

RACING FIXTURES, 1920-21.

June 18, 19—Napier Park R.C.
 June 23, 24, 26—Hawke's Bay J.C. and H.B. Hunt winter.
 July 14, 17—Wellington R.C.
 July 22—South Canterbury Hunt Club
 July 29—Brackenfield Hunt Club

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

Friday, June 18.

Weights second day Napier Park R.C. winter, at 8 p.m.
 Acceptances second day Napier Park R.C. winter, at 9 p.m.

Monday, June 21.

Weights first day Hawke's Bay J.C. and Hawke's Bay Hunt winter.
 Acceptances first day Hawke's Bay J.C. and Hawke's Bay Hunt winter, at 8.30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 23.

Weights second day Hawke's Bay J.C. and Hawke's Bay Hunt winter, by 7 p.m.
 Acceptances second day Hawke's Bay J.C. and Hawke's Bay Hunt winter, at 8.30 p.m.

Friday, June 25.

Weights third day Hawke's Bay J.C. and Hawke's Bay Hunt winter.
 Acceptances third day Hawke's Bay J.C. and Hawke's Bay Hunt winter, at noon.

Friday, July 2.

Weights first day Wellington R.C. winter.

Friday, July 9.

Acceptances first day Wellington R.C. winter, and entries Trial Plate, at 9 p.m.

Thursday, July 15.

Weights second day Wellington R.C. winter, in morning papers.
 Acceptances second day Wellington R.C. winter, at 12.30 p.m.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

WINTER MEETING.

Preparations are now well in hand for the Wellington Racing Club's winter meeting, which takes place at Trentham on Wednesday and Saturday, July 14 and 17. The sixteen events which make up the two-day programme offer strong inducements to owners and trainers to be represented at Trentham next month, the jumping division in particular being exceptionally well catered for. The big attraction on the opening day will be the Wellington Steeplechase Handicap, of 1000sovs, about three miles and a-quarter, in which the best cross-country performers in the Dominion are expected to take their places in the field. The Winter Hurdles Handicap, of 750sovs, two miles and a-quarter, should attract a representative field of hurdlers, while other jumping events on the opening day are the Vittoria Hurdle Handicap (hack conditions), of 200sovs, one mile and three-quarters; and the First Hack and Hunters' Steeplechase, of 250sovs, two miles and a-half. The principal flat race is the Parliamentary Handicap, of 500sovs, one mile and a-quarter, in addition to which the following events will come up for decision on the opening day: Stewards' Handicap, of 300sovs, six furlongs; Trial Plate, of 200sovs, six furlongs, for horses that have never won a race exceeding the value of 50sovs at the time of nomination; and the Te Aro Handicap (hack conditions), of 200sovs, seven furlongs.

On the second day the July Steeplechase Handicap, of 650sovs, about three miles, will claim chief attention, while the hurdle horses will again be seen out in the Final Hurdle Handicap, of 400sovs, one mile and three-quarters. The hack division will be provided with another opportunity to gain distinction in the Talavera Hurdle Handicap, of 200sovs, one mile and a-half; and the Second Hack and Hunters' Steeplechase Handicap, of 250sovs, two miles and a-half, both of which events promise to attract large fields. The Winter Oats Handicap, of 400sovs, one mile, can be depended upon to induce an exceptionally good nomination, while the Liverpool Handicap, of 300sovs, six furlongs, may also be expected to attract the best of the sprinters available. The remaining two events on the final day's programme are the Crofton Handicap (hack conditions), of 200sovs, one mile, and the Kia Ora Handicap (hack conditions), of 200sovs, five furlongs.

Nominations for all events, except the Trial Plate, will close with the secretary (Mr. A. E. Whyte), on Friday, June 25, at 9 p.m.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB.

GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

The 1919-20 racing season in New Zealand is fast drawing to a close, and after the Napier Park Racing Club's winter gathering, which is to be held on Friday and Saturday of this week, two meetings remain before the curtain is finally rung down on the season's operations, these being the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club and Hunt Club fixture, to be held on June 23, 24, and 26, and the Wellington Racing Club's winter meet-

ing, which takes place on July 14 and 17. The new season will be opened with the Canterbury Jockey Club's Grand National meeting, which is to be held at Riccarton on August 10, 12, and 14. The Grand National fixture is less than two months off, and already the prospects of probable candidates in the big jumping events at Riccarton in August next are being discussed in sporting circles, and each week will now witness additional interest being taken in the forthcoming fixture of the Canterbury Jockey Club. The two principal events to be decided at the meeting are the New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase, of 1500sovs, three and a-half miles, and the New Zealand Grand National Hurdle Race, of 1500sovs, about two and a-half miles, while next in importance come the Winter Cup, of 1000sovs, one mile; Beaufort Steeplechase, of 500sovs, about two and a-half miles; Sydenham Hurdle Race, of 500sovs, two miles; and the Lincoln Steeplechase, of 600sovs, about three miles. Entries for all of the events named are due with the acting-secretary (Mr. F. C. Cother), Box 385, Christchurch, on Friday, June 25, at 8 p.m.

