to note that P. Hogan's Rorke's Drift Lodge team has already won over 7000sovs. this season, his best runners being: Kilkee, £1111; Almoner, £945; Eleus, £940; and Silverspire, £635. So far the local owner Mr. W. Stone has secured 3404sovs. with Silver Peak, Eleus and Primum.

The success of Lochella in the Century Hurdles at Wanganui was well received here, where it was known that he possessed more pace than was generally understood in the North Island. It is also satisfactory to find that G. Feilding rode the son of Grafton Loch, as he is one of the most steadfast young fellows who ever graduated from the ranks of Southland's horsemen.

The double win of Burrangong at Oamaru in the two principal events was fully anticipated in Invercargill, it having become widely known that F. G. Emslie's horse had shown promising form at the Royal meeting at Riccarton, although he did not get

motor car, the accident necessitating his destruction.

The Dunedin Jockey Club have decided to support the claim to the Racing Conference by the Wyndham Racing Club for an additional permit. This club has grown into one of the most powerful one-day-meeting turf institutions in the South Island of late years, and it is a fact that their effort is deserving of recognition on the lines referred to.

Although the South Canterbury jumper San Sebastian was beaten into third place in the Renown Steeplechase at the Canterbury Royal meeting, he is still greatly admired in the south owing to the impressive manner in which he won over the Southland Racing Club's country recently. Hence he will be strongly backed in the Otago Steeplechase. Visitors from the North Island will find the Wingatui country harder than it looks, and it will be interesting to see how they face it when the day of trial arrives during the first week in June.

When raced at Riccarton in the Welcome Hurdles, Crib appeared to be on the lusty side, but the descendant of Sant Ilario ran a good race, finishing up in fourth place behind Gaylight, Hylans and Seadown. With 10.9 in the Otago Hurdles Handicap

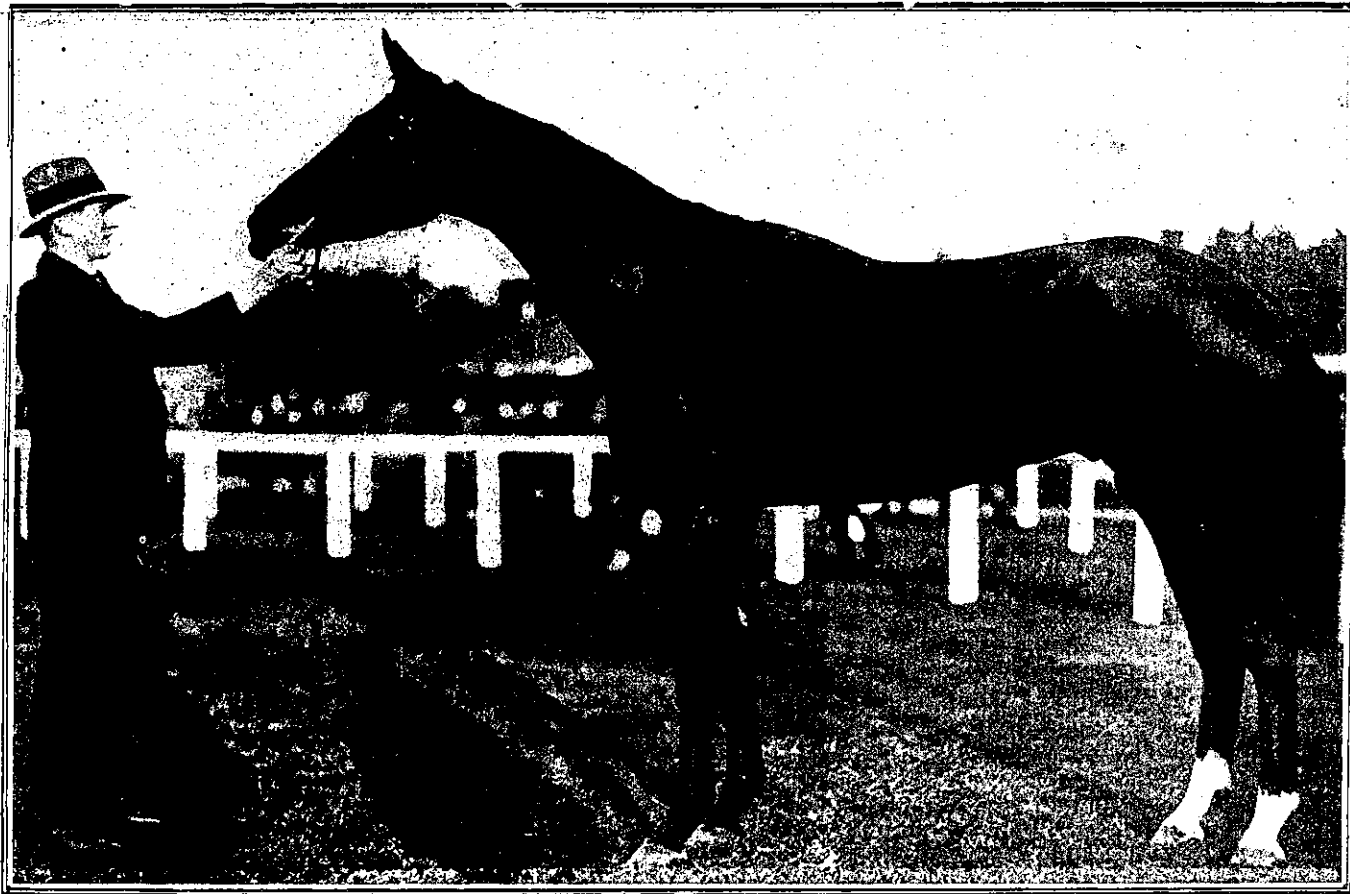
prevails in the North Island and inter-island steamships.

