

some interesting matters will come up for discussion, including the conditions of the Winton Stakes Handicap, the only approach to a classical contest contracted in this part of the world.

Magdala is still under P. Hogan's care, but it will be some time before his trainer can definitely decide as to whether the Comedian gelding is likely to stand a preparation for the C.J.C. Grand National meeting.

It has been erroneously stated by several North Island journals that Walter Fielding rode Lochella in the successful essays of the Grafton Loch jumper. Walter Fielding is still in the South Island, the rider in the limelight being George Fielding, who left the Rorke's Drift Lodge to join Trainer C. Christie at Wingatui. G. Fielding has spent the greater portion of his racing career in Southland, where he is known as a very steady, modest, and capable horseman, well acquainted with every move in the art of riding between the flags or over the battens.

On his return home from the Dunedin winter meeting Golden King was treated with the scaring iron and turned out for a lengthy spell.

P. Hogan has had Dunmure and Lifebuoy qualifying with the Birchwood Hunt in recent runs, a number of well-known Western District horses being qualified in view of the Otago Hunt Club totalisator fixture later in the season.

WANGANUI.

Khartoum's Napier Steeplechase Win
—Rose Queen to be Re commissioned by W. Rayner—Good Headway Being Made With Alterations to Wanganui J.C.'s Totalisator House
—F. Tilley's Team Being Got Ready for Wellington Meeting.

WANGANUI, Monday.

The Rangitikei Racing Club has lodged an appeal against the decision of the Wanganui District Committee whereby certain horses were prevented from starting in the Maiden Hack Race at the last meeting at Bulls.

Khartoum's win in the Napier Park Steeplechase came rather as a surprise even to his most ardent supporters, as his work on the track here did not suggest he was likely to win the big event. However, the son of King Rufus is a very fine jumper, and this no doubt carried him through. His owner, Mr. B. T. Bennett, rarely lets anything he is racing start without having a fair bet, so he would probably be a good winner, as Khartoum paid a big price.

Zola was much more fancied here for the Hurdles than Khartoum was for his event, but the best the son of Sweet Simon could do was to run second on the first day to Paddington Green. At the recent Wanganui meeting Paddington Green ran two good races in the hack hurdles, and it looks as if he was likely to make good in open company. Zola could only get second again on Saturday, but his place money should more than pay the expenses of the trip.

Pretty Bobby appears to have run a good race in the Hack Hurdles on Saturday, and is evidently improving as a jumper, so that he should win a race or two later on.

Albert Jackson has left Feilding for his new home at Hawera, where he will have charge of Risingham and Co. It is some time since Jackson had any luck, but it may be that he will do better with the new position.

Jutland is said to be looking remarkably well, and Con Hammond, who now has the black son of Advance in his charge, should pick up a race or two with him in the spring.

Next week W. Rayner will probably bring Rose Queen in again with a view to getting her ready for the spring meetings. The King Rufus filly is said to bear the appearance of having benefited greatly by her spell, and she ought to do well during the coming season if properly placed.

The annual meeting of members of the Wanganui Jockey Club will be held next month.

There will be no Hunt Club meeting here this winter; in fact, the Egmont-Wanganui Club appears to be defunct.

The contractors for the alterations to the totalisator house on the Wanganui J.C. course are making good progress, and Mr. Cruikshank, the leading mechanic for automatic totalisator, hopes to have the machine installed before the end of next month.

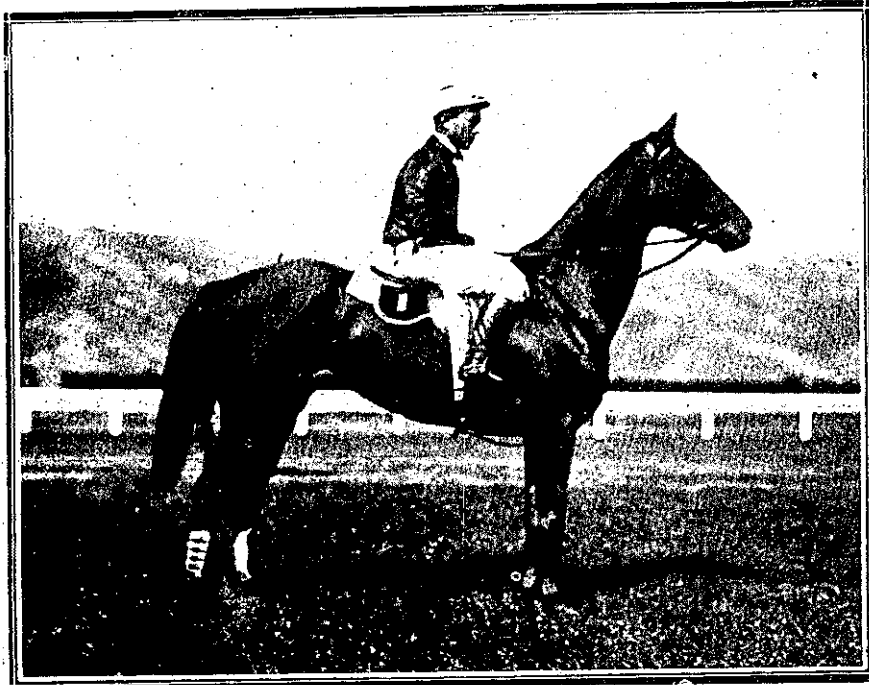
The Wanganui Club intends sparing no expense in making the surroundings of their new property at Westmere very attractive, and an

elaborate scheme of tree planting is planned. It is intended to plant a wide selection of native trees, shrubs, etc., and to make their new property one of the beauty spots of the Wanganui district.

F. Tilley is keeping a few of his horses in steady work with a view to taking a team to the Wellington winter meeting, but whether the Fordell trainer will visit Riccarton for the C.J.C. National meeting is, in consequence of the jockeys' dispute, very uncertain. If it were not for that trouble it is almost certain that Tilley would be looking forward to taking one or two horses down for the Winter Cup.

Gay Lady looks like turning out a useful sort of a mare. The daughter of Gazeley shaped very pleasingly in a spin with Admyra the other morning, and with any luck Turnbull should pick up a race or two at the early spring meetings with her.

Admyra is coming along nicely, though she is carrying a good deal of superfluous flesh just now, but by the time the Marton meeting comes round the Solferino filly should be ready to give a good account of herself.



Exors late W. J. Douglas' ch g KOHU, 5yrs., by Espartero—Te Puia. J. Wairoa, rider.

CANTERBURY.

Miss Mimic and Winter Wind to Rejoin Active Brigade—Matters Very Quiet at Riccarton—Latest Track Work at Headquarters.

CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

It is a long time since matters have been so quiet at Riccarton as during the past fortnight. There has been practically no fast work, most of the trainers being content to let their charges off with the mildest tasks.

R. J. Mason intended getting away for his usual trip to Sydney last week, but found that it was impossible to get his team shipped. In the meantime, the trip is in abeyance, but will eventuate if the shipping embargo is lifted within the course of the next week or two. In the meantime, Gloaming, Karo, and the juveniles are being kept to light exercise.

F. D. Jones has been away on a

fortnight's shooting in the Wairarapa district, and returns at the end of this week. Amythas is still in his stable, and so far Jones' relatives have heard nothing of the gelding's reported sale.

Miss Mimic and Winter Wind have recently been recommissioned by the Cutts Brothers. Both look in nice order, and Moorfowl will rejoin the active brigade in the course of a few days.

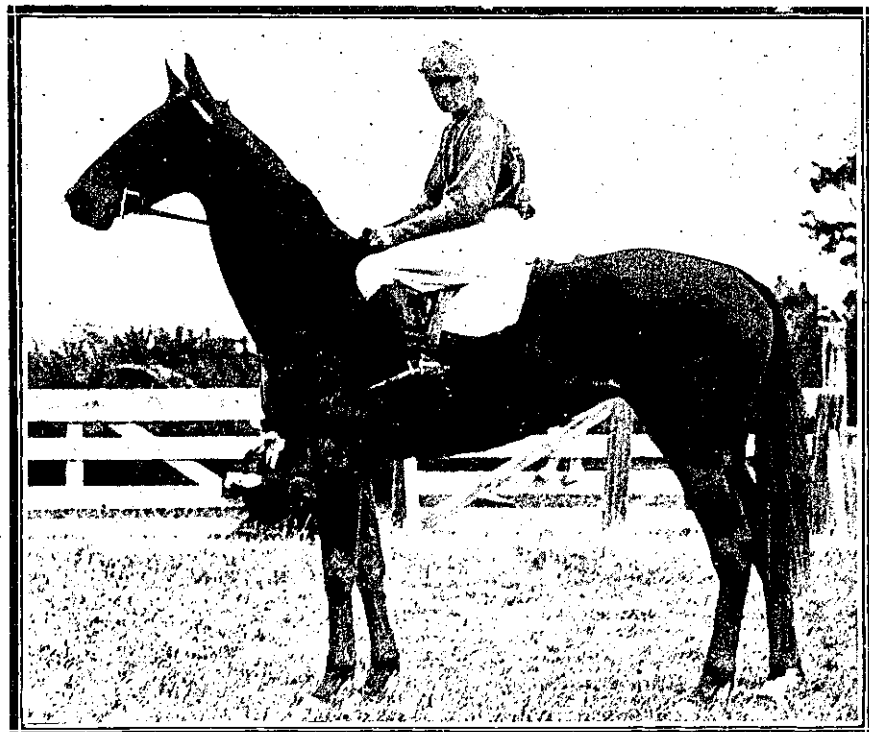
Derby Day is another recent addition to the active brigade at Riccarton, and is being got ready for the Grand National meeting.

All the North Island horses at present hung up at Riccarton are going on the right way. If possible, most of them and a number of local candidates will be sent to the Wellington meeting.

Fiery Cross, Castellan and Gledower are now in W. McDonald's stable, and they are shortly to be put into strong work.

Ahika, who was purchased some time ago by a Marlborough sportsman, is shortly to join R. Longley's stable.

If arrangements are available, the



Mr. W. Colebourne's b g BLUE CROSS, 6yrs., by Marble Arch—Maheno. A. McCormack in saddle.

A number of youngsters were given sprinting work.

Here We Are, with Hegarty up, gave a mixed showing when negotiating some of the brush fences and hurdles.

War Tax, Grand Dutchy, and Grim Joke were companions over four of the pony hurdles. The first-named pair jumped well, but Grim Joke gave a very poor display. Strayshot, Bombproof, and King Star were sent over two of the schooling hurdles, and they gave a good exhibition, jumping clean and fast.

Glenlee was given a round of the schooling hurdles, and gave a good showing.

Sunart is being kept going, but is not likely to be raced till the spring.

TURF TOPICS.

Lochella has been withdrawn from Australian engagements.

Tetratema won the Fernhill Stakes at Ascot last week.

Mr. J. Hay, of Wanganui, has purchased a Piedmont—Adele filly in Australia for 360 guineas.

When Polthogue fell whilst contesting the Napier Steeplechase his rider, N. McDonnell, sustained injuries which necessitated his removal to the hospital.

The successes of Auckland horses at the Napier Park meeting were well received. Oakleigh, Sanacre, Gold Kip and Peneton were each in evidence.

A mistake in physic administered to three trotting horses caused the deaths of Silver Heir and Kaweah, while Albert Wallace was still in a bad way when the telegram was despatched from Christchurch announcing the fact.

The veteran Bollin was one of the four candidates who safely negotiated the course in the Napier Steeplechase, in which there were eleven starters, though he cut out the final obstacle and was a long way back in fourth position at the finish. Bollin was started in the Hunt Club Steeplechase on the concluding day, but failed to run into a place. The son of Birkenhead was ridden in both his engagements by the Auckland horseman, S. Henderson.

The win registered by the Waikato-owned Oakleigh in the Petane Hack Steeplechase on the opening day at Napier Park marked the third consecutive success of the St. Amans—Jean gelding, who had the services of his usual pilot, E. Warner. Oakleigh had a lot of ground to make up in the last half mile, and when the last obstacle was negotiated Slumix was several lengths in advance of the Auckland. Despite his 11.12 impost, Oakleigh was responsible for a surprising finish, wearing Slumix down, and gaining half a length victory amid considerable excitement.

Meltchikoff, whose only start at the Great Northern meeting at Ellerslie was when he acted as runner-up to Kerehona in the Maiden Hurdle Race on the opening day, was a contestant in the Ahuriri Hurdle Race on the opening day of the Napier Park meeting. At one stage of the race Meltchikoff had charge from his five opponents, but was being hard ridden to keep his position, and took no prominent part in the finish, fourth being the best he could do. Meltchikoff did not start on the second day, but is expected to fulfil his engagements at the Hawke's Bay meeting this week.

Auckland horses raced with a fair amount of success on the opening day of the Napier Park Racing Club's winter meeting. Oakleigh fulfilled expectations by leading the field home in the Petane Hack Steeplechase, Gold Kip acted as runner-up to Heather Sprig in the Stewards' Stakes Handicap, while Peneton was second to Khartoum in the Napier Steeplechase Handicap. On the second day, the Auckland contingent fared much better in their respective engagements. Gold Kip reversed places with his previous day's conqueror, Heather Sprig, in the Winter Oats Handicap, which event, it is interesting to note, he also won last year. Peneton improved upon his first day's performance by leading the field home in the Park Steeplechase Handicap (2½ miles). The shorter distance suiting the six-year-old son of Penury—Eton Lass. Sanacre scored decisively for his Auckland owner, Mr. L. H. Mathias, in the Meanee Hack Handicap, while another Auckland-owned candidate, in Walton, led from start to finish in the Newstead Hack Handicap, the concluding event at the Napier Park fixture.