

figure in the lists for the Vittoria Hurdles at Trentham. The stake should come to one of the horses named.

Fisher, who has been nominated for both open and hack hurdling events at the Wellington meeting, did not fare too well in Australia. The son of Maniapoto was heavily backed in flat races at Canterbury Park and Menangle, but failed to gain a place in either start. Fisher had rare luck in winning the Renown Hurdle Race at Randwick, for had not Breastwork fallen at the last jump when holding a commanding lead, it appeared as fairly certain that the Maniapoto gelding would have suffered defeat.

The death took place at Levin a few days back of a well-known and popular trainer, in Mr. Albert E. Watson, a son of the late Mr. W. Watson, of Upper Riccarton, Christchurch, who, by the way, enjoyed the distinction of having built the first steeplechase course at Riccarton. The late Mr. Albert Watson had been identified with racing from boyhood, and for some time he was training respectively for Mr. F. S. Easton and Mr. G. Seifert. An internal complaint developed 12 months ago, and despite the best medical skill available the sufferer gradually sank and passed away. Mr. Watson is survived by a widow and seven children, who have the sympathy of a wide circle of sporting enthusiasts in their sad loss. Messrs. E. Watson and F. T. Watson, the well-known trainers, of Palmerston North, are brothers of the deceased.

SOUTHLAND.

Track Work Locally Suspended During Unfavourable Weather—P. T. Hogan Taking Useful Team to Riccarton for National and Approaching Hunt Club Fixtures—Two 1922 C.J.C. Derby Candidates Included—Contemplated Improvements to Gore and Riverton R.C.'s Courses—W. Gardiner Preparing a Full-brother to Brackenfield—Eleus Greatly Improved by Respite From Activity—Hinekura Shows Promise in Her Schooling Essays.

(Telegraph—Southland Correspondent.)
INVERCARGILL, Monday.

Track work has been suspended on the Southland R.C.'s course during the past week, but a number of horses are being regularly exercised on the wet roads, while several jumpers who are qualifying for the hunt club meetings and the C.J.C. Grand National fixture have been following the Birchwood pack at the various country hunting centres.

Burraugong, the only Southland horse nominated for the Wellington meeting, is looking well, but his owner is not particular as to whether his representative visits Trentham or not. The galloping stallion is, however, intended to race at Riccarton next month.

Trouble has arisen between the Southland and Waimate Racing Clubs in regard to the date of March 17, both claiming to race on St. Patrick's Day next season. It seems that each club is within its rights in accordance with past custom, the local club always racing within a fortnight of Easter, while the Waimate meeting is invariably held on or as near March 17 as possible. Unless one or the other gives way a clash seems inevitable.

Trainer P. Hogan is expected to leave here within a few days for Riccarton with the Rorke's Drift Lodge horses marked down to compete at the South Canterbury and Brackenfield Hunt fixtures and the Grand National meeting, also with some rising two-year-olds. It is expected that the team will comprise Bengeroop, Wild Pilgrim, Calma, Dunmure, Magdala, St. Brenda (Winkie—Honesty), and a colt by Kilbroney—Grey Linnet. The last-named pair are candidates for the Canterbury J.C. Derby of 1922. St. Brenda is owned by his trainer.

The Dunedin totalisator contractor, Mr. W. F. James, who has for years past drawn up plans for the improvement of many Otago and Southland courses, paid a visit to this part of the world during the week. His mission had to do with extensions and improvements for the Gore Racing Club, and plans for laying out the Riverton Racing Club's property, where an extensive scheme of extension is in progress, to be followed by new buildings of various kinds when permission to use material is forthcoming.

W. Gardiner, private trainer to Mr. W. T. Hazlett, is busy wintering Frenchman and other horses, while

special attention is being paid to rounding up a full-brother to Brackenfield. The son of Boniform—Gargaron fell into the hands of a local owner at a moderate price owing to the fact that he was born in July, hence he is ineligible for entry in classical events. He is looking well, and promises to furnish into a big gelding with age.

Word has been received from Hastings that Mr. Hazlett's three rising two-year-old fillies, from Directoire, Simper and Sprig of Erin respectively, are doing well under the care of Stewart Waddell. The first-named is a daughter of Solferino, while the fillies from the two imported matrons claim Kilbroney as their sire.

The Riverton Racing Club is laying out a new steeplechase course on their own property adjacent to private land which has been in partial use for many years back, having been cut up and disposed of for building purposes. Some regret will be expressed in this connection, as one of the features of cross-country racing at Riverton was the doubles at the public road separating the racecourse from the property referred to.

Eleus has improved out of all knowledge since his relaxation from the routine of training. He has put on condition and recovered his spirits in a marked manner, but Mr. Stone

WAIRARAPA.

Wairarapa Horses Engaged in Principal Events at C.J.C. National Meeting—Mr. A. McDonald Well Represented in C.J.C. Classic Events—Bayswater to Race Over Hurdles—Formidable Wairarapa Contingent Engaged at Wellington Meeting—Form of Masterton-owned Horses at Hawke's Bay Fixtures—Mr. W. R. Kemball Practically Certain to Head List of Winning Owners.