TURF TOPICS.

Charlie Jenkins, who was in the forefront of horsemen a few years ago, is now in the employ of Mr. R. McKenzie, whose horses are trained at Woodville by T. Lloyd.

Doiran, the well-known South Australian steeplechaser, has arrived at Flemington for the Grand National campaign. Doiran has already contested two Grand National Steeplechases. In 1918 he finished fifth with

10.5, and last year he carried 10.10, but lost his rider near the home turn. Doiran won the Onkaparinga Great Eastern Steeplechase with 10.6 up and 11.4.

Weights for the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups are due to make their appearance on Monday, June 28.

Messrs. J. G. Duncan and O. S. Watkins have been appointed delegates for the Wellington Racing Club at the annual conference of clubs to be held next month.

The V.R.C. Grand National Hurdle Race (three miles) comes up for decision at Flemington on Saturday, July 3, while the V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase (three miles and a furlong) will be decided the following Saturday (July 10).

The most successful riders at the A.R.C. Great Northern meeting were: G. Fielding (Lochella, twice, and Slowcoach), E. Warner (Oakleigh, twice, and Deviation), C. Reed (Glen Canny, twice, and Tama-a-roa), and H. Robinson (Royal Abbey, thrice), all of whom had three wins apiece to their credit. W. A. Rennie (Mill o' Gowrie and Totara Jack) piloted two winners, while the following riders each saluted the judge on one occasion: H. Gray (Hyllus), L. Morris (Ngata), B. Deeley (Comedy Prince), T. W. Rowe (Kauri King), S. Henderson (Koura), W. Marchant (Keystone), J. Roach (Kerehone), and Mr. Terry (Monopole).

INTERPROVINCIAL

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.)

WELLINGTON.

Mattock Recommissioned—Birkenvale Being Schooled—Intending Contestants at the Napier Park and Hawke's Bay Meetings.

WELLINGTON, Monday.

A visitor to Wellington at the week end was Mr. J. B. Gaisford, of Bulls, who mentioned the fact that he was just breaking in a full-brother to the consistent Marqueteur (King Mark—By By). The youngster, who is a coming two-year-old, has all the characteristics that go to make a successful galloper, being of the solid order and covering a lot of ground. Already Mr. Gaisford has received a tempting offer to dispose of his equine, who promises to prove a decided acquisition to the racing ranks.

Mattock (Martello—Itepo mare) is just going into training with a view to competing in steeplechasing events in the spring. The brown gelding only started on four occasions last season, and finished in the money twice. There is every prospect of Mattock earning distinction between the flags next season.

Quite a number of local sporting enthusiasts are planning a trip to the Napier Park winter meeting, which takes place on Friday and Saturday next. The fields promise to be large, and a very successful gathering appears well assured.

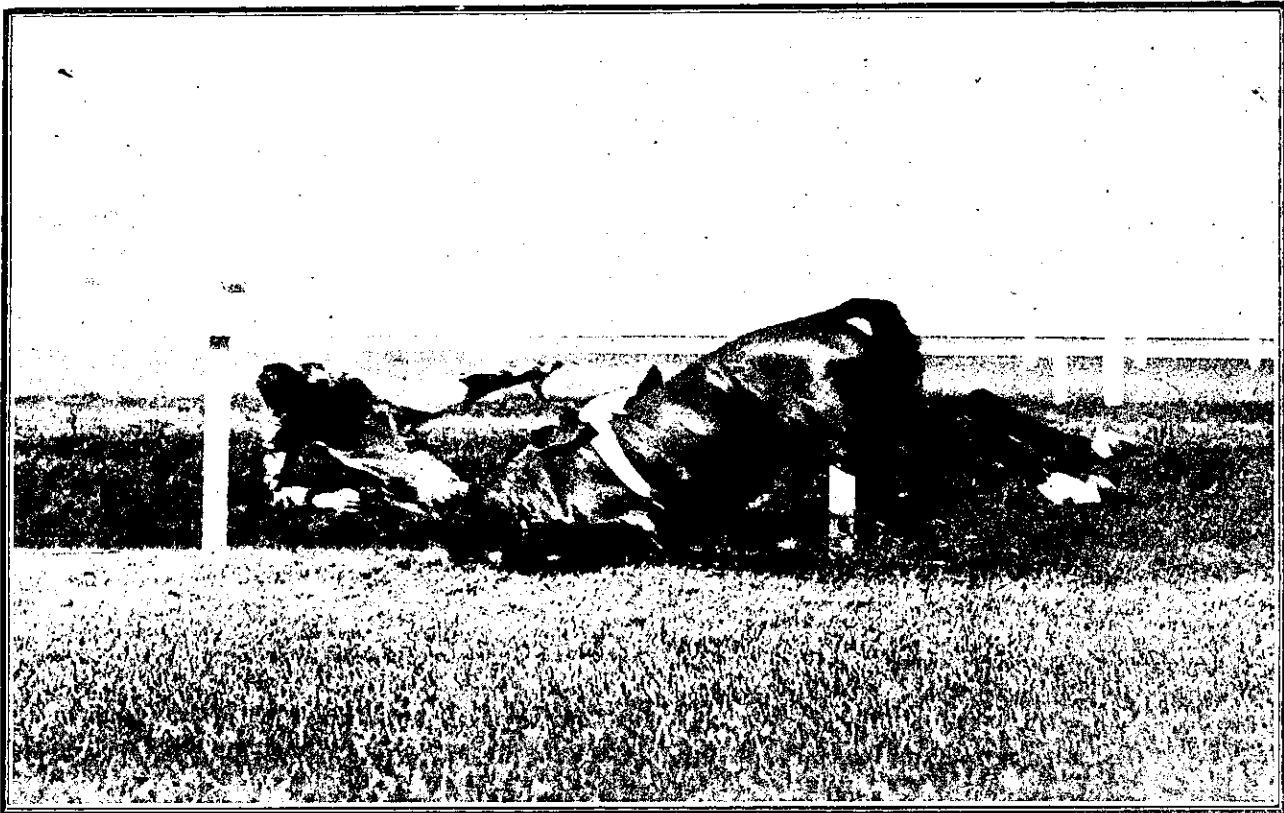
Mr. B. T. Bennett is taking Khar-toum through to the Hawke's Bay meetings. The gelding is very well just now, and it would occasion no surprise to find the son of King Rufus getting amongst the winners during the next few weeks.