For some time it has been reported that Mr. Easton intended sending Amythas to Australia for the big spring meetings. This idea is scouted by the gelding's trainer, F. D. Jones, who contends that his charge is badly in need of a spell. To have Amythas fit for early spring racing he would have to be kept in work nearly all the winter, and such a course does not appeal to his trainer. In the meantime the Marlborough Stakes victor is on the easy list.

Gloaming and Karo continue to get through light tasks, and it is quite on the cards that Mason will take them to Sydney for the winter. Mason is also handling several very promising rising two-year-olds with the idea of sorting out the best for his proposed Australian trip.

Cutts Bros. have a very fine batch of juveniles getting through the rudiments of their education. Two of their number—Winning Hit, by Autumnus—Winning Way, and Giant Killer, by Autumnus—Brave Heart—have recently been added to the list.

Wrestler continues to train on satisfactorily at Riccarton, and is fast getting into form. A few mornings ago he showed plenty of brilliancy in a gallop over four furlongs with



WINNER OF THE CORNWALL HANDICAP (1½ MILES) AT THE C.J.C. ROYAL MEETING.—Mr. G. L. Stead's br g STARLAND, 3yrs., by Nassau—Stardancer.

into the money in the Sandringham Welter Handicap, won by his stable companion, Silver Peak. The Mystification stallion now claims the record of having won the Oamaru Cup two years in succession.

There was joy in the land when Silver Peak scored at the C.J.C. Royal fixture, as the daughter of Adjudge was stoutly supported from this end, while Mr. Stone was very anxious to secure one of the cups which accompanied each stake provided at the Prince's meeting. Had it not been for unfortunate happenings the local enthusiast might have become entitled to more than one of the trophies referred to. In the Royal Handicap Eleus was knocked right back to the rear of the field shortly after the start by the eventual winner, and then finished up fourth, while Primum, who was expected to run well in the Cornwall Handicap, was severely kicked at the post. He ran a fine race, but collapsed inside the distance, his failure being put down to his injured hock. The useful son of Nassau was very lame after the race, a fact which may interfere with his prospects at Dunedin.

A promising pupil in P. Hogan's stable won for the first time at the North Otago meeting, when Bengeroop, by Calibre, scored in one of the minor events. He is a big, powerful gelding, and well up to the weights carried in welter contests. It is on the cards that he will do further service for his owner, Mr. H. Woodley, when the Dunedin meeting comes up for decision. This owner was unfortunate recently to lose the promising gelding Orati. The son of Sarto, who was trained by G. J. Thistleton at Riverton, had a leg broken as the result of coming in contact with a

at Wingatui, S. Trilford's charge should be hard to beat. It is plainly evident that in Crib's case an operation for throat trouble proved beneficial. There would be marked pleasure in Dunedin J.C. official circles if Crib should score in one of the valuable hurdle races at the June fixture, as he races in the interests of a sportsman for many years associated with the welfare of the club.

## CANTERBURY.

Amythas Enjoying a Well-earned Spell—Cutts Bros.' Fine Batch of Juveniles—Burrangong's Oamaru Cup Victory—Notes on the North Otago Fixture.

### CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

As a result of the refusal of the transport workers to ship horses for the North Island, Coalition, Seadown, Kohu, Master Strowan, Waimai, Gang Awa', Bonnie Maid, and Hetaua are still located at Riccarton, where they will have to remain till a settlement is effected.

J. Lowe intended racing Coalition and Seadown at Ellerslie, but his prospects of getting there seem anything but bright. It is quite likely that he will take the pair to Dunedin, where both appear to be favourably treated.

When on Tuesday the Seamen's and other unions decided to declare all racehorses "black" doubts were felt as to whether the Riccarton contingent would be able to get down to Oamaru. Enquiries at the Railway Department elicited the information that there was no bar to carrying horses on the South Island railways, so evidently the strike only

Clean Sweep.

A few days after the Royal meeting Melee developed a big abscess on the jaw, which subsequently burst. This may account for his poor showing in the Royal Handicap, and it certainly prejudiced his Oamaru prospects.

The North Island trainer J. T. Jamieson took his team of four to Oamaru, and will go on to Wingatui for the winter meeting there.

A recent addition to R. Longley's team is the Cymbiform gelding Darkie Sam. So far he has been an arrant failure on the race tracks, but he may improve with a change of quarters.

The Boniform gelding Dal Signo, in J. McCombe's stable, has been in a bad way of late, while several other Riccarton-trained horses are also suffering from a form of strangles.

After his poor showings at Ashburton and Timaru, Burrangong's success in the Oamaru Cup came as a great surprise to followers of form. Even so he was strongly supported in well-informed circles, and won with the greatest ease from Kilkee and Torfreda. Despite a substantial rise in weight he was successful also in the President's Handicap on Friday, Burrangong is a most uncertain customer, but it is quite evident that he is back to his best form.

Radial put up a fine performance in winning the Stewards' Handicap at Oamaru under 9.13. He was always well placed, and when it came to business quickly settled the pretensions of Mortham and Pyjama. On returning to the paddock he was slightly lame, and had to forfeit his second day engagements.

The Riccarton-trained Will Oak-