

WAIRARAPA.

Red Ribbon's Raukawa Cup Victory—Promising Form of Wairarapa-trained Two-year-olds—Meeting of Masterton Trotting Club—Totalisator Permit to be Applied For—Mr. W. R. Kemball's Extensive String of Racehorses.

MASTERTON, Saturday.

Bayswater is the latest candidate for hurdle honours, and the gelding is being put through the preliminary stages by W. H. Corlett at Clareville.

Galore is standing up to her work well, and Mr. Whiteman's mare is galloping in resolute style just now. A win for the daughter of All Black—Orlay is overdue.

Vitella could not act in the sticky going at Otaki, and failed to run up to her track form. She is built on light lines, and W. Garrett may be easy with her during the winter months. The daughter of Hallowmas—Vite has shown by her efforts on the track that she knows how to gallop.

Bonnie Heather started for the first time in the colours of the Featherston lady sport at Otaki, and was well fancied in the Raukawa Cup, but failed to gain a situation. P. Hazleman can be depended upon to do much better later on, as the horse has not been in the stable long.

Mr. Fred Dorset has not had much success this season with his horses, although they have filled minor places on several occasions. However, the tide turned at Otaki, where Red Ribbon accounted for the Raukawa Cup and Huia Handicap. The mare was in first-class condition, and the price paid on the opening day came as a surprise to Masterton sportsmen. W. Garrett was away in Auckland when Red Ribbon won, but his son Jack was in charge, and Mr. Dorset was present to see his mare win.

The Wairarapa-trained two-year-olds seen out during the season have shown promise, and next year there is reason to hope that their three-year-old careers will also be successful. Those to win races were Raceful, Little River, Weldone, Rieuse, Prince Martian, and Strategy, while Kildee and La Paloma were several times placed. To pick out a trio likely to stay on in their races next season I would take Raceful, Little River and Weldone. The latter was brought over from Australia by Mr. Kemball, and was not over-raced, and should come to hand early in the spring. Raceful proved himself a game colt, and in several of his races came from a long way back and won under punishment. Little River promises to develop into a stayer, and is bred the right way. The best performance of the gelding was in winning the Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes from a good field. Rieuse showed a lot of promise earlier in the season, but seemed to go off later. Prince Martian and Strategy did very little racing, but have both shown a lot of pace.

A general meeting of members of the Masterton Trotting Club was held last week, the president (Mr. C. Traill) presiding. Correspondence was received from the secretary of the Trotting Conference, stating that it would be necessary for the club to nominate a delegate to the Conference, and also to select a day for holding a race meeting. Mr. R. A. Armstrong was elected delegate from the club. It was decided to apply for Thursday, January 27, as the date for holding their trotting meeting. The entrance for all new members in the future is to be 10s. 6d. The secretary was instructed to make a formal application to the Trotting Conference for a totalisator permit at the next meeting, and also to arrange with the member for the district as to a suitable date for a deputation to interview the Minister for Internal Affairs with reference to obtaining a license for same. A good deal of interest is being taken in trotting in Masterton, and about 20 horses are at present in work.

It is just over two years since Mr. W. R. Kemball, of Masterton, entered the ranks of owners, and during that period he has had a very successful time with his team. At present the horses belonging to the stable are: Lord Nagar, Missanna, Tenterfield, Weldone, Old Mungindi, Negambo, Trespass, Explorer (all purchased in Australia); Hymestra, Snub, Gladful, Missgold, Raceful, Vasilkov, Missmaid, Wishful, Rebuff, Bonnetter, and Martian Miss. Mr. Kemball has been a liberal patron of all classes of races, and his successes have been well received, as he does not let the betting part of the business trouble him a great deal. He has also been fortunate in having such a capable

trainer as W. Hawthorne in charge of his training establishment, and with him has been associated the late Ben. Nicholls and J. Prendergast. Hawthorne has shown from the beginning that he has a thorough knowledge of his profession, and in the selecting of the numerous horses now in the stable has shown marked judgment, as nearly all have paid their way well. Besides winning several important handicap and weight-for-age races in the Dominion, the white jacket, red band, and royal blue cap have been successfully carried in important races in Australia. By the end of the present season it will be seen that Mr. Kemball has had another successful year, and although there are a score of horses in the stable at present it is quite likely that the number will be increased next season, and the popular colours will, it is hoped, again be seen to the fore in many races. W. Hawthorne has now more horses under his care than any other trainer in the Dominion.