In Luke and Wirokino the Otaki stable of F. Higgott will be well represented in steeplechasing events at the Napier Park and Hawke's Bay meetings during the coming fortnight. Both horses are at the top of their form just now, and some further successes should come their way in the near future.

T. George, the Awapuni trainer, who took several horses that had been disposed of by Mr. J. Goring Johnston to a Perth (Western Australia) sportsman, returned home to Palmerston North last week. "Tommy," as he is familiarly called, benefited considerably by the trip, and he comes back quite ready to resume his duties as a trainer.

Risingham is doing so well at Hawera as to suggest that the gelding will fare well in his early exploits. The son of Rokeby is down to compete at the Napier Park meeting.

J. Sullivan the Woodville trainer, is taking Zeus, Ethiopian and Mosthenes to the Napier Park meeting. The trio have come through a capital preparation, and their essays this week are being awaited with considerable interest in sporting circles.



LORD WALLA (W. Stephenson) falls at the last fence, just after entering the straight in the Hurdle Race (two miles), at the recent Rosehill races in Sydney, N.S.W.

To settle the argument as to which is the better horse, Amythas or Arrow-smith, Mr. F. S. Easton, owner of the former, has thrown out a challenge to the owner of Arrow-smith to race Amythas against the English-bred horse over any distance from half a mile upwards, even weights, on any racecourse in New Zealand. Mr. Easton specifies that the conditions of the race be horse for horse—that is to say, the owner of the winner would take the loser. Mr. Easton's challenge is causing some discussion in sporting circles, and it remains to be seen whether it will be accepted. By the way, Amythas has been nominated for the Melbourne Cup.

A keen sporting enthusiast in Mr. Walter Smith, who is well-known in Palmerston North through his connection with the management of the Working Men's Club in that town, has thrown in his lot with Mr. H. E. Card at the Central Hotel, where his well-known personality and kindly qualities should gain for the Central a wide share of public patronage. By the way, Mr. Card has a promising galloper under O. Cox's care, who is expected to play an important part in racing in Taranaki.

At Foxton A. M. Wright is schooling Birkenvale, and up to the present the gelding's displays have been very satisfactory. There appears every likelihood of the descendant of Birkenhead developing into a real good jumper.

A. Oxenham, who was formerly associated with C. Pritchard at Trentham, has settled down on the training property of the Horowhenua Racing Club at Levin, where he has Idleness, who was recently sold out of H. Telford's stable, and a couple of other horses under his charge. With his wide experience with racehorses and the capital training facilities that are available, Oxenham, who has always been recognised as a steady and painstaking man with the thoroughbred, should soon get together a large team. A number of owners have already decided to send horses to him to be prepared for their racing careers.

Goldstream, looking fit and well, and his stablemate Master Webster were entrained to-day for Napier, where the pair will be seen in commission this week. The former has been doing well in his training at Porirua, and should run prominently in his engagements at Napier Park and Hastings.

Mr. Harold Brown, owner of Arrow-smith, is leaving for England by the Ionic at the end of the present month. If not disposed of privately, Daytime and Cyresian will probably be turned out, as their owner does not consider they are good enough to go on with. Mr. Brown expects to reach Melbourne on the return journey about November, and he may have one or two horses racing at the Melbourne Cup fixture.