MASTERTON, Saturday.

Mr. F. A. Jensen, of Masterton, who has been on an extended visit to Australia, returned during the week. Matatua, Prince Mark and Hytinas are the horses now owned by Mr. Jensen.

Rebuff has gone through the season without a win, but ran second in his last two starts. The full-brother to Snub promises to do much better next season, as W. Hawthorne had to ease off his preparation when he was showing most promise.

For the three principal events at the C.J.C. National meeting the following Wairarapa-owned horses have been nominated:—Steeplechase: Old Mungindi, Luke, Sturdee; Hurdles: Lord Nagar, Mill o' Gowrie, Rekanui; Cup: Black Lake, Scornful, Bitters, Prince Hal, Matatua, Dainty Step.

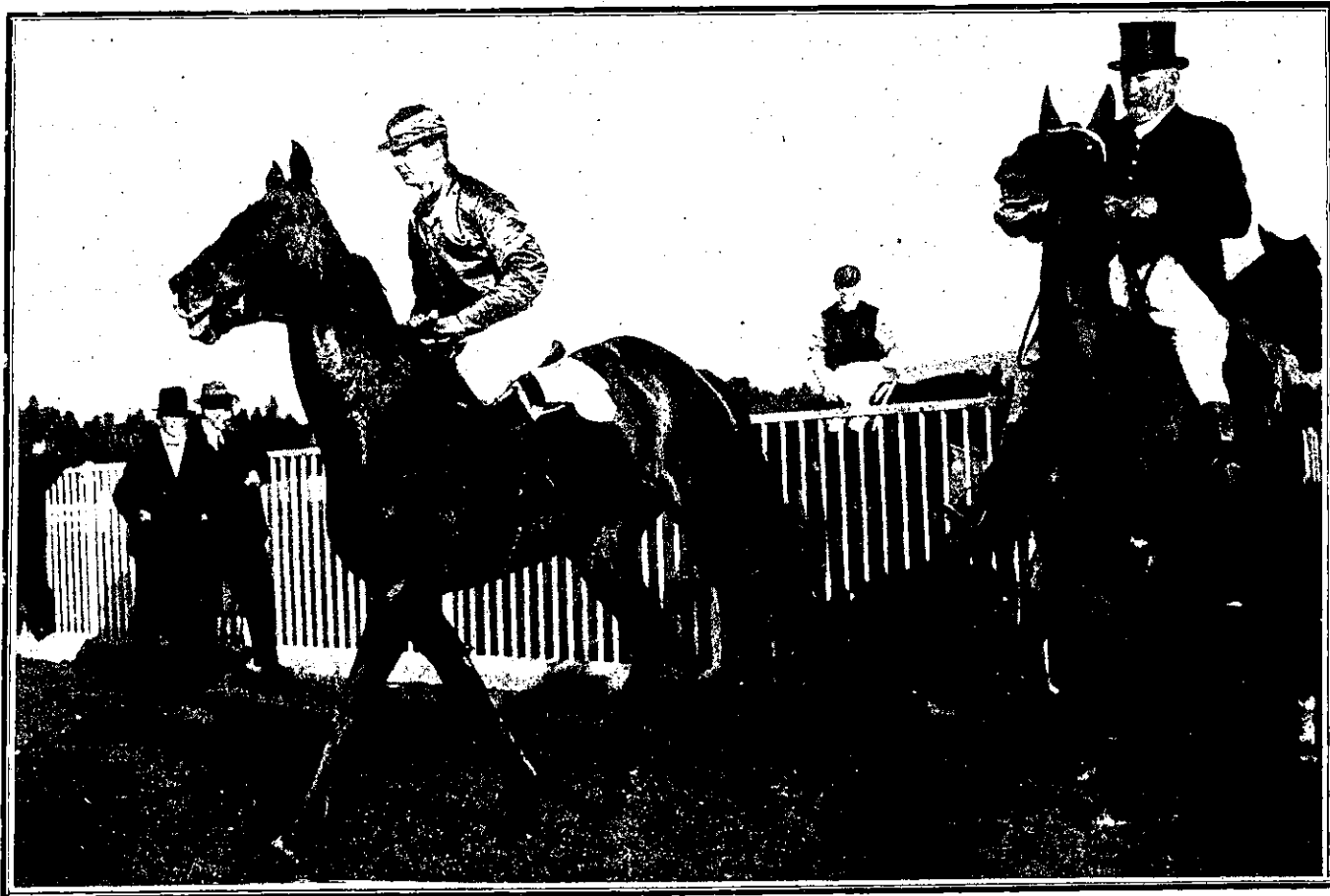
Vasilkov has shown very promising

his stable mate Gladful 10lb. over a three miles course. In the Wellington Steeplechase, three and a-quarter miles, Gladful is giving the Australian-bred gelding 5lb.—a difference of 15lb. in the latter's favour. Both are likely starters at Trentham.