CANTERBURY.

Riccarton Tracks Deserted—Local Candidates do Well at Dunedin Meeting—Form of Steeplechasers at Wingatui—Racing Dates Difficulty.

(Telegraph—Christchurch Correspondent)

During the past week the Riccarton tracks have been quite deserted. They have been altogether too heavy for fast work, while a number of trainers have been away at the Dunedin meeting.

R. J. Mason is keeping Gloaming, Karo, and the juvenile members of his proposed Australian team going, but has not been able to gallop them

Riccarton and remain there till after the Grand National meeting.

Crib showed a return to his very best form by winning the principal steeplechase events on the second and third days of the Dunedin meeting. His jumping was just as smart as ever, and it would appear that his respiratory troubles have been cured. In the Dunedin Steeplechase he and his stablemate, San Sebastian, promised to fight out a great finish till the latter toppled over at the post and rails. Both are to be nominated for the Grand National Steeplechase, and on recent form Crib is sure to play his part well.

With the exception of Master Strowan, none of the North Island horses at the Dunedin meeting raced up to expectations. All Talk was well beaten a long way from home in the Otago Hurdles, and his running suggests that he is not so good as claimed by his many admirers. Diavolo showed plenty of pace in his cross-country engagements, but, like Gang Awa, proved to be deficient in stamina. Master Strowan came down at the very first fence in the Dunedin Steeplechase on Saturday, while Diavolo was very tired at the end of a mile and a-half.

At the annual meeting of the Geraldine Racing Club it was stated by the secretary (Mr. Kennedy) that he had applied for September 30 and October 1 as the dates for the annual meeting, but the Dunedin Club wanted the Kurow meeting fixed for September 30 instead of October 7, and he had strongly protested to the Dunedin Club. Another difficulty was that Amberley wanted September 27 for its meeting. It was resolved to adhere to September 30 and October 1 for the Geraldine meeting, and that a protest be sent to the Racing Conference against Amberley racing on September 27.

OTAKI MAORI RACING CLUB.

WINTER MEETING.

RED RIBBON WINS THE CUP.

BO-PEEP THE FLYING.

(From Our Travelling Correspondent.)

PLIMMERTON, Thursday.

Fine weather was experienced for the first day of the Otaki Maori Racing Club's winter meeting, which took place to-day, in the presence of a record crowd, the fact of three special trains being put on by the Railway Department from Wellington helping to swell the numbers very considerably.

The racing was very interesting, and some excellent contests were fought out. The dividends were in the majority of races of the substantial order, and only one actual first favourite, in Bo-Peep, won during the afternoon.

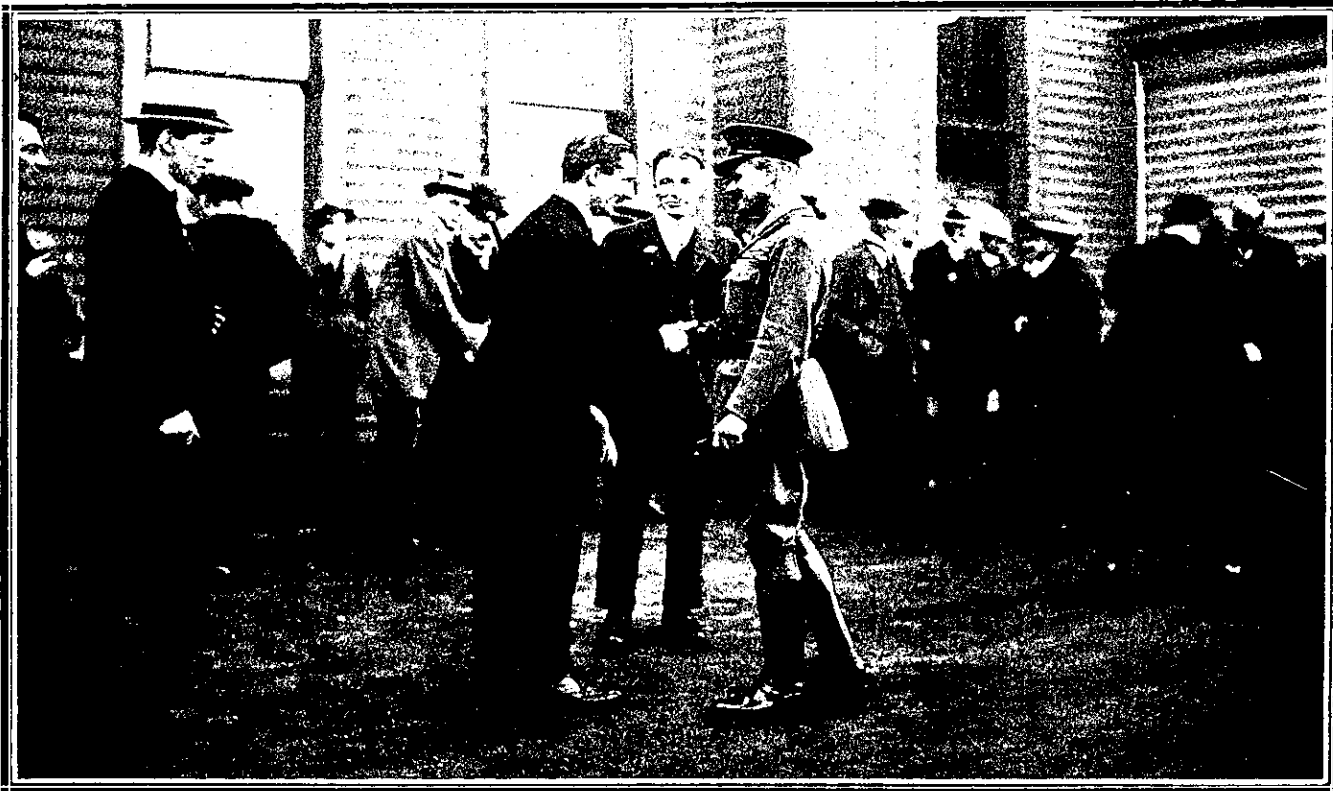
E. Lowe, who was making his reappearance in the saddle after a sojourn in Australia, where he was successful on many occasions, rode a well-timed race on Red Ribbon in the Cup, the daughter of Elevation responding gamely in the last few strides and getting up in time to win by a good half length from Depredation, with Detroit third.

The minor events were all stubbornly contested. Gaekwar scored nicely in the Taihoa Steeplechase, while a surprise awaited backers in the last race of the day, when the little-fanged Dannevirke-owned and trained Wilys Knight ran home a comfortable winner, returning the largest dividend paid out during the day.

The totalisator staff were kept very busy, £33,363 finding its way through the machine, compared with £30,041 that was handled on the corresponding day last year. The results were:—

MAIDEN RACE of 115sovs. Six furlongs.

- 1—P. Anally's blk g The Digger, 5yrs. by Campfire—Roscrea, 9.0 (W. Bowden)
 - 2—F. Ormond's b g Chant Royal, 3yrs. 8.11 (E. Manson)
 - 3—R. Knox's br g Sir Wai, 3yrs. 8.11 (Corlett)
- Also started: 13 Royal Gift 9.0 (Watson), 8 Top Dog 9.0 (Goldfinch), 9 Dixie



GENERAL SIR WM. BIRDWOOD shaking hands with Capt. Sievwright during the great welcome given the distinguished Anzac leader by returned soldiers in Wellington. Standing directly behind the pair is Dr. Boxer, president of the N.Z. Returned Soldiers' Association.

for over a week. They are all well forward, and should be about ready to race when landed in Sydney. Just as to when they will be able to take their departure is problematical. The embargo on transshipping horses from the South to the North Island may interfere with Mason's arrangements, but he may be able to catch the Melbourne boat direct from Lyttelton.

Cutts Brothers have done little with their team of late, but when the tracks become firmer the juvenile members will be hurried along.

Amythas and Arrowsmith are at present on the easy list, but both will be recommissioned as soon as the tracks are in galloping order.

Riccarton-trained horses did fairly well at the Dunedin meeting, and most of them are back again at headquarters. Gaylight and Hylans fought out an interesting finish in the Otago Hurdles. The latter was kept too far back in the early stages of the race, otherwise he may have reversed positions with Gaylight. The latter is a smart jumper, and is very fast on the flat, but though he is to be nominated for the Grand National Hurdle Race, the journey is sure to trouble him. Merrie Lad did not jump with his accustomed cleverness in his races at Wingatui, and it was only Hegarty's clever riding that got him round the course. Master Strowan will return to

ACCEPTANCES.

GISBORNE RACING CLUB.

WINTER MEETING.

The following acceptances have been received for the first day of the Gisborne Racing Club's winter meeting, which takes place on Thursday and Saturday:—

PARK HURDLES HANDICAP of 250 sovs, two miles.—Ore Ore 11.3, Cymer 9.12, Vacuum 9.7, Crosswords 9.7, Hoki Fox 9.0, Rotata 8.0, Waipiri 8.0.

MAIDEN HACK RACE of 150sovs, four furlongs, weight 9.0.—Form, Diabolic, Dembone, Golconda, Waikohu, Mix Up, Hautonga, Mannikin, St. Gurnet, Queens Up, Arbroath, Whanoko, Anata, Fife and Drum, Over There, May Bloom, Jovial, Red Edna, Plywheel.

FLYING HANDICAP of 200sovs, six furlongs.—Dribble 10.13, Lionskin 10.13, Actifid 10.2, Black Lace 9.12, Orawia 9.5, Prince Randall 9.3, Raumanuwihiri 9.2, Lord Ainslie 9.0, Shaki 9.0, Tiki 9.0.

GISBORNE STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 400sovs, three miles.—Con 10.12, Chillies 10.5, Brunswick 9.13, Fagot 9.7.

HACK FLAT HANDICAP of 200sovs, seven furlongs.—Acquittal 11.0, Prince Randall 10.8, Tiki 9.10, Persian King 10.6, Glengyle 9.13, Orateur 9.10, Thebes 9.7, Crevasse 9.2, Mannikin 9.2, Waikohu 9.0, Mummix 9.0, Pohehe 9.0.

TRAMWAY HACK STEEPLECHASE of 200sovs, two miles.—Con 11.10, Brunswick 10.12, Sir Donald 10.8, Vacuum 10.3, Gay Boy 9.9, Juan 9.7, Slumix 9.7, Chajman 9.7.

WINTER OATS HANDICAP of 250 sovs, one mile and a-quarter.—Dribble 10.12, Cleft 10.8, Acquittal 9.10, Patetonga 9.6, Orateur 9.0.

Boy 9.0 (G. Carmont), 11 Super Six 9.0 (L. Morris), 8 Gold Coast 9.0 (A. Reed), 5 Pakaraka 9.0 (M. McCarten), 15 Larkspur 9.0 (Tricklebank), 7 Guirton 9.0 (W. Young), 17 Huarenga 9.0 (Jenkins), 17 Camp Hero 9.0 (Lee), 1 Achillion 9.0 (Bell), 16 Preparation 8.12 (Styles), 9 Marveille 8.12 (Lowe), 12 Bitters 8.11 (O. McCarten), 14 Regard 8.9 (Larry), 10 Automona 8.9 (H. Reed).

Won by a head, a length between second and third. Pakaraka was fourth. Time, 1min. 23sec.

FLYING HACK HANDICAP of 175sovs, Six furlongs.

- 1—Mr. Loring's b f Royal Exchange, 3yrs. by King Rufus—Commerce, 8.1 (A. Reed)
- 7—W. James' br c Yankee Dan, 3 yrs. 7.10 (M. McCarten)
- 5—W. Lassen's blk m Stutter, 4yrs. 7.13 (Corkhill)

Also started: 8 Nemaline 8.7 (R. Reed), 10 Arch Lassie 8.6 (Bell), 2 Crucelle 8.4 (Lewer), 4 Valley Rose 8.2 (Griffiths), 13 Zephland 8.0 (Goldfinch), 3 Vitella 7.11 (Lowe), 9 Timidity 7.11 (Corlett), 11 White Ranger 7.8 (G. Carmont), 12 Militaire 7.7 (L. Morris), 6 Princess Marion 7.5 (Anderson), 16 Hoili Wai 7.2 (Lewis), 14 Lord Formby 7.2 (Hare), 15 Russet 7.2 (Tomis).

Won by a length, two lengths between second and third. Militaire was fourth. Time, 1min. 21.2-5sec.

TAIHOA HACK AND HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 260 sovs, about two miles and a-quarter.

- 2—H. J. Collinson's br g Gaekwar, aged, by Ghoorka—Phyllis, 10.7 (Bowden)
- 6—J. Bellis' b g Pauwerewere, aged, 10.10 (Hooker)
- 7—W. Conza's b g Applaud, 6yrs. 9.13 (Webby)