As is usually the case, Wairarapa stables are well represented at the Wellington meeting, those nominated being Master Boris, Scornful, Torchy, Sturdee, Gladful, Old Mungindi, Luke, Red Ribbon, Lord Nagar, Rekanui, Mill o' Gowrie, Peter Pan, Negambo, Elcullus, Bitters, Vitella, Sir Wal, and Black Lake. A notable absentee is Sir Solo, and the old gelding will not be a competitor at Trentham or Riccarton.

Penury Rose is to be seen out again at the Marton meeting in September, and is doing light work at present. It will be remembered that the railways were not carrying racehorses for the last meeting, and Penury Rose was walked through. After running second in the Marton Handicap, the son of Penury and Merrie Rose won the principal event on the second day. R. Knox has the gelding looking very fresh and robust just now.

Eight Masterton-owned horses competed at the Napier and Hawke's Bay meetings, and the only one to win a race was Sturdee, who accounted for a double at the latter fixture. Black Lake and Negambo were second in



ALL OVER (Mr. J. Morris), after his popular victory in the Ladies' Bracelet Handicap (1½ miles) on the second day of the Hawke's Bay J.C.'s winter meeting.

does not contemplate racing him again until late in the new season. Silver Peak is also on the easy list preparatory to being taken up again for spring racing, but Mr. Stone's other horses, Primum, Martial Dance, and Mantua, cover long stretches of road each day. It is quite on the cards, that the speedy Mantua will find a new owner in the near future as her box is required for a younger galloper destined to compete at the spring fixtures.

In the Magistrate's Court on Friday last, R. Berry sued the owner of Lewis Gun and the trotter Merry Ben for the sum of £24 odd, alleged to be due for preparing the former, and for the keep and trial of Merry Ben, also travelling expenses and jockeys' fees. Judgment was given for plaintiff for £12 6s. and costs £2 12s. Lewis Gun, by Calibre, is a useful gelding who may develop into a promising hurdle horse when tried out at the fencing game.

Hinekura, owned by her breeder, Mr. W. Robertson, of Tapanui, is being schooled at the Southland R.C.'s tracks at present. The daughter of All Red—Kea, who makes a good shape at her fences, carries Trainer F. Hill in her essays as a hurdler.

The Riverton Racing Club is circulating a petition asking the Government to favourably consider the granting of a permit for an additional two days' fixture. The club's scope of activities has extended out of all knowledge of late years, with the result that it is necessary that the club should be given an increased opportunity to gather income for the upkeep of the valuable and popular property and meeting.

form during the past season, and the half-brother to Sasanof has won his way out of hack company, although it was the autumn before he was asked to race. Next season the black gelding will be given a chance to distinguish himself in important races.

Mr. A. McDonald has three representatives in the Derby Stakes, two in the Oaks, and three in the Challenge Stakes, to be run at the C.J.C. meeting in 1921, and has seven engaged in the Challenge Stakes the following year.

The uncertainty of shipping arrangements was the cause of a number of Wairarapa owners not engaging their horses for the C.J.C. National meeting, and several trainers are disappointed at not being able to make the trip.

Rekanui and Mill o' Gowrie were brought back to Masterton after the Hawke's Bay meeting, and are to go on to Trentham next week. W. Hawthorne has all his team at home at present, the first time for several months.

R. Hunt has been at Clareville recently schooling Bayswater, a member of W. H. Corlett's team. The gelding shows a liking for the hurdles, and in future will be kept to the jumping game.

In the Winter Steeplechase on the last day of the Auckland meeting Old Mungindi was handicapped to give

hack events, and Luke finished third in the Napier Steeplechase. Torchy, Old Mungindi, The Digger, Rekanui, and Mill o' Gowrie failed to get into the money. Old Mungindi ran prominently for a time in each of his essays, but either he is losing his pace or the handicapper is a bit severe on him. The 'chaser has not won a race since coming from Australia, although on several occasions he has filled a minor place. Torchy does not appear to be much good, and has only a jumper's chance in his races. Luke was sore after running in the June Steeplechase at Hawke's Bay. Rekanui and Mill o' Gowrie were solidly supported on the concluding day, but did not get a place.

Although the present racing season does not close until the end of this month, it is practically certain that the Masterton owner, Mr. W. R. Kemball, will head the list of winning owners. Horses raced by him have already won nearly £11,000 in stakes, and there is a likelihood of the amount being further increased during the Wellington winter meeting. Twenty representatives of the stable have contributed to the winnings, the largest amounts being credited to Hymestra, Multaine, Missgold and Trespass, each of whom won over £1000. Considering this is only the second season Mr. Kemball has been racing, it must be very pleasing to both he and his trainer, W. Hawthorne, to occupy such a coveted position. With the large team at present owned by the local sportsman, it is quite possible that even more will be won next season, as several of the horses have not been hurried during the year, and will be all the better for it next season.